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## A FOCUS ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY *Pathway to Improved Health*

*By Concentra Urgent Care*

Being physically active is one of the most important steps you can take to maintain or improve your health. When combined with eating a healthy diet, regular exercise can substantially reduce your risk of chronic disease, prevent weight gain, and improve your overall level of physical and emotional fitness.

### **HOW MUCH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DO I NEED?**

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) has recently published several recommendations related to exercise:

1. Any physical activity is better than no physical activity
  - Includes people with disabilities
  - Far outweighs the possibility of risk of injury or illness
2. Most health benefits occur with at least 150 minutes a week
  - Both aerobic and muscle-strengthening are beneficial
3. For most people, additional benefits occur when
  - You increase the intensity of your physical activity
  - You increase the frequency of your physical activity
  - You increase the duration of your physical activity

### **SHOULD OLDER ADULTS EXERCISE, TOO?**

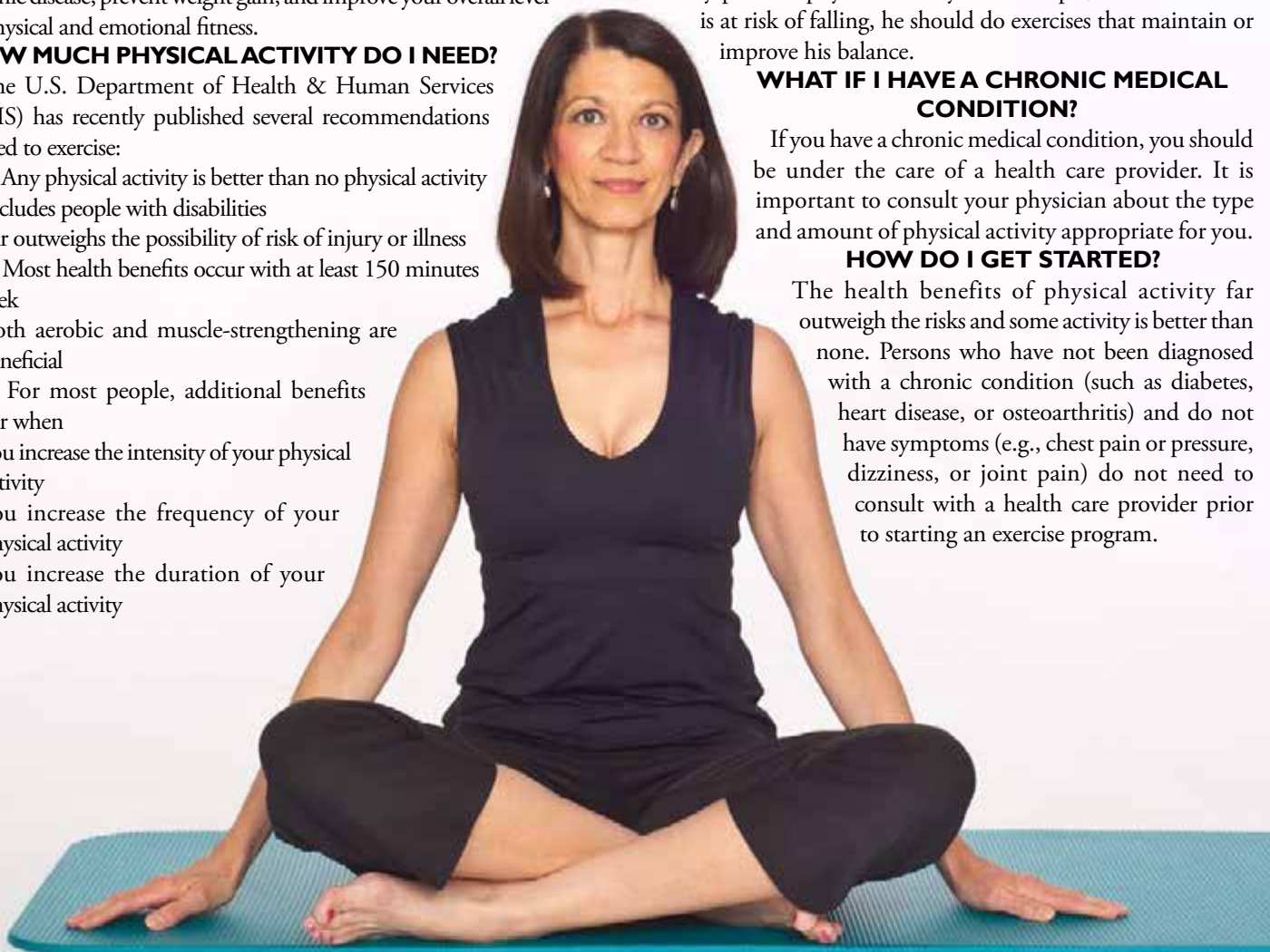
The same HHS guidelines apply, but older adults need to make sure that their fitness level and any chronic conditions allow them to safely perform physical activity. For example, if an older adult is at risk of falling, he should do exercises that maintain or improve his balance.

### **WHAT IF I HAVE A CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITION?**

If you have a chronic medical condition, you should be under the care of a health care provider. It is important to consult your physician about the type and amount of physical activity appropriate for you.

