

with moving from a very sedentary state (maximal oxygen intake ($<21 \text{ ml kg}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$) to what is still a sedentary lifestyle ($30 \text{ ml kg}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$). Over this range, the relevant issue may be the proportion of body fat or a genetic difference of body build rather than the pattern of personal physical activity, and any causal explanation could not be clearly linked to earlier studies that have shown protection against colonic or reproductive cancer from athletic participation or engagement in a demanding physical occupation. It may be for this reason that Blair *et al.*³ found a stronger association between physical fitness and overall cancer mortality rates than might have been anticipated from some previous studies^{1,2}.

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Erratum

Jeffery RS, Caiach S. Waterbike injuries. *Br J Sports Med* 1991; 25: 232–4.

The publishers wish to apologise for a printing error which occurred in the above article. Figure 4 was reversed left to right but is shown here in the correct orientation.



Figure 4. Case 6: pelvic and left hip injury