

MYTHICAL UNICORNS: ON KETO AND THE MYTHS OF MUSCLE

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WHO IS LUIS VILLASENOR?











"An Evidence based Protocol towards Optimal Body Composition."

Whether you want to GAIN health, endurance, strength, speed, muscle or a lean body, it can all be done with a well-formulated, ketogenic diet."

At Ketogains, we will teach you how to achieve optimal body recomposition following a program that involves a diet of whole, unprocessed foods: low in sugar, adequate in protein and adequate in healthy fats.

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Ketosis is a nice and healthy SIDE EFFECT of our general macro and micro recommendations, NOT THE GOAL in itself: Chase results, not Ketones

THE KETOGENIC DIET

A Ketogenic Diet is one in which the diet is sufficiently low in carbohydrate to cause the body to produce ketones.



LOW CARB VS KETO

Not all low carb diets are ketogenic. Although there is currently no consensus regarding the amount of carbohydrate restriction required to induce ketosis, the term ketogenic diet is often limited to diets containing <50 g carbohydrates per day.



Rich in protein





Rich in fat



Therapeutic



Fat Loss

Performance







RATIOS VS GRAMS

- The version of keto used in the treatment of pediatric epilepsy, which is what most people know, uses the energy ratio of 25% protein, 5% carbohydrates, 70% fat.
- Ketogenic diets low in carbohydrates for body recomposition DO NOT have fixed proportions of macronutrients.





NARROW FRAMING

An unnecessary restriction of the definition of a concept:

- The original epilepsy KD was developed to control seizures. For this a very high dietary fat content and ightarrowlow protein intake is necessary.
- And while such a diet may make some people lose WEIGHT quickly, simply losing WEIGHT is not the goal.
- Rather, when the goal is body recomposition, one wants to lose FAT while maintaining MUSCLE mass.

http://www.bodyrecomposition.com/fat-loss/ketogenic-diets-high-fat-or-high-protein-ga.html/

The Ketogenic Ratio

<u>(0.9*fat) + (0.46*protein)</u> Ketogenic Anti-Ketogenic $(1.0^{*} carbs) + (0.1^{*} fat) + (0.58^{*} protein)$





Did you know you could be on a ketogenic diet without eating ANY ADDED FAT AT ALL?

If you are expending glycogen yet eating insufficient bioavailable glucose in your diet to replenish glycogen, for any length of time, your body will produce ketones while utilizing stored fat for energy.*



*note that these are not sustainable and eventually you will have to eat more fat

NARROW FRAMING





ARE CARBOHYDRATES NECESSARY TO BUILD MUSCLE?



ARE CARBOHYDRATES NECESSARY TO **BUILD MUSCLE?**

The question is not so much:

low carb"

But:

without adding extra carbohydrates into a ketogenic diet?"

• "Is it possible to build muscles while eating very

"Can I build an <u>appreciable</u> amount of muscle,



1980's



















"Bro"sary

ANABOLIM – To build things

CATABOLISM – To break down things

MPS - Muscle Protein Synthesis (the "GAINS")

MPB - Muscle Protein Breakdown

NBAL - Net Balance, calculated as MPS – **MPB**

AAS - Androgenic Anabolic Steroids



ARE CARBOHYDRATES NECESSARY TO **BUILD MUSCLE?**

insulin is a highly anabolic hormone (one of its essential functions is to regulate tissue greater scale than would have been possible without them."

• "Carbohydrates stimulate the secretion of insulin; hypertrophy); therefore, driving insulin by eating carbohydrates around your workouts will accelerate Muscle Protein Synthesis (MPS) and accretion on a

ARE CARBOHYDRATES NECESSARY TO BUILD MUSCLE?

Conventional bodybuilder theory is that carbs jack up your insulin, which then helps shuttle all the protein into your muscles.

Protein + Carbs > Protein Alone





ARE CARBOHYDRATES NECESSARY TO BUILD MUSCLE?

- Staples et al. (2011) studied this very topic.
- After a weight training session, they gave their subjects either 25g of whey or both 25g of whey in combination with 50g of maltodextrin. They found that <u>consuming 50g of maltodextrin along with 25g of</u> <u>whey does not stimulate muscle protein synthesis or inhibit protein</u> <u>breakdown more than 25g of whey alone.</u>
- Carbohydrate (likely via insulin's effect on MPB) only inhibit protein breakdown under extreme dietary or lifestyle circumstances where not enough protein is ingested.



Carbohydrate does not augment exercise-induced protein accretion versus protein alone.

Staples AW1, Burd NA, West DW, Currie KD, Atherton PJ, Moore DR, Rennie MJ, Macdonald MJ, Baker SK, Phillips SM.

Abstract

PURPOSE: We tested the thesis that CHO and PRO co-ingestion would augment muscle protein synthesis (MPS) and inhibit muscle protein breakdown (MPB) at rest and after resistance exercise.

CONCLUSIONS:

Our data suggest that insulin is not additive or synergistic to rates of MPS or MPB when CHO is coingested with a dose of protein that maximally stimulates rates of MPS.

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21131864





MUSCLE BUILDING 101 Eat Enough Food (and adequate Protein)

Lift Heavy Things (properly)

MUSCLE BUILDING 101

which are protein synthesis and protein breakdown.

