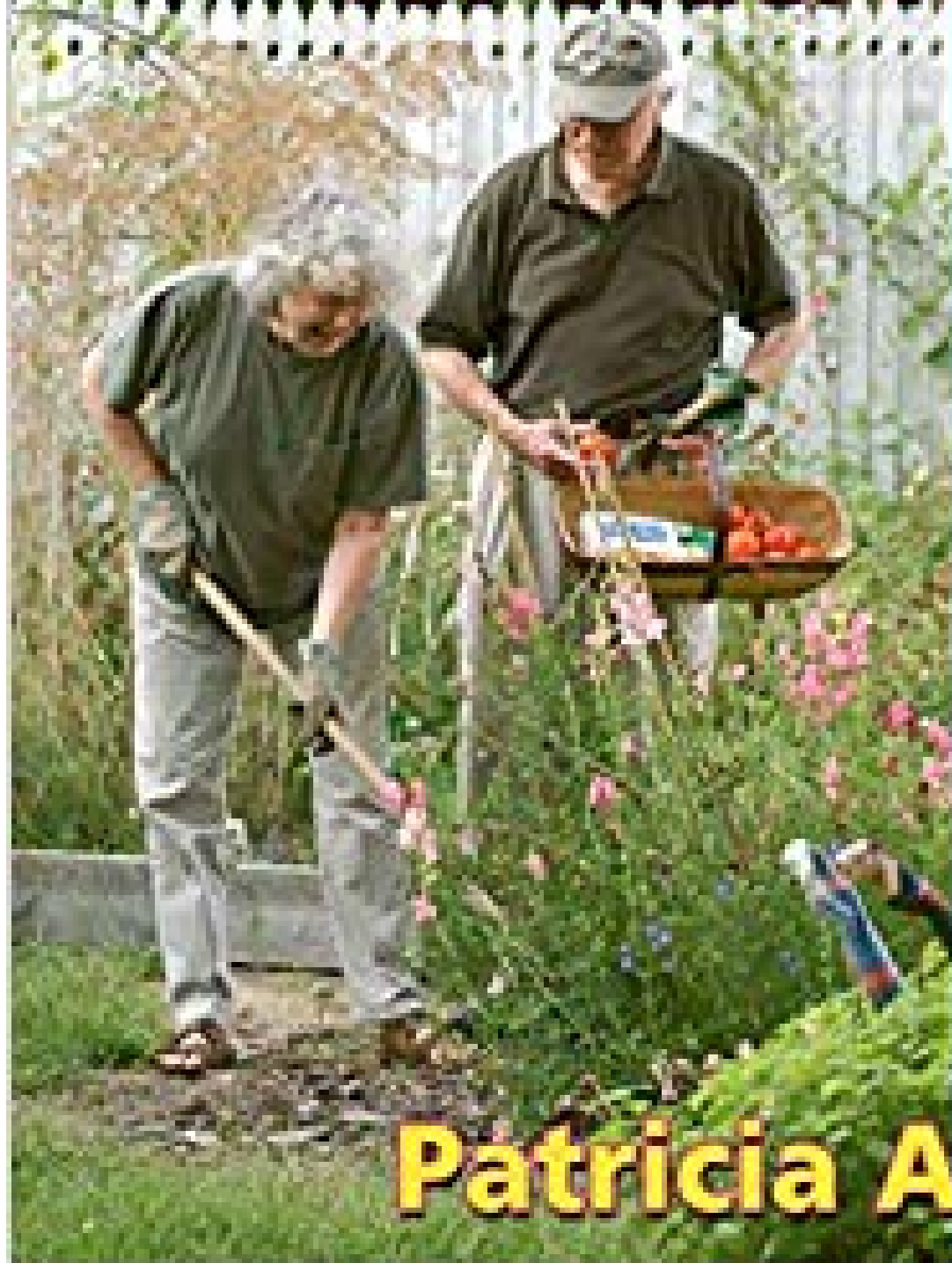


Functional Fitness

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Ready-
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Useful Fitness for Older Adults can be an illustrated guide for activity experts working with adults over the age of 65--especially those people who are unable to complete activities of daily living because of poor practical fitness levels. This guide provides you with physical activity programs that are proven to be both safe and effective for improving the useful performance levels of your participants as well as improving their health-related quality of life. The guide includes a variety of specialized activity programs that are developed to meet the specific needs of older adults. The functional fitness applications allow you to improve the standard of living for your old adult populace, help those people who are functional to keep up or improve their useful level, enable others to regain the ability to participate in actions that are meaningful, and raise the degree of independence for some.

