Issues in the Design of Randomized Controlled Dose Response Intervention Studies in PA and Health

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### Standard Components of a Good Clinical Trial

- Randomized to address unmeasured confounders at baseline
- Controlled to address effect of unmeasured confounders
- Blinded to control for treatment and measurement bias, especially in subjective measures

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..... Behind the curtain

Special Considerations for Randomized Controlled Exercise or PA Clinical Trials













## STRRIDE - Training Protocols

| Protocol      | <u>Intensity</u>        | <u>Amt</u> | <u>Min/wk</u> |  |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|--|
|               | (peak VO <sub>2</sub> ) | (kcal/wk)  | (min per wk)  |  |
| Brisk Walking | 13 miles/week           | 1300       | 170           |  |
| Jogging       | 13 miles/week           | 1300       | 120           |  |
| Jogging       | 22 miles/week           | 2200       | 170           |  |
| Inactive      | None                    |            | None          |  |

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#### STRRIDE - Training Protocols Amount/Dose **Protocol Intensity** (peak VO<sub>2</sub>) (kcal/wk) (min per wk) Low/Mod 40-55% + 1300 170 Amt ⊢ Low/Vigor 65-80% ← 1300 120 Freq <sup>Int</sup> → High/Vigor 170 65-80% 2200 Inactive None None None

# STRRIDE II - Training Protocols

| Protocol | Intensity Amount       | Frequer    | <u>icy</u>  |
|----------|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| AT       | 65-80% VO <sub>2</sub> | 1300kcal   | 3x per wk   |
| RT       | 3 reps of              | 12-15 reps | 3x per wk   |
| AT/RT    | combination            | AT/RT      | 3-5x per wk |
| High AT  | 65-80% VO <sub>2</sub> | 2200kcal   | 3x per wk   |

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#### STRRIDE - Training Protocols Intensity Amount Presc Wt. Loss (peak VO<sub>2</sub>) (kcal/wk) Brisk Walking 16 miles/week None Jogging 16 miles/week None Brisk Walking 10 miles/week None DPP Program 10 miles/week 7% ← Diet

















### **Pilot Studies**

- Utility cannot be overemphasized
- To show feasibility
- Provide preliminary data for application
- Provide estimate of statistical power
- Point out logistical challenges
- Give the study group confidence































(Additional) Questions?