- The competing process is **protein**

• There are two competing processes that go into what ultimately happens to muscle mass

• Protein synthesis is simply the act of attaching amino acids into one another and turning them them into proteins.

breakdown which is the opposite.

MUSCLE BUILDING 101

MPS = MPB No Change in Lean Mass

MPS>MPB = Lean Mass Increase

> MPS<MPB = Net Decrease in Lean Mass

Mechanism of insulin's anabolic effect on muscle: measurements of muscle protein synthesis and breakdown using aminoacyl-tRNA and other surrogate measures.

Chow LS, et al. Am J Physiol Endocrinol Metab. 2006.

Abstract

Despite being an anabolic hormone in skeletal muscle, insulin's anticatabolic mechanism in humans remains controversial, with contradictory reports showing either stimulation of muscle protein synthesis (MPS) or inhibition of muscle protein breakdown (MPB) by insulin.

CONCLUSIONS: Using AA-tRNA as the precursor pool, it is demonstrated that, in healthy humans in the post-absorptive state, **insulin does not stimulate muscle protein synthesis and confirmed that insulin achieves muscle protein anabolism by inhibition of muscle protein breakdown**.

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/16705065/



MUSCLE BUILDING 101

INTAKE OF

•FAT

•PROTEIN

•CARBS

BUT WHAT ABOUT GLYCOGEN?

The body's 'fuel tanks'





BUT WHAT ABOUT GLYCOGEN?

- You have to perform an absurd amount of resistance volume to really deplete glycogen stores with weight training.
 - A full-body workout consisting of 9 exercises for 3 sets each at 80% 1RM only depletes about a third of the body's glycogen and 9 sets for a specific muscle result in 36% depletion in that muscle.
 - Roy & Tarnopolsky, 1998
- After performing sets of 6 leg extensions at 70% 1RM until absolute failure and not consuming anything afterwards, 75% of glycogen was restored after 6h
 - Pascoe et al. 1993
- The body regulates itself adequately. The more you deplete glycogen, the faster the glycogen resynthesis.
 - The higher the intensity, the faster the resynthesis.
 - The greater the depletion, the more glycogen the body stores for next time.

• Even in endurance athletes glycogen resynthesis is often complete within 24h.

BUT WHAT ABOUT GLYCOGEN?

Glycogen depletion during strength training is modest and glycogen resynthesis is generally complete within 24 hours regardless of diet composition via the Cori Cylce.



BUT WHAT ABOUT GLYCOGEN?

- The glycerol backbone of the fats consumed or released can be converted to glucose. Though the contribution of glycerol to glucose production is normally modest, the body is capable of deriving a significant percentage of its glucose needs from glycerol and the limits of this have not been adequately tested.
- Ketogenic dieting with only ~22 grams of carbs a day has been found to have no impact on strength performance in international level gymnasts training an average 4.3 hours a day.
- Similarly, a ketogenic diet had no effect on strength performance in Taekwondo athletes training 5 hours a day, 6 days a week. "The daily plan of the program consisted of 1 h of low intensity dawn exercise; 2 h of morning exercise, mostly for physical strength improvement; and 2 h of afternoon exercise, mostly for Taekwondo skills training." This was probably pushing the limits of non-glucose energy supply, <u>but it's clear that low carb dieting is not the</u> <u>performance killer it's often made out to be</u>.
- So it is specifically highly anaerobic, high volume strengthendurance training that *may* be impaired during ketogenic dieting.



THE CYCLICAL KETOGENIC DIET (CKD)

This popular variant is marketed as a way to get the benefits of keto without having to give up carbohydrates, but in our experience, it can leave you in a constant state of adaptation where you harvest some of the positive effects and most of the negative effects

CKD is prone to binge eating that may end up as an eating disorder.

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A well-structured CKD may have benefits for insulin sensitive people and can be useful as a pre-contest tool for maximum glycogen supercompensation









Whole food, high glycemic / low glycemic carbs (rice, starches, some fruit) and protein, super low fat.



Processed food, combination of high Carb and High Fat, vegetable oils, sugars.

THE CYCLICAL KETOGENIC DIET (CKD)


THE TARGETED KETOGENIC DIET (TKD)

The Targeted Ketogenic Diet (TKD) is a nutrient timing strategy where most carbohydrates are consumed in pre / post-workout meals (or both). This is an effective method to increase the intake of carbohydrates during a ketogenic diet at a given level of ketosis, with the purpose of using carbohydrates as fuel (pre-workout) or storing them as glycogen (after training) and to potentially increase the performance of anaerobic exercise without removing the individual from ketosis.













PLACEBO / NOCEBO

• We cannot deny that **the** belief that one needs carbs pre/post workout to grow or recover is sufficient to cause differences in workout intensity and volume.

 Recovery and workout Intensity can also be achieved by proper electrolyte intake.

WHYAMI NOT BUILDING MUSCLE?

Electrolyte Imbalances

Excesive Fasting & Inadequate **Nutrient Timing**

> Inadequate Calories & Macros

Inadequate **Protein Intake**



Inadequate Training

Inadequate **Micros**

ELECTROLYTES

ELECTROLYTES are **NOT** optional

and should be measured & tracked just like macros !