### **HOW DO I GET STARTED?**

The health benefits of physical activity far outweigh the risks and some activity is better than none. Persons who have not been diagnosed with a chronic condition (such as diabetes, heart disease, or osteoarthritis) and do not have symptoms (e.g., chest pain or pressure, dizziness, or joint pain) do not need to consult with a health care provider prior to starting an exercise program.



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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.



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# TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
**Fernando Velasco**



## The Modern Game: The Top Spin Forehand

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are starting to play tennis or who want to get back into the game.

From this newsletter on, I will be offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may be already playing for leagues or tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Top Spin Forehand. This shot is used when a player is now hitting the ball long and out. The ball will be aimed high over the net and hit with power. The ball will have a “top spin” so that when the ball hits the court, it will take a big hop, forcing the opponent to fall back close to the fence, or to hit the ball on the rise.

In the illustrations, Danny Rodriguez, Director of the Pre-Advanced Tennis Program at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. This shot can also be executed from the service line as an “approach shot” to the net.

Step 1: The Ready Position: When Danny prepares to hit

a forehand top spin, he will change his grip toward the “semi-western” or “full western grip” (The palm of the hand is flat on the handle). His knees are slightly flexed and his eyes are focused on the oncoming ball.

Step 2: The Back Swing: Danny is now ready to perform the shot. The head of the racket is now above his head, his shoulders are turned, the left hand is in front to help him keep the center of gravity in front, and he has loaded his weight to the back foot. His grip is relaxed and his wrist is “laid back” to allow maximum point of contact.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: The success of a top spin shot is keeping the ball on the strings going from low to high in a 30 degree angle. Danny started the swing high and “looped” it to allow the head of the racket to drop down. He will be brushing the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight has now been shifted toward the front.

Step 4: The Follow Through: Notice Danny’s finish above his left ear and his elbow pointing toward his target. He has now shifted his weight on his right foot and is ready to shuffle back to his home base.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Modern Game: The Backhand Top Spin”*



## LEARN TO TURN STRANGERS INTO VIP CLIENTS MAY 22

*CYFEN welcomes international speaker, radio host, author Tonya Hofmann*

Don't miss this unique opportunity to increase your business as Tonya Hofmann shares tips on turning strangers into clients at the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon May 22.

CYFEN's keynote international speaker wears many hats such as host of "Change Your World" radio show and author of two books: "A Client a Day the Coffee Shop Way!" and "Change Your World". She is also a profit strategist, corporate and entrepreneurial educator, CEO and founder of the Public Speakers Association as well as recipient of the International eWomenNetwork conference 2008 Business Matchmaker of the Year Award. In addition, she was not only nominated for the Most Connected Person in Dallas by the Small Business Conference as well as Austin's Business Journal's Profiles in Power; she has been nominated for the upcoming 2014 Global Connector of the Year Award for the Sales Strategy Summit.

Join Hofmann, who is always focused on helping business professionals become more successful in sales, marketing and standing out from competition, at CYFEN's special extended networking and lunch. Networking will begin at 10:30a.m. with the program starting at 11a.m. sharp.

All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN, which are held the fourth Thursdays at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

Bring business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$35 for non-members with advanced reservations made by May 15 and \$40 at the door.

For information on CYFEN, which is part of the American Business Women's Association, go to [www.CYFEN.org](http://www.CYFEN.org).

### **ABOUT CY-FAIR EXPRESS NETWORK (CYFEN)**

The Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition.

### **ABOUT AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

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**Ongoing:** Colin's Hope Athlete Ambassadors needed. [www.tinych.org/AthleteAmbassador](http://www.tinych.org/AthleteAmbassador)

**Now-June 21:** Donate \$30, get a free Schlitterbahn ticket. [www.tinych.org/tickets](http://www.tinych.org/tickets)

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## SAVE WATER Every Drop Counts!

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## *Texas A&M University Traditions Council to speak to* **NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB**

### **Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms to Recognize Graduating Seniors**

Join us for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. At our May meeting we will be recognizing our graduating Seniors, announcing the book awards and installing our 2014-2015 Board Officers. Please help us congratulate these students on this significant achievement and the beginning of an amazing journey! All meetings are open to the public and prospective students, current students and Aggie families are always welcome!

#### **SUMMER MIXERS**

Are you a new Aggie Mom? Are you sending off your first to Aggieland this fall? Find out how we help your student succeed that first year at one of our informal Summer Mixers. Our first summer mixer will be held at the home of Connie Pritchard, incoming President, on June 8, 2014, from 2-4 p.m. Dates and locations are listed on our website at [www.nwhcaggie moms.org](http://www.nwhcaggie moms.org).

Aggie Moms, as an organization, encourages parents to become familiar with A&M during their student's freshman year. The path to graduation can be a challenging journey; don't go it alone. Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms has been here for 25 years and we're committed to helping your student and YOU enjoy the TAMU experience.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at 7100 High Life Drive. Refreshments are available at 6:45! For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at [www.nwhcaggie moms.org](http://www.nwhcaggie moms.org) or contact Shannon Eberle, Club President at [clubpres2012@gmail.com](mailto:clubpres2012@gmail.com).



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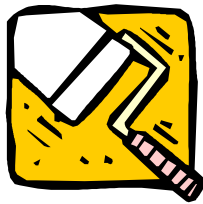
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