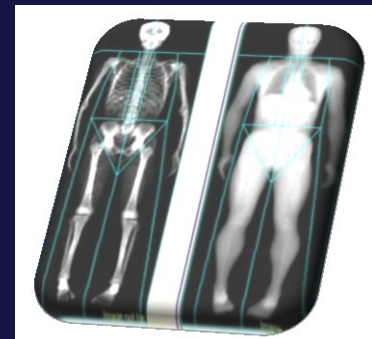


Protein and Aging: Protecting Muscle Health with Nutrition

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Overview



definitions and conceptual models



how much protein do we need – and when ?

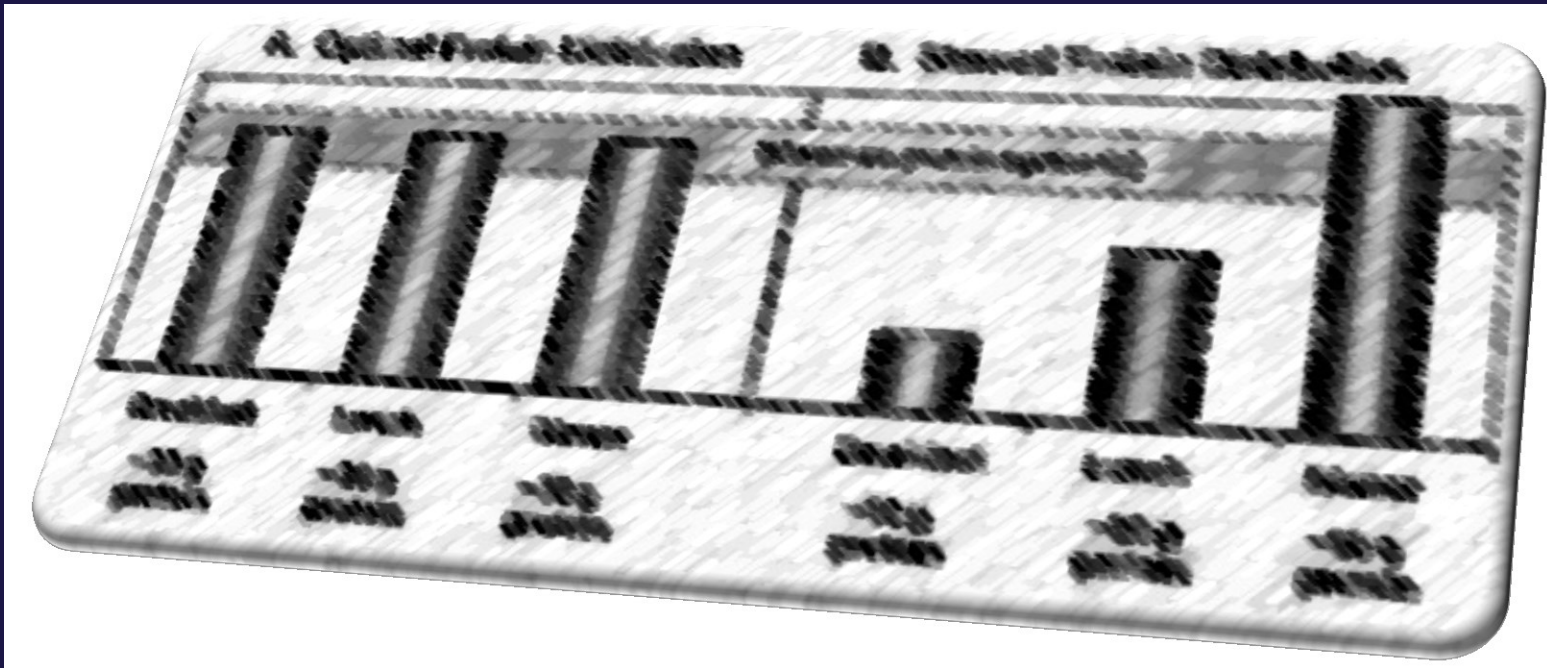


priority areas: aging, inactivity and illness



recommendations

Definitions and a conceptual model



Conceptual Model.....

Inactivity →

Disease →

Inflammation →

Mitochondrial
Dysfunction →

Inadequate
Nutrition →

Aging →

Blood Flow →

**Muscle
loss**



Beyond sarcopenia:

a tactical definition of aging and muscle loss ?

Sarcopenia



REPORT

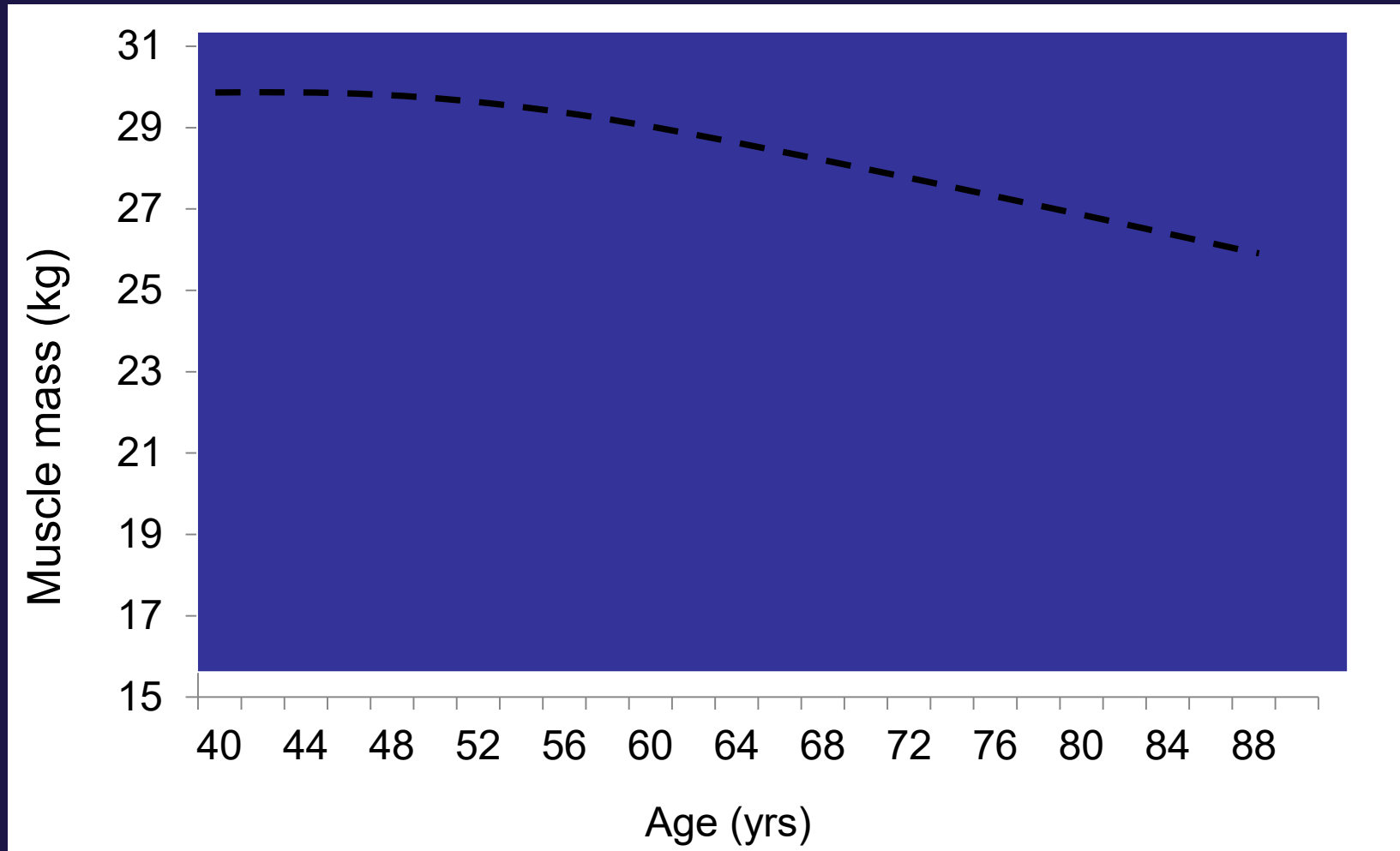
Sarcopenia: European consensus on definition and diagnosis

Report of the European Working Group on Sarcopenia in Older People

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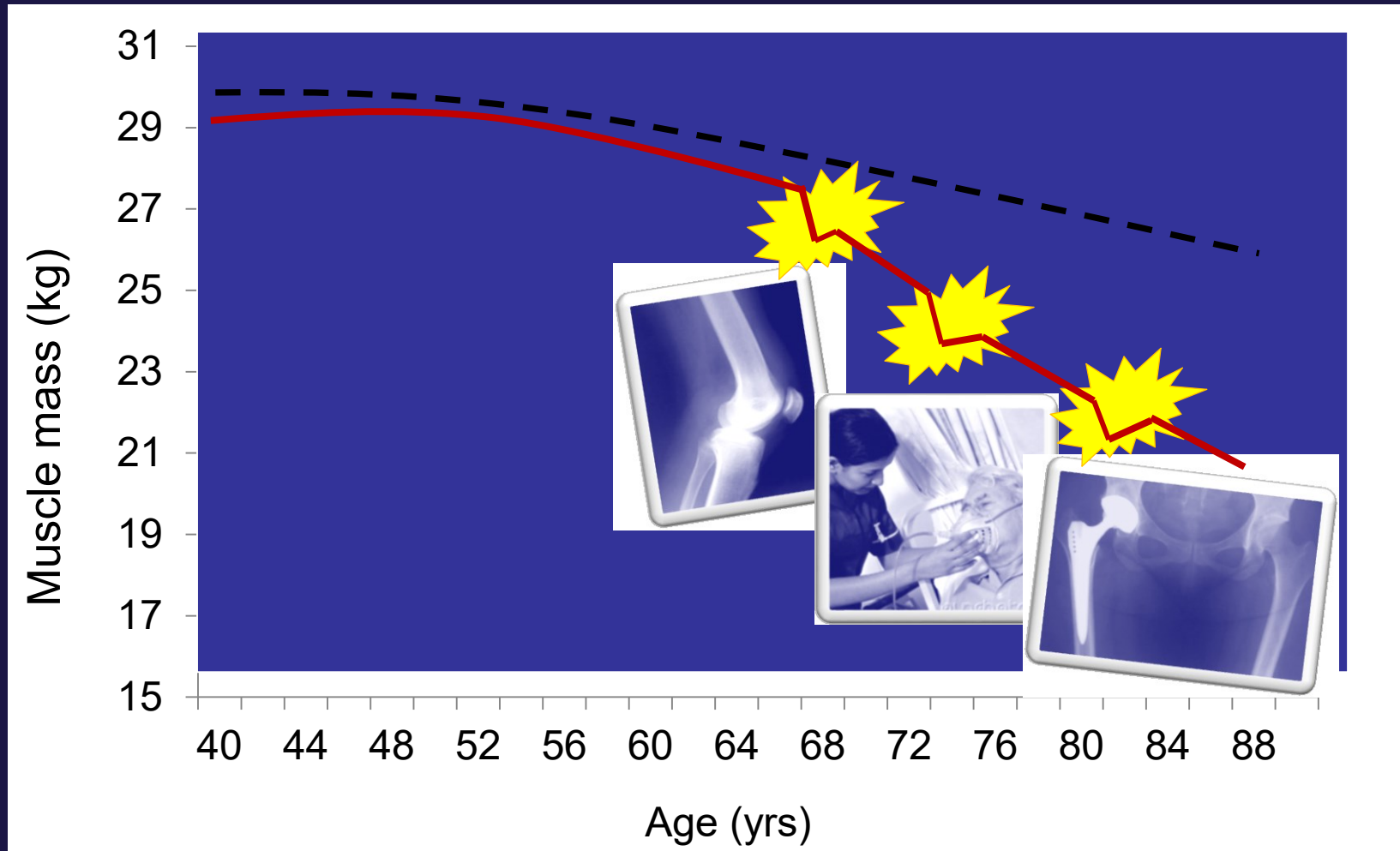
Sarcopenia is a syndrome characterized by progressive and generalized loss of skeletal muscle mass and strength with a risk of adverse outcomes such as physical disability, poor quality of life and death.

Population-Level Sarcopenia



Reference : English and Paddon-Jones. Curr Opin Clin Nutr Metab Care. 2010

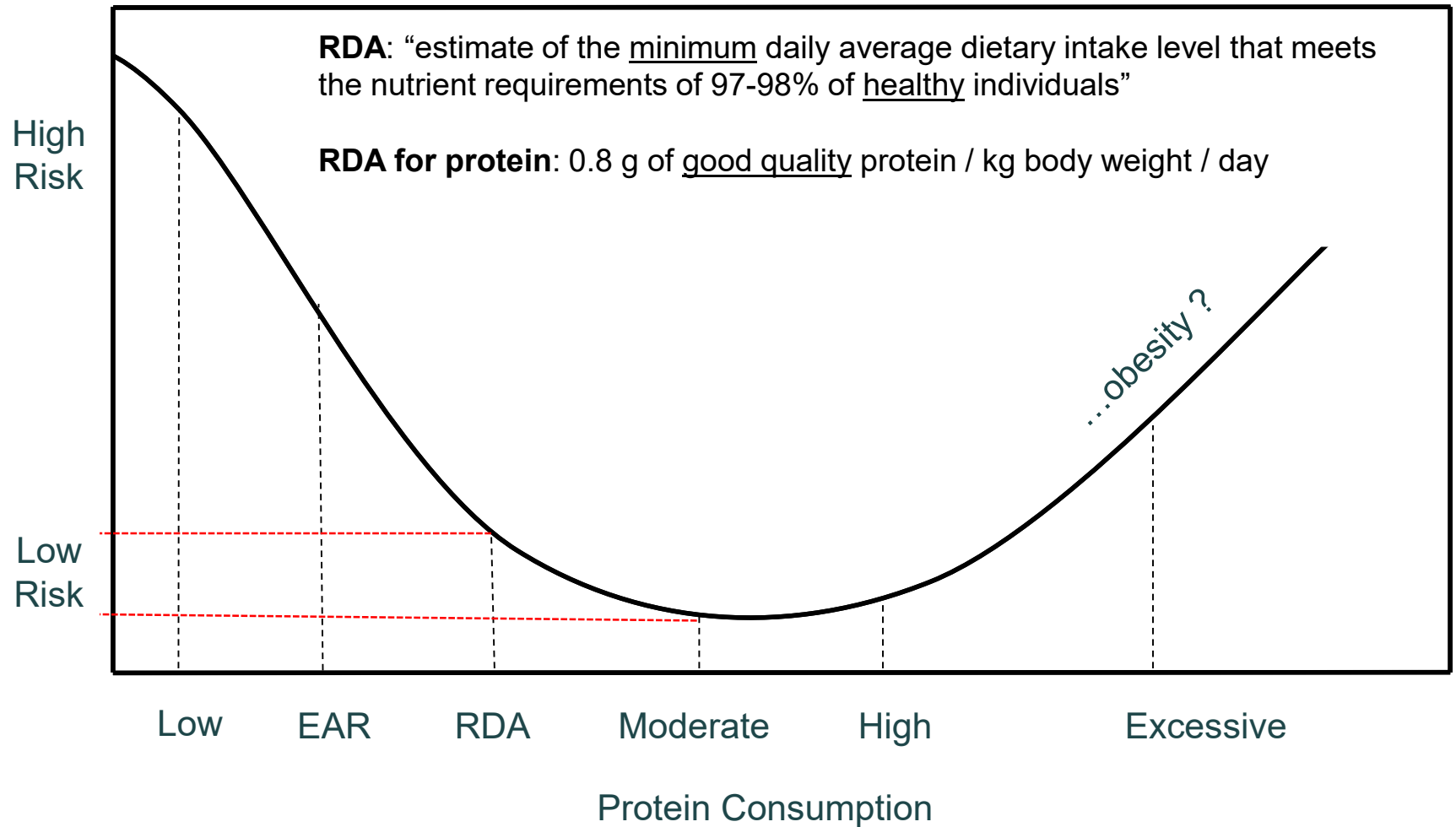
Catabolic crisis model: something to work with



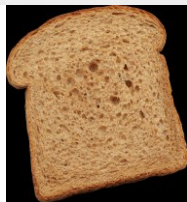
How much protein do we need ?

+ when, why, how and who....

Interpreting Protein Recommendations



Protein Quality:



- lysine
+ methionine

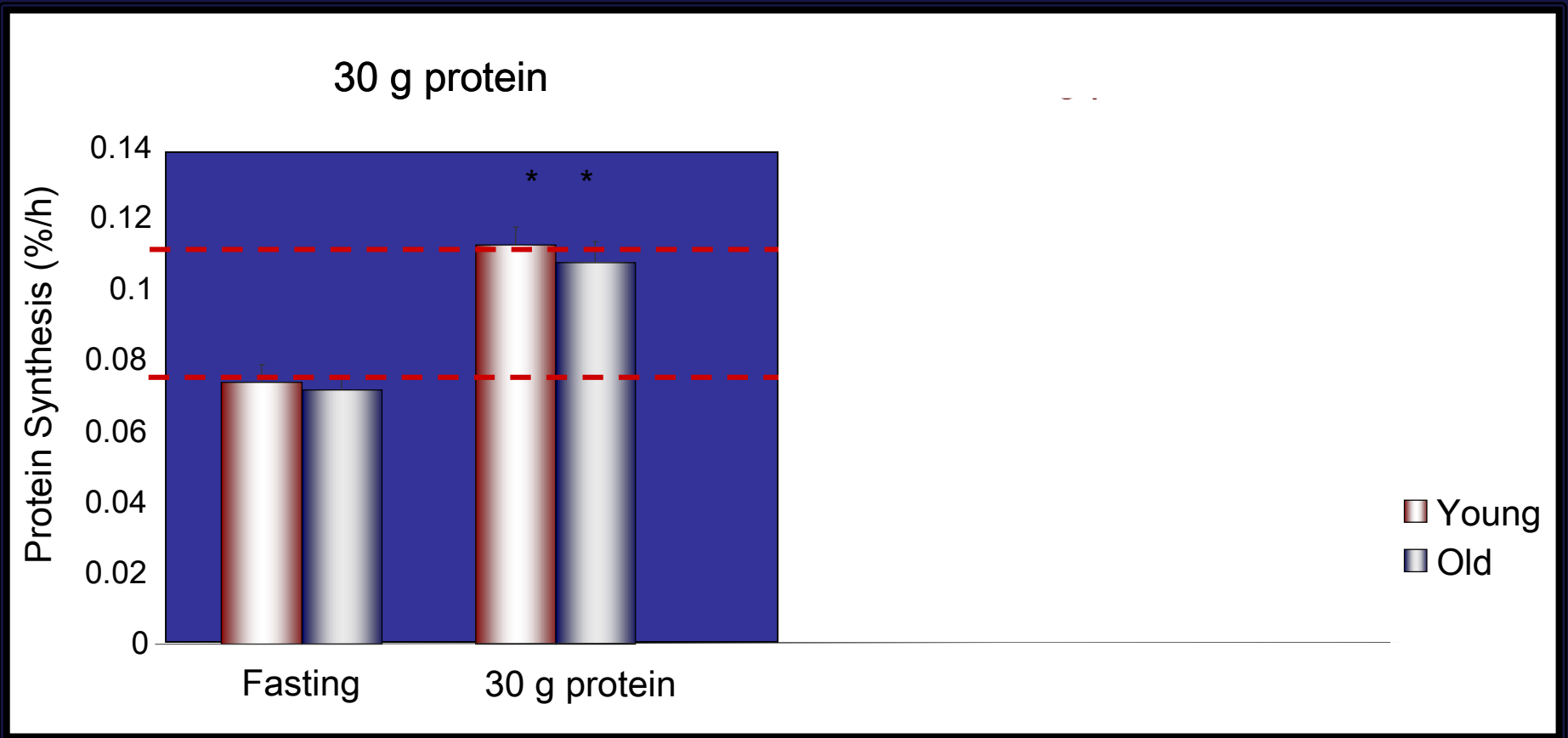


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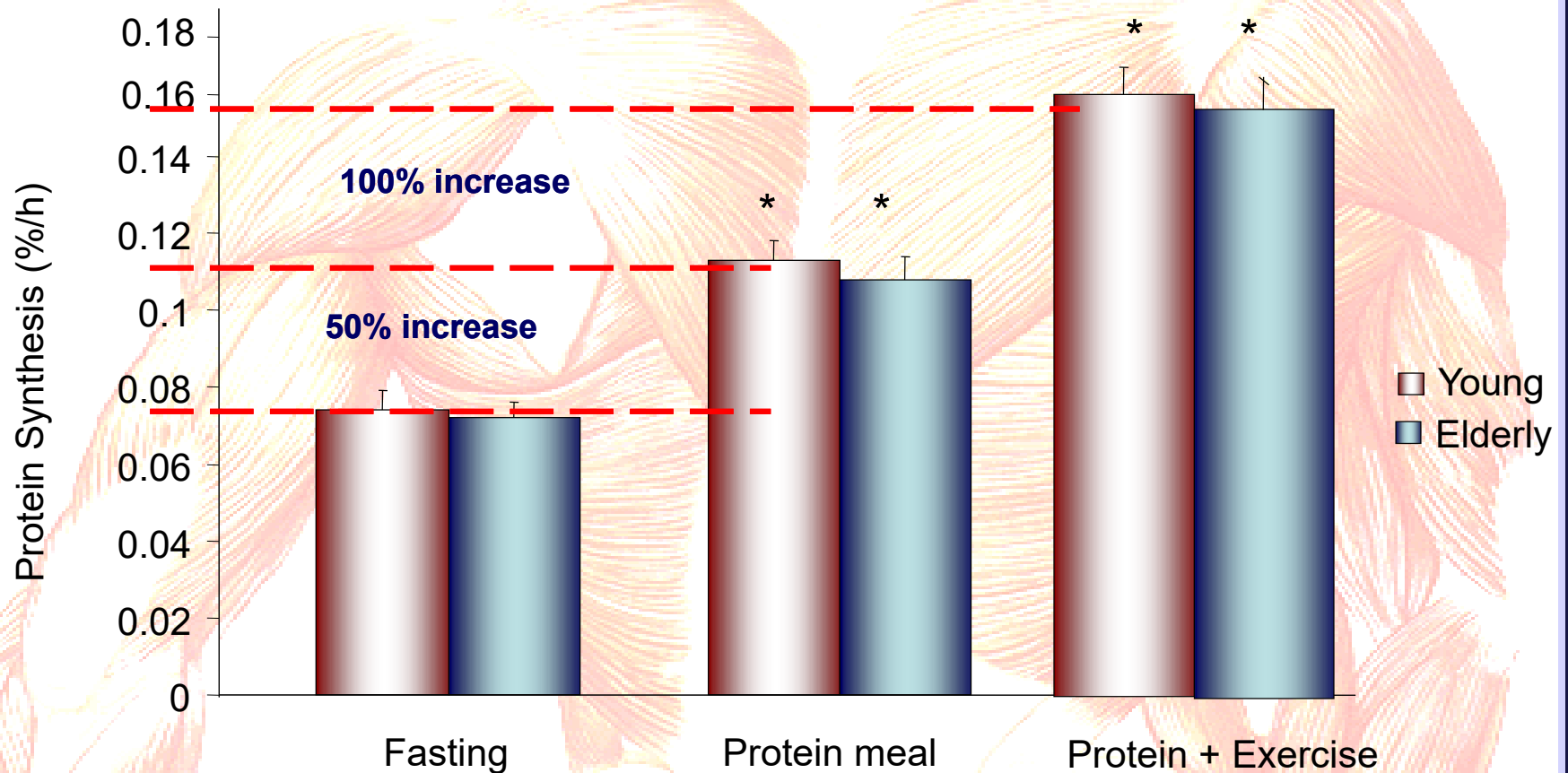
How much protein per meal do we need ?

- a message of moderation -

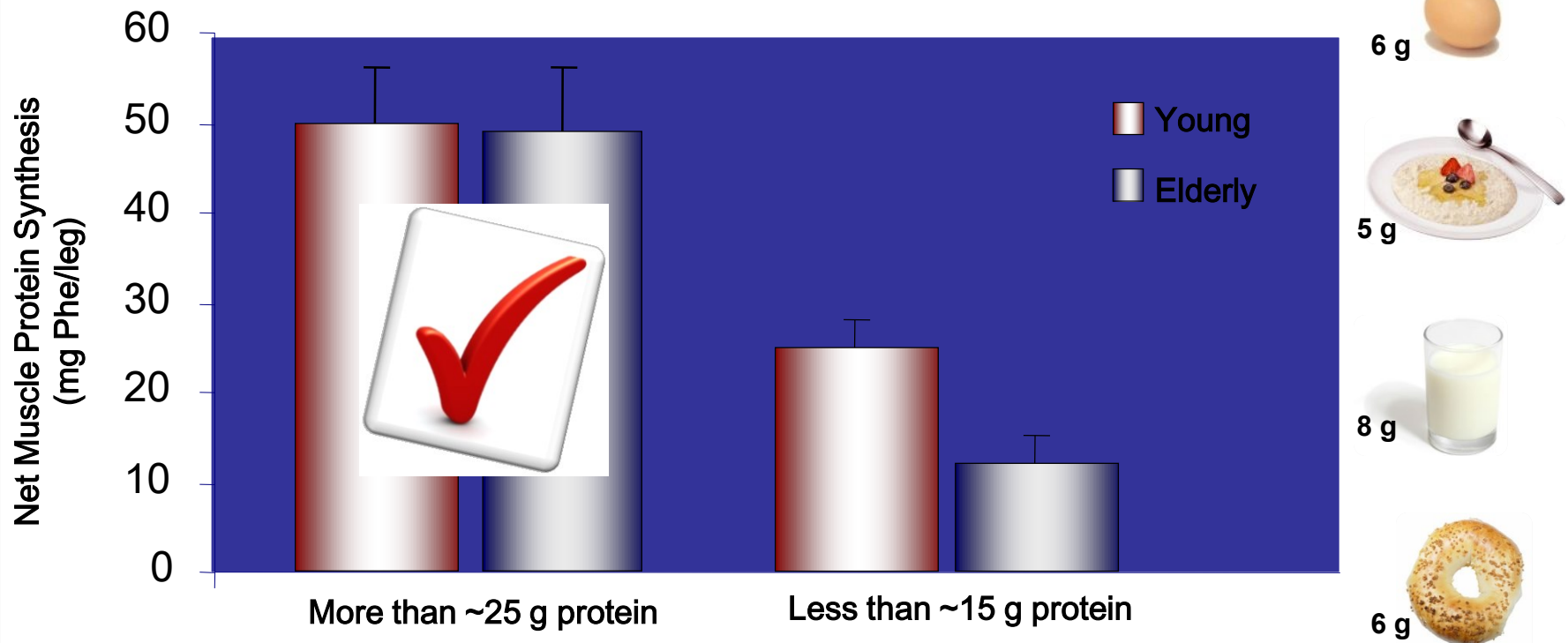


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