Sodium (Na) 5,000-7,000mg / day

Sodium amount is in addition to dietary sources. Supplement: Salt 13-18g / day (1g Salt = 388mg Na) Increasing sodium intake in 1-2 g increments might be necessary when living in warmer climates, during hot summer weather, doing strenous activities, sweating, consuming alcohol, and/or drinking above average amounts of liquids.

Magnesium (Mg) 300-500mg / day

Magnesium amount is in addition to dietary sources such as spinach, chicken, beef, fish, nuts, seeds, raw cacao, okra and avocado. Supplement: Magnesium Citrate, Magnesium Malate or Magnesium Glycinate DO NOT USE Magnesium Oxide as it is poorly absorbed and will give you diarrhea !!!

Potassium (K) 1,000-3,500mg / day

- Potassium supplmentation is NOT NEEDED when whole food K rich dietary sources such as fish, meat, leafy greens, winter squash, green beans, mushr avocado, raw cacao and nuts are consumed regularly.
- **Optional Supplements: Potassium Chloride or Potassium Citrate Powder** Potassium Chloride 2-7g / day (1g NoSalt / NuSalt ~ 500mg K)
- Potassium Citrate 3-10g / day (1g Potassium Citrate = 360mg K)

Please note this is general electrolyte guidance. See our FAQ Wiki for additional information

WARNINC: Failure to consume electrolytes per these guidelines beginning Day 1 of a Ketogenic Diet is the cause of most problems and issues as our bodies do NOT store/reuse electrolytes when carbs are not consumed. Typical symptoms associated with low electrolytes are tiredness, weakness, low strength, low stamina, lethargy, moodiness, irritability, headache, cramping, heart arrythmia, dizziness and/or lightheadedness.





Makes ~6 cups

1 lt sparkling water 10 ml lime juice 15g cucumber in slices 5g fresh spearmint 1-3g Himalayan salt (for sodium) 1-2g "lite salt" (for potassium) 1 packet stevia

Optional: 5g natural calm (for magnesium)



Ketorade!

This refreshing drink will help you get most of your electrolytes during the day!

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Mix everything, leave overnight in fridge to macerate, drink all throughout the next day.

Note that this will "help" with electrolytes, but you still need to ensure you meet your needs.

Fasted Training



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The Presence of #Insulin Doesn't Blunt the #ExerciseInduced Increase in Cellular #Autophagy - No Low-Carbing or Fasting Necessary!

Note: This doesn't mean that fasting and keeping an eye on insulin was no longer healthy, but it does add to the evidence that fasted exercise is not the key to health and happiness 😎

More specifically, the recent study from the Aarhus University shows that " [a]utophagy signaling is regulated in a hierarchical order by exercise, insulin, and counterregulatory hormones. Exercise-induced autophagy signaling is stimulated by local factors in skeletal muscle rather than circulatory hormones".

Practically speaking this means you don't have to go keto (or low carb), or fast if you want to upregulate your body's own clean-up and repair mode with exercise.

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Protein intake



Stuart Phillips May 16 · Shared via AddThis · 🚱

We propose that it should be recommended that older individuals consume \geq 1.2 g protein \cdot kg-1 \cdot d-1 and that there should be an emphasis on the intake of the amino acid leucine, which plays a central role in stimulating skeletal muscle anabolism.

Critically, the often-cited potential negative effects of consuming higher protein intakes on renal and bone health are without a scientific foundation in humans.



ACADEMIC.OUP.COM Perspective: Protein Requirements and Optimal Intakes in Aging: Are We Ready to Recommend More Than the Recommended Daily Allowance? | Advances in Nutrition | Oxford Academic

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Abstract. The Dietary Reference Intakes set the protein RDA for persons >19 y of age at 0.8 g protein kg body weight-1 · d-1. A growing body of evidence

https://academic.oup.com/advances/articleabstract/9/3/171/4964951?fbclid=IwAR0guzf4N0uxNDPEq9EyTDKylokUiL nyUgBZ-68PR4bx1ESSVKWACZdqfQ#.WvwY3LnQICc.facebook

WHY USE KETO TO BUILD MUSCLE

Improved adherence

Food preference

Health (less inflamation, hormonal improvements)

- - activity of these hormones.
- increase muscle growth via a clearer inflammatory signal for muscle repair, especially in overweight individuals.
- Strength training may interact with the

• One of the main benefits of a high fat diet is the increased anabolic hormone production. • This effect is stronger in strength trainees than sedentary individuals, likely due to the higher

• Keto diets seem to be particularly effective at reducing chronic inflammation, which may

altered amino acid metabolism during ketosis.

- Any protein sparing effect of ketosis will be
- Exercise may benefit from the increased

extra beneficial during strength training, since protein turnover is higher when exercising.

production of adrenaline and noradrenaline.

