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Psychosocial considerations in sports injury risk and prevention

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About Today's Presenter



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He has written academic modules, book chapters, conference presentations and peer-reviewed articles within the realms of the psychology of sports injury risk, rehabilitation and return to competition. Adam has worked in a range youth and senior sport settings with elite athletes, providing sport science support within interdisciplinary support teams. He currently works within female youth football as Head of Psychosocial Development at a Tier 1 Girls' Regional Talent Club and is an Associate Editor (Psychology of Sports Injury) for the British Journal of Sports Medicine.



Scope of today...



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▶ Risk of injury

Psychological/
Psychosocial risk factors

Risk reduction/prevention
strategies

▶ Responses to injury

▶ Rehabilitation

▶ Return to competition

▶ Retirement from injury



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Why should we be considering
injury risk and prevention?



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Why is this topic important?



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Keeping your top players on the pitch: the key to football medicine at a professional level

Jan Ekstrand^{1,2,3}

1 month's participation time-loss, for an elite football player, costs the club on average €500,000



Injuries affect in prof of

Original article
e negatively
ear follow-up
injury study

son,^{1,2} Karolina Kristenson,^{2,3}

Successful

Shouldn't we be doing EVERYTHING possible to reduce (or prevent) sports injuries?



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Injury m... suicidal ideation... and substance use

... AND HEALTH

Injuries as the main cause of sport career termination among Finnish top-level athletes

Leena Ristolainen, Jyrki A. Kettunen, Urho M. Kujala & Ari Heinonen
Pages 274-282 | Received 28 Sep 2010, Accepted 31 Jan 2011, Published online: 28 Oct 2011
Download citation | <https://doi.org/10.1080/17461391.2011.566365>

Reasons for Career Termination in Danish Elite Athletes: Investigating Gender Differences and the Time-point as Potential Correlates

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Where does sport psychology fit,
within injury risk?



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Psychological injury risk factors...

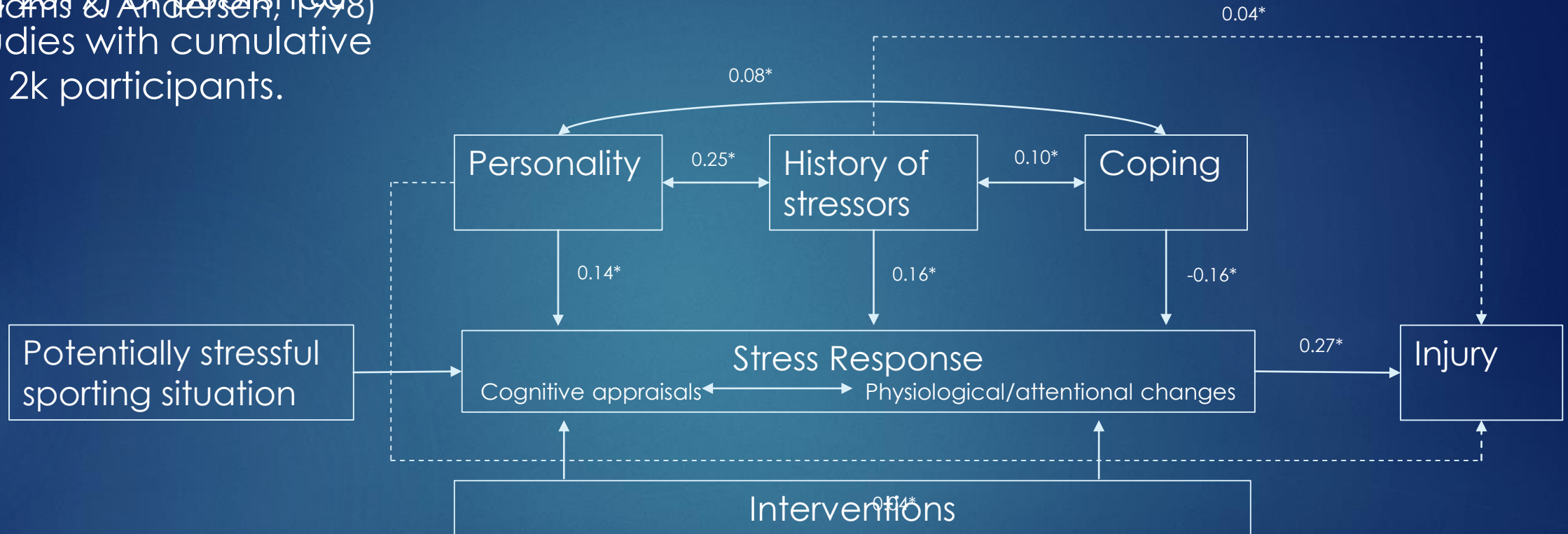


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Meta-analysis (Ivarsson et al., 2017) of published studies with cumulative c.12k participants.