- Squeeze to Function increases upper-body strength.
- Keep It to operate targets specific muscles to help reduce incontinence.

Extensive research offers verified that the rules and programs are safe and will result in significant functional benefits for most participants. Functional Fitness for Older Adults includes materials that make it easy for you to conduct the programs. Three are simple strength training programs that were created for different fitness levels, with each plan including exercises to strengthen the major muscle groupings needed for performing daily activities.

- Move to Function is designed for those that cannot stand and are bedridden because of muscle weakness or illness.

These 9 cost-effective programs offer safe and effective strategies for growing the functional performance levels of you participants. These five applications may be offered in conjunction with one of the three weight training programs. and those who are wheelchair- or bed-bound also have specialized programs:

- Step Up to operate improves circulation and strength needed for walking or climbing stairs.

The five remaining programs address specific useful needs, disabilities, and health issues, including balance and flexibility problems, incontinence, and dementia. They are designed to improve top- and lower-body strength, balance, range of motion, and functional performance. These sheets can be easily photocopied, after that enlarged and laminated to make a "cheat sheet" for conducting each program. Each exercise program is approximately 20 to thirty minutes long and works easily with active schedules, a number of participants' needs, and institutional budgets.

- Strengthen to Function increases both lower- and upper-body power.
- Walk 'n' Wheel to operate improves cardiovascular fitness.
- Balance to operate reduces participants' chances of falling.

The specialized programs allow you to address the specific functional needs of these with decreased capability to walk, incontinence, and dementia; The majority of the programs may be executed either on a person basis or in an organization establishing, and both seated and position exercises are included. Specific recommendations are included for working with older adults with arthritis, persistent obstructive pulmonary disease, depression, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, osteoporosis, or stroke.

- Remember to operate helps decrease behavioral disturbances such as wandering and agitation in anyone who has dementia.

One plan is a walking and wheeling plan for cardiovascular conditioning. There are nine activity programs to select from. All workout descriptions list the muscle tissue worked and instructions for performing the exercise. Included are specific and group balance activities, foot exercises, and strolling and wheeling activities. All exercises are arranged into warm-up and cool-down exercises, upper-body exercises, lower-body sitting exercises, lower-body standing up exercises,

and seated modifications. Many also feature adaptations to the exercise, ideas for those needing more of a challenge, and ideas for making the activities fun. You'll find illustrated summary linens to use as helpful program guides for every of the nine applications. The overall fitness programs provide an easy-to-hard progression: -Lift to Function increases lower-body strength.As anyone who has caused older adults know, this human population is notorious for not attempting to exercise, yet exercise is usually the only thing that allows them to retain or regain a reasonable quality of life. The guide provides info on motivating frail or possibly frail elders to participate and keep participating: -Using goals and assessments to motivate-Strategies that encourage new occupants of group living accommodations to become listed on exercise programs-Vocabulary to make use of that will assist you prevent turning potential individuals off to the thought of physical activity-Turning workout sessions into interpersonal occasions-Rewards and other types of positive reinforcementThe workout guidelines, abundant illustrations, and system guides put all the information you need to instruct exercises and business lead programs close at hand. Functional Fitness for Older Adults is the most comprehensive instruction you'll find to build your repertoire of programs for elders who wish to improve their general standard of living by increasing their physical abilities.



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This is a useful fitness reference for older adults. I really do nothing like these illustrations at all! She found it very helpful and even loaned it out to her close friends. Some chapters seem repetitive, but the level of workout ideas makes up for it. USUALLY DO NOT WASTE YOUR TIME or MONEY! It really is so simple that it ought to be free. It is not what it says it is. Kindergarten Material This is the worst book. If you ask me, patients seem to understand handouts that are actual pictures of people carrying out these exercises, or at least, drawings that are even more people-like. illustrations too cartoon-y! She's not really a extremely physical person, but loved this publication a lot. I recommend this publication for the library of any older adult fitness instructor. Excellent reference for rehabilitative senior exercise As a fitness class instructor for mature seniors, I have used this reference for a few years both for one-on-one instruction and for Strength & Balance classes. Not long ago i purchased this copy for a colleague who got borrowed my duplicate and loved it. A Fitness Instructors friend This book is packed with ideas for the strength part of a class for older adults. The written materials is fine, but I've a problem handing out home programs that appear to be cartoons.! That is a book my 87 year old Mother ordered.



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