- Given sufficient dietary protein to maximize training with the right level of intensity and appropriate recovery, supplemental carbohydrate does not seem to be a appreciable amount of muscle.
- Exercise, itself, as a means of initiating the mTORC1 cascade and other cellular anabolic signaling pathways is likely the single most important stimulus for promoting skeletal any other factor, including carbohydrate consumption and insulin secretion.

plasma hyperaminoacidemia and the anabolic response to exercise, and consistent resistance requirement for the average person to build an

muscle cell protein synthesis, independent of

- Genetics arguably plays the biggest role in extra carbs will really be your edge.
- If there did happen to be some advantage of higher carbohydrate, hyperinsulinemic diets, as to be negligible (in natural trainees).
- have other anabolic benefits, distinct from insulin, like increased total and freetestosterone.

determining whether or not your muscle tissue will grow substantially. It is highly doubtful, that

over very low carbohydrate diets, with respect to building muscle mass, it is probably so small

Carbohydrate-restricted diets higher in fat may



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YOUR MUSCLES ARE YOUR **HEALTH PENSION FOR WHEN** YOU AGE.

BUILD AS MUCH MUSCLE AS YOU CAN WHEN YOUNG, SO YOU CAN BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL AND HEALTHY WHEN OLD.

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FINDING YOUR OPTIMAL PROTEIN INTAKE FOR KETOSIS



PROTEIN INTAKE AND KETOSIS

- order to prevent muscle loss.
- and has some pro-ketogenic effects.
- amounts of protein at a given meal.

• Although carbohydrate intake is arguably the most important aspect of successfully inducing ketosis, protein intake is extremely important in

• While an easy solution is to simply eat as much protein as possible, there is the belief that "too much protein" may prevent ketosis as well, disrupting the adaptations which ketogenic dieters seek.

• Protein has both ketogenic effects (46%) and anti-ketogenic effects (58%). This reflects the findings that around 58% of dietary protein may appear in the bloodstream as glucose, raising insulin and inhibiting ketogenesis, yet Protein also stimulates glucagon release

• Although there are no hard and fast rules for how much protein can inhibit ketosis, some individuals have reported trouble maintaining ketosis if they consume too much protein per day, or even excessive



PROTEIN INTAKE AND **KETOSIS**

- maintaining ketosis.
- a depleted state, incoming glycogen.

• To the contrary, some individuals have eaten 1.2 grams protein/lb or higher and had no problems establishing and

• This may be related to the glycogen depletion caused by weight training. In carbohydrate is used to refill muscle glycogen before it is used to refill liver

• In essence, the depletion of muscle glycogen seems to provide a 'sink' for excess glucose produced from dietary protein or carbohydrate intake.



PROTEIN AND GNG

- Gluconeogenesis is a slow process and the rate doesn't change much even under a wide range of conditions. The hypothesis that the rate of gluconeogenesis is primarily regulated by the amount of available material, e.g. amino acids, has not been supported by experiment. Having insufficient material available for gluconeogenesis will obviously limit the rate, but in the experiments we reviewed, having excess material did not increase the rate. We haven't found any solid evidence to support the idea that excess protein is turned into glucose. More experiments are needed to confirm that this still holds true in keto dieters.
- Ketotic.org: "If you eat excess protein, does it turn into excess glucose?"





PROTEIN AND GNG

- Dietary protein-derived amino acids have a purpose, and that purpose is not carbs.
- At a reasonable level of dietary intake, protein is used for the maintenance of organs & tissues. Lean body mass. It's functional. Protein isn't stored in any appreciable capacity, and most excess is either oxidized or stored as glycogen. Theoretically, about 50-60% of protein-derived amino acids can be converted into glucose, mathematically, but it's not what you think... Some of the dietary proteinderived amino acids were used for protein synthesis, others were oxidized. But blood glucose levels did not change. Nor did the rate of gluconeogenesis. ... Glucagon was secreted but the rate of gluconeogenesis did not change (GNG is demand, not supply driven).
- Caloriesproper.com: "Dietary protein does not negatively impact blood glucose control"





SUGGESTED PROTEIN INTAKES:

- The suggested protein intake is context dependent and should be set according to lean body mass and activity / exercise levels:
- Sedentary people: 0.69 to 0.8g per lean pound
- Mildly active or doing endurance / strength training: 0.8 to 1.0g per lean pound
- Heavy strength training / bodybuilders / PSMF: +1.0 up to 1.2g per lean pound
- Going over 1.2g per lean pound has no benefits for muscle building, but may be considered for extra TEF, satiety, diet adherence.
- The elderly may find benefit of using a higher protein diet due age induced leucine resistance.





The Leucine Curve

Breen, Leigh & Phillips, Stuart. (2011). Skeletal muscle protein metabolism in the elderly: Interventions to counteract the 'anabolic resistance' of ageing. Nutrition & metabolism. 8. 68. 10.1186/1743-7075-8-68.



Intact protein dose (g)



IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN MUSCLE AS WE AGE

• Muscle plays a central role in whole-body protein metabolism by serving as the principal reservoir for amino acids to maintain protein synthesis in vital tissues and organs in the absence of amino acid absorption from the gut and by providing hepatic gluconeogenic precursors. Furthermore, altered muscle metabolism plays a key role in the genesis, and therefore the prevention, of many common pathologic conditions and chronic diseases.

- organs
- Helps to combat obesity
- Improves insulin sensitivity Diabetes
- Osteoporosis



• Maintenance of the protein content of certain tissues and

• Help recover from critical illness and chronic disease

HOW DO I CALCULATE MY "MAXIMUM" PROTEIN INTAKE AS TO NOT INHIBIT KETOSIS?

"Chase results, not ketones"



efficiency;

- multiply by .60
- intake.

Supposing protein "may" be converted to glucose with ~60%

• Find your suggested protein intake (SPI); • Any extra protein ingested OVER your SPI,

• Count that number towards your daily carb



CALCULATING PROTEIN INTAKE:

- Example:
- 176 lb total weight
- 10% BF
- 158.4 lb lean mass
- 1.0g / lean lb = 158g DPI
- protein;
- consumption for the day

• Supposing a total protein consumption of 200g

• 200 - 158 = 42 * 0.6 = 25.2

• Add 25.2 to your total carbohydrate



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Protocol

Summary of results of the Ketogains Protocol over 30 months

- +1000 Unique Bootcamp Clients with the goal of "Recomposition" or "Body Fat Loss.
- Average Time in Program 6-Months
 - 30,758 Pounds Lost
 - 21,415 Inches Lost (9-point measurement)
 - Average Body Fat Reduction of 11.23% (using the Navy BF%)
 - Reduction in DEXA-confirmed VAT of 67% after minimum of 14 weeks in program.
 - Average HbA1c reduction 9.4 -> 5.2 (23 data points provided, minimum 9 months)



Client Gender





Client Age



Client Health Conditions



Healthy Client

Hashimoto PCOS Type II Menopausal







Client 1 – 3 years of training, Post-RNY Gastric Bypass





Brenda Richards ► KETOGAINS Admin · September 12, 2017 · 🔠

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#TransformationTuesday Spring 2009 to September 2017

My size has changed definitely. There is a difference shown of approximately 250 pounds due to WLS in 2010 and starting both keto and KG boot camps in 2016. Of the ~250 pounds lost, 132 pounds have been shed since I went keto in April 2016 through meeting my macros just like each of you, working my ass off (literally) in the gym lifting, and following my coaches' programming.

There is far more than weight loss going on in this transformation photo. I've gained so much. I can walk up a flight of stairs (or several) without getting winded. I can sit in any chair and not be fearful. I can ride in any airplane seat and not ask for an extender. I can catch a glimpse of my reflection in a store window and not be mortified. I can show up at the gym, feel comfortable, and confident....even if I'm learning something new.

Finally, the woman on the left was scared to death. She lacked confidence. She would walk by children only to hear them whisper and giggle. The woman on the right has been empowered to make so many changes in her life and is confident in her own skin (and yes, there's extra...LOL) to the point that she is willing to share her story with 80,000+ strangers in hopes of motivating one to take the first step to start the diet and risk stepping into the gym.



Write a comment...



Client 2 – 1 year training with Ketogains, No surgical intervention





Client 3 – 24 weeks with Ketogains, No surgical intervention



Pictures on the bottom are from the beginning of my second BC (and I honestly thought they were older than that!) Middle pics are beginning of third BC. Top pics are from 5 minutes ago.

That bathing suit I'm wearing on the bottom set? Size 22-24. Today I'm wearing size 14 jeans and a large shirt that I just bought a few days ago at the animal sanctuary I visited. I'd asked for XL, but they were out. Only had large left. I took it figuring I'd "be small enough soon". Turns out, I'm small enough now.

Y'all, don't wait. BC isn't magical. It only works if you do, but it's so much easier to make so much more progress.

Join bootcamp today. Get plugged in with the group. Do the work. You CAN do this. Yes, even you with your busy schedule. Yes, even you that can hardly walk up the stairs. Yes, even you that has tried all the diets known to mankind and yoyoed up & down.

You can do it. Just take the leap.

Client 4 – 1 Year training with Ketogains, No Surgical intervention





I saw the transformations. I saw women who were my age looking fabulous. I chose to believe what these coaches said and I chose to do what they said. It was a good set of choices.

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Client 5 – 3 Years training with Ketogains in alignment with healthcare team





#Transformationtuesday

I haven't shared in a long time, but This journey has definitely had its ups and downs for me. Being over 400 pds to losing almost 200 pds hasn't been easy. I shared with some people last week I've been feeling stuck. But that doesn't mean I've given up. Looking back and seeing how far I've come and continue to go has been rewarding. I can't thank my Ketogains Bootcamp ... See More

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Client 6 – Began training after losing significant weight via a Ketogenic diet





Machaela Miller April 7 · Edited

I don't even know where to start as to what ONE bootcamp has done for me. Breaking vicious cycles of bad habits and decisions for one. That's probably the most life changing thing for me.

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I've already been keto for over 2.5 years now so I'm accustomed to this diet. I'd already lost the majority of the weight I wanted to lose (from 253 to 167 at my lowest). So I stopped tracking and just made "good keto decisions" and never tracked. I'd do well with my eating for a week or two and then I'd go off the rails for a day to 5 days. Get back on track. Repeat. We'll eventually that cycle packed 24 pounds back on.

Insert bootcamp. Bootcamp was the kick in the ass that I needed. As a mom of 2, a wife, a full time Asset Manager, and a full time student (getting my MBA), I needed to do something for ME. Not just for my health or to get fit. But to prove that I could put myself first and that no one would die. And to prove to myself that I can finish something I set out to do and I'll come out of the other side a better person.

Bootcamp has helped me look at food as a means to an end (aka goal) and as a way to get closer to that goal or further away.

I am now down almost 15lbs now and over 16 inches and at least 5% body fat



Client 7 - in 6weeks we did more than 1 year with a trainer!



Monica Hains April 7 · Edited

I joined the bootcamps on a whim. I had been eating keto including sticks of butter for about a month and had dropped 6 lbs. I joined this group and everything my gym trainers were telling me were the same principles as in here. This month marks a year of strength training with a personal trainer 3x a week. I had lost little weight, but some inches. Don't get me wrong, I was feeling a lot better even without the weight loss. I needed help dialing in my nutrition. The boot camps are amazing and worth every penny! The beginning of week 1 I upset my rotator cuff and babied it the rest of camp. I also have PCOS and weight loss is difficult.

My photos show results from 6 weeks of camp. The first pics are the beginning, middle are midway through, and the last ones are yesterday. Please excuse the change in lighting.

My results include 13.2 lbs lost, 21.5 inches, and 6 % body fat per the Navy Calculator! Run and sign up! You won't regret it!

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Write a reply	



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Client 8 – Training with Ketogains for 6 months.





I am 45 years old. Mother of 3 bio kids and caregiver/adopted mom to nearly a dozen more. I have always taken care of others before myself, including a close family friend with terminal cancer. That was a 15 month losing battle, but I fought right beside him until his family took him home six weeks before he lost the war. My love language is service, it's how I show that I care. No one was ever there for me, so I strive to be there for everyone else.

In August of last year, my weight was 232 pounds at only 5'6". My doctor had me on statins, I was diagnosed with a heart condition, and my A1c was at 5.8.

My energy was non-existent, my skin was broken out, and my size XL "active wear" was literally popping at the seams.

The night of and morning after my 45th birthday party, I felt awful, for hours. 17 hours after I had last eaten I decided to check my blood sugars they were at 240!!! Seventeen hours fasting...I can only assume they were 4-500 the night before.

I immediately had eggs and bacon for breakfast and began my research. Carbs were killing me and I needed to know more about how to live without them.

I found a bunch of high fat moderate protein pages and learned to keto-fy many things. But health

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Write a reply...

Left pictures are October 30, 2017, Bootcamp #1. Right are March 24, 2018, near the end of Bootcamp #3.

Starting weight afraid. Current weight and fearless!!!

Starting weight: 232, size XL miserable, dying and

Current weight: 183, size MEDIUM, happy, living


Client 9 – 6 months training with Ketogains, no surgical intervention





I don't think I came put into words the happiness I feel to finally be comfortable in my own skin. I feel amazing! The picture on the left is from July 2017. You can't really tell by my eyes, but I was just miserable. I had resigned myself to being overweight and that was just how my story was going to end. Overweight and stuck wearing "dad" clothes forever. I started Keto in October, did it totally wrong until November when I found ketogains. The picture on the right is from Feb 2018 after my 1st bootcamp. I'm now going into bootcamp #3 38lbs lighter, from a size 36 waist down to a 30. The sense of confidence I feel in myself has grown beyond measure. I am 51 and I feel like bootcamp has given me my life back. Never going back to whay I was before. Now I have discipline!

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Client 10-5Bootcamps, gaining muscle and losing fat at 55





Lisa Bemis Hardy
KETOGAINS ... August 31 - 🖪

#Flexfriday So have you thought about doing a bootcamp? Not sure if it will work? Maybe you think you are too old to change? That you've tried everything and how could this possibly work for me? I'm here to tell you IT WORKS! I'm finishing my 5th camp and signed up for my 6th. I'm down 30 lbs, 32 inches and proudly wearing a bikini. I'm 55. It's never too late to be a better you! If you would, mention me in the referral box when you sign up.





Client 11 – from 309 to 135 lbs and 14% BF (DEXA)





Michelle Frilot

E Conversation Starter · October 19 at 8:10 PM · S Add Topics

Happy #flexfriday, Everyone! I just finished Week 6 workouts for my second Ketogains Bootcamp! And just like my first Bootcamp, I didn't miss one workout, one lift, or even a single kettlebell swing!

Because I've posted about it before, most of you know my story, my journey from 309# to 135# at 14% BF. Today, I want to remember and share again WHY I'm participating in Bootcamps because it's important for me to continue to bow to it privately and publicly:

To turn my 20-year-old daughter Hannah's life and death into a healing gift for myself and others by experiencing and writing about optimal health in a lifestyle based on wise habits and personal integrity.

If I have inspired you to sign up for the next Bootcamp on the 29th, I would appreciate your using my name as a referral so I can gift a free Bootcamp to my husband. We want to participate in this life-changing program together!







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I don't usually post these kinds of pics here b/c this page is so...muscular. Lol I throw up gym pics from time to time.

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But today I wanted to share this with you b/c I am so much part of this lifestyle. These pictures are a year apart. All the weight loss is from following the Ketogenic Diet.

But in January I made the decision to work with Luis Villasenor, personally. I had seen a few of his successful clients but I also saw how

knowledgeable he was. When I looked into his program and saw the extent of what he was offering, I knew it was time to take this just ONE step further. Meal planning being #1, as I have always felt like I had gone back and forth with it. (Lazy Keto)

To date, I have logged in all my meals January 4, 2016. The longest stretch since I started. But not only that. Lifting weights and having him encourage and support me and answering ALL of my questions led me to his boot camp where I began power lifting for the first time in my life.

Not only am I seeing progress, but I have gained more control over my food addiction and my mental strength than I have in the whole 19 months since starting my weight loss journey. I feel powerful. For the first time in my entire life, I feel like I have my life back. And as I embark on a new journey to compete in the WBFF Transformation Division in June 2016, I am please to say that I have more confidence now that I have gone through his program, than I have in a very long time. Still a little afraid. But I am ready for the challenge!

Bring on the GAINS!

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You look amazing! Thank you for

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SO thankful for Ketogains Bootcamp!!! My heaviest of almost 150# at 5'5" est ~40% fat. My current 110# and 19% fat First 20# with paleo. Last 20# and 12% bf with Ketogains! (Turning 46, 2 kiddos and hashimotos!)





RESULTS









And our very first two clients







Client 1

- 43 Years
- Caucasian Female





- 40 Years
- Caucasian Female

		Total Body	Composition	<u>ו</u>
Measured Date	Total Body Fat	Total Mass	Fat Tissue	Lean Tissue
07/16/2018	21.1%	134.5 lbs	28.4 lbs	100.6 lbs
04/16/2018	24.9%	138.7 lbs	34.5 lbs	98.7 lbs

Client 3

- 46 Years
- Caucasian Female

	Total Body Composition			
Measured Date	Total Body Fat	Total Mass	Fat Tissue	Lean Tissue
06/05/2018	20.1%	118.3 lbs	23.7 lbs	89.8 lbs
03/20/2018	19.5%	117.0 lbs	22.8 lbs	89.4 lbs
01/05/2018	19.9%	117.7 lbs	23.5 lbs	89.4 lbs
12/06/2017	21.4%	116.7 lbs	24.9 lbs	86.8 lbs
09/11/2017	25.9%	124.5 lbs	32.2 lbs	87.3 lbs
06/08/2017	29.9%	127.1 lbs	36.5 lbs	85.5 lbs
03/04/2017	32.1%	132.0 lbs	40.7 lbs	86.1 lbs

Client 4

- 47 Years
- Caucasian Female

Measured Date	Total Body Fat %	Total Mass (lbs)	Fat Tissue (lbs)	Lean Tissue (lbs)	Bone Mineral Content (BMC)
07/14/2018	23.8%	157.3	37.5	113.8	6.0
06/03/2018	24.2%	161.3	39.0	116.3	6.0
03/28/2018	22.9%	159.0	36.5	116.7	5.8
10/24/2016	30.9%	163.9	50.7	107.3	5.9



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NO CITIZEN HAS A RIGHT TO **BE AN AMATEUR IN THE** MATTER OF PHYSICAL TRAINING...

WHAT A DISGRACE IT IS FOR A MAN TO GROW OLD WITHOUT EVER SEEING THE BEAUTY AND **STRENGTH OF WHICH HIS BODY IS CAPABLE**





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ADVANCED TRAINING TECHNIQUE: MYO-REPS

What is it?

Created by Norwegian coach **Borge Fagerli**, Myo-Reps are a training technique that yield very good muscle building results in a time efficient manner.

"After warm ups and a few minutes of rest, unrack the chosen load and do reps until you hit the failure point. This is the 'activation set'. Re- rack the weight, count three to five deep breaths, unrack, and do a set of three to five reps. Now re-rack, rest, and repeat until you hit another failure point. This is the autoregulation aspect. On some days and on some exercises, you may only get something like 20 + 5 + 4 reps, but on other days/exercises, you may get 20 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 (or more)."

The point is to achieve high muscle fiber activation on the activation set and extend this effect by balancing on the verge of fatigue to perform more "effective" reps, taking advantage of all the hypertrophic signaling effects of occlusion training."

ADVANCED TRAINING TECHNIQUE: MYO-REPS

What does it achieve compared to traditional sets?

Myo reps offer low intensity "high training volume" and are as such, very time-efficient.

The low weights that have to be used also make myo-reps very joint friendly.

Downsides of myo-reps are that the short rest and low intensity make it "not the best" method for strength development. The inevitable technique breakdown and major cardiorespiratory component also make myo-reps unsuitable for technical exercises, like the powerlifts.

ADVANCED TRAINING TECHNIQUE: MYO-REPS





Who benefits from it?

Myo-reps are particularly suitable for injury prone exercises and trainees, like the elderly.

ADVANCED TRAINING TECHNIQUE: MYO-REPS



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hI7Wx9BYo6k

ADVANCED TRAINING TECHNIQUE: KAATSU

What is it?

KAATSU was developed by a Japanese sport scientist by the name of Sato in 1966 as a technique to increase muscle mass without having to use heavy weights. He first developed the idea during a Buddhist ceremony where he had to remain kneeling for so long that he occluded the blood flow from his own calves and thought 'hey, this feels like the burn'. Years of experimentation went into it before it became publicly known in the West in the 90s, though elite athletes have been using it since the 80s when KAATSU training gear became publicly available in Japan.

Kaatsu is also known as "Blood flow restriction training". You occlude a muscle with an occlusion device or simply some elastic material like knee wraps before exercising the muscle with a light weight.

ADVANCED TRAINING TECHNIQUE: KAATSU

What does it achieve compared to traditional sets?

Arteries pump blood into muscles, but the superficial occlusion prevents your veins from taking the blood out. The result is an accumulation of oxygendeprived blood, AKA the pump, and of metabolic waste products like lactate, what you feel as 'the burn'.

To compensate, motor unit recruitment has to increase, specifically that of fast-twitch muscle fibers that can function in the anaerobic environment induced by the blood flow restriction.

Since mechanical muscle tension is relatively low and the fatigue from KAATSU is induced mostly by acute metabolic stress, <u>KAATSU does not induce</u> <u>much muscle damage in most people</u>. However, there are people, mostly women, who are exceedingly sensitive to KAATSU and actually seem to experience more soreness from it.

KAATSU training benefits strength development as well as muscle growth. Interestingly, KAATSU training is effective for the non-occluded muscle groups in the trunk as well as the occluded limbs. <u>Restricting blood flow to your arms during the bench press</u> increases muscle activation levels not just in the triceps but also in your pecs. Blood flow restriction makes the exercise as a whole more difficult, so all muscle groups must work harder to lift the weight.

KAATSU training induces just as much neuromuscular fatigue as high-intensity training, given the same total work performed. KAATSU training anecdotally seems to be easier to recover from than regular high intensity training though, due to the low resulting muscle damage and connective tissue stress.



ADVANCED TRAINING TECHNIQUE: KAATSU



Who benefits from it?

Beginners benefit in particular from the great metabolic stress to achieve full muscle fiber recruitment and the lack of muscle damage, enabling them to greatly increase their training frequency.

Endurance athletes also benefit in particular from the synergy between strength training and buffering metabolic stress. Elderly and injured trainees benefit from the extremely low required intensity [2] to spare their connective tissues.





KAATSU can be used as a (p)rehabilitative exercise technique. When there is joint discomfort or risk of injury during an exercise, KAATSU training is often one of the first steps to take to work around the injury while preserving the stimulus for muscle growth.



Q: I don't have an occlusion device. How do I implement it?

A: You can use wraps, rubber bands, or special BFR cuffs.

On a pressure scale of 1 - 10, aim for a 7 for your legs and a 6 for your arms. Your legs can be wrapped tighter, because they have more fat on them and don't change shape as much when flexed.

Don't try to go 'super hardcore' and bind down your limb as if you have to make sure you don't bleed out. If the training intensity is sufficient, there is no point in increasing the cuff pressure. If you experience significant pain before even starting the exercise, numbness, tingling or skin whitening, the wraps are too tight. The goal of the occlusion is to let the blood pool in your veins without blocking arterial blood flow, so at some point, more pressure becomes detrimental.

On the other hand, if you do not experience an extreme pump and burn during the set, the wraps probably aren't tight enough. Pain tends to be higher during KAATSU training than during regular high intensity training, especially in the elderly according to unpublished work by Todd Manini.



Q: Is it safe?

A: Yes, safer than high intensity training in most regards. It was developed for injured athletes and the elderly.

Q: How long should I rest in between sets?

A: Until you've caught your breath is generally long enough, but it varies exactly like regular high intensity training. If the intensity is less than 30%, you will likely need to use short rest intervals to cause enough metabolic stress to cause sufficient muscle activation.

Q: Should I take the wraps off in between sets?

A: To get the maximum occlusion effect, leave them on until you're done, otherwise the metabolic stress won't accumulate. However, you can get the same muscle growth by taking the wraps off in between sets if the intensity is sufficient.

ADVANCED TRAINING TECHNIQUE: KAATSU



MINIMALIST FULL BODY WORKOUT

You can use Bands or Dumbbells and add BFR cuffs	Myo Reps Training	Notes
Routine A	Sets / Reps	
Bulgarian Split Squat - quadriceps	20-25 +3-5x	Per Side
Band Single Leg Deadlift – hamstrings, core, glutes, lower back	20-25 +3-5x	Per Side
Band Hip Thrust . glutes	20-25 +3-5x	
<u>Diamond Push-up – chest</u>	20-25 +3-5x	
Band Shoulder Press - shoulder	20-25 +3-5x	Per Side
Band Overhead Triceps Extensions - triceps	20-25 +3-5x	Per Side
Regular Plank - core	5-10 repetitions of 5-15sec holds for 2-3 sets each	

Routine B	Sets / Reps	
Band Single Leg Deadlift – hamstrngs, core, glutes, lower back	20-25 +3-5x	Per Side
Band Standing Calf Raise - calves	20-25 +3-5x	Per Side
Band Face Pull - traps	20-25 +3-5x	
Band Cable Side Lateral Rise – side deltoids	20-25 +3-5x	Per Side
Band Rows – back	20-25 +3-5x	Per Side
Band Bicep Curl - biceps	20-25 +3-5x	Per Side
<u>Side Plank - core</u>	5-10 repetitions of 5-15sec holds for 2-3 sets each	

Myo Reps: 20 to 25 reps, rest 5 seconds, do 3 to 5 reps, rest 5 seconds, do 3 to 5 reps, rest 5 seconds, repeat the 3 to 5 reps until exhaustion.