High levels of negative life-event stress and stress responsivity have strongest associations with injury risk (Ivarsson et al., 2017)



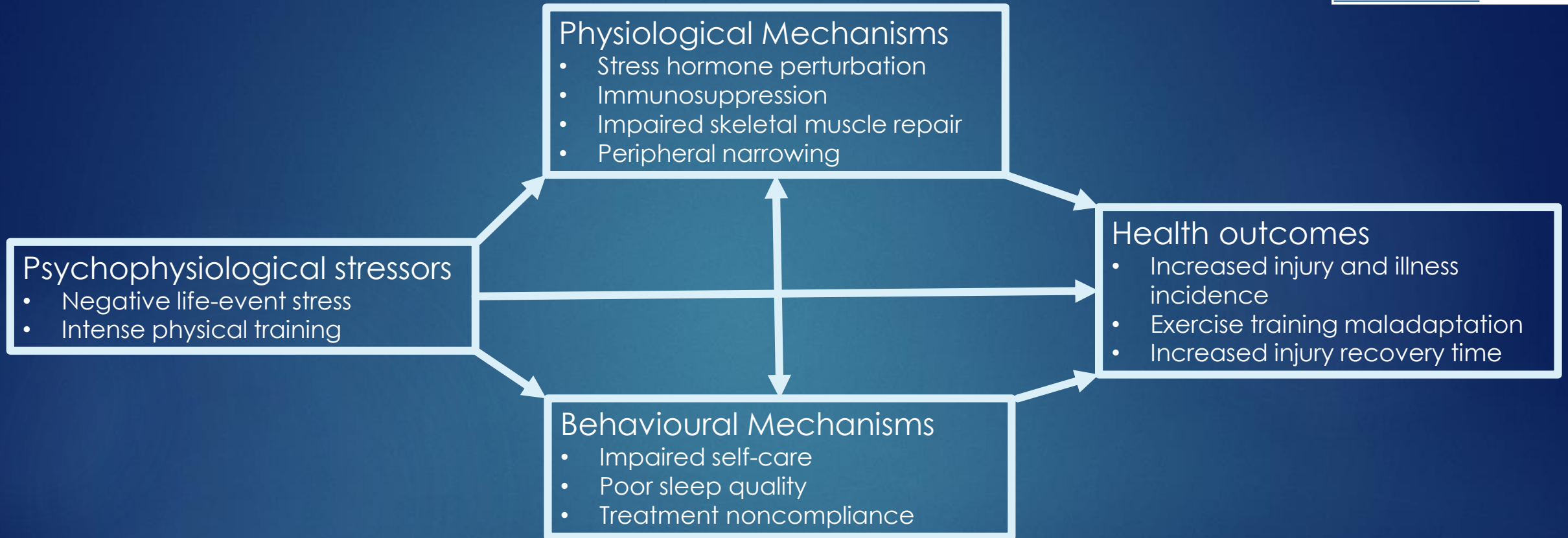
Psychological injury risk factors...



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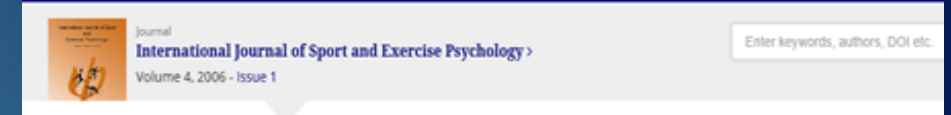
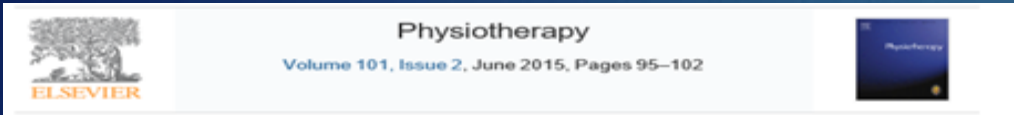
A Biopsychosocial Model of Stress, Athletic Injury and Health (Appaneal & Perna, 2014)



However...



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Systematic review
Musculoskeletal interventions and practice
Jenny Alexander

Multifactorial causation ≠ multifactorial prevention



What does the evidence around intervention efficacy and effectiveness tell us?

- Time constraints?
- Resource constraints?
- Uncertainty?
- Intolerance?
- Perceived benefits?

Organisation specific planning





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Where might sport psychology sit, within injury prevention?



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Potential benefits of psychological interventions...



↓ Psychosocial stress

↑ Perceived wellness

Altered hormone release

↑ Situational awareness

↓ Muscle tension

Neuromuscular changes

Skill learning

↑ Thought clarity

↑ Decision making

↑ Concentration

Altered risk perception and risk-taking behaviours

↑ Movement quality



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What does the existing injury prevention evidence suggest?



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What does the evidence tell us?



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REVIEW

Evaluation of the effects of psychological prevention interventions on sport injuries: A meta-analysis

L'évaluation des effets d'une intervention psychologique sur la prévention des blessures sportives: une méta analyse

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Sports Med
DOI 10.1007/s40279-016-0578-x

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

Psychosocial Factors and Sport Injuries: Meta-analyses for Prediction and Prevention

Andreas Ivarsson¹ · Urban Johnson¹ · Mark B. Andersen¹ · Ulrika Tranaeus² · Andreas Stenling³ · Magnus Lindwall^{4,5}

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Review

Article Text

Psychological interventions used to reduce sports injuries: a systematic review of real-world effectiveness

Article info

Adam Gledhill¹, Dale Forsdyke², Eliot Murray³

Three systematic reviews/meta analyses collectively support both the efficacy and the real-world effectiveness of psychological interventions

Almost* every study investigating the role of psychological interventions in injury prevention ever published shows a smaller number of injuries and/or shorter time-loss in treatment groups than control groups (Gledhill et al., 2018; Ivarsson et al., 2017; Tranaeus et al. 2015)

Mean effect of the difference between injuries in intervention and control groups in included studies (N=7) = -0.67 (Ivarsson et al., 2017); effect sizes in included studies (N=14) ranged from -0.2 to -1.21 (Gledhill et al., 2018).



What does the evidence tell us?



Best evidence synthesis (Gledhill et al., 2018) suggests that interventions with a stress management and/or relaxation focus (e.g. Stress Inoculation Training) are likely to be effective

Low-frequency and short-duration interventions, with a low risk of bias, reduce injury rates (Gledhill et al., 2018).

Athletes at higher injury risk due to higher stress response or higher negative life-event stress are likely to see more injury reduction/time-loss reduction benefits from stress management interventions (Ivarsson et al., 2017)

Mindfulness-based intervention (Ivarsson et al., 2015) returned medium effect size. Replication research using the same Mindfulness-Acceptance-Commitment approach (Gardner & Moore, 2007) is warranted

Video-based awareness training has shown promising results in reducing match-related injuries in football (soccer), but results with training injuries are less promising (Arnason et al., 2005)



Future directions...



Where are we now? (Gledhill et al., 2018)

Almost all psychological intervention studies show a clinically meaningful difference between treatment and control groups

Very heavy emphasis towards interventions with a stress management/relaxation component

Underrepresentation of female athletes

Where could we go from here? (Gledhill et al., 2018)

Multidisciplinary collaboration

Studies aiming to replicate stress reduction (and other) intervention findings

Intervention types:

Motivational/behaviour change studies for prevention of overuse injuries

Intervention studies aimed at eliciting neuromuscular/movement quality benefits



Where can I go for support?



Examples of professional sports psychology associations (Forsdyke, Gledhill & Ardern, 2016)

American Psychological Association (APA): <http://www.apa.org/>

Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP): <http://www.appliedsportpsych.org/>

Australian Psychological Society (APS): <http://www.psychology.org.au/>

British Psychological Society (BPS): <http://www.bps.org.uk/>

British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES): <http://www.bases.org.uk/>

North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSPA): <https://naspspa.com/>



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Date: Wednesday 18th April 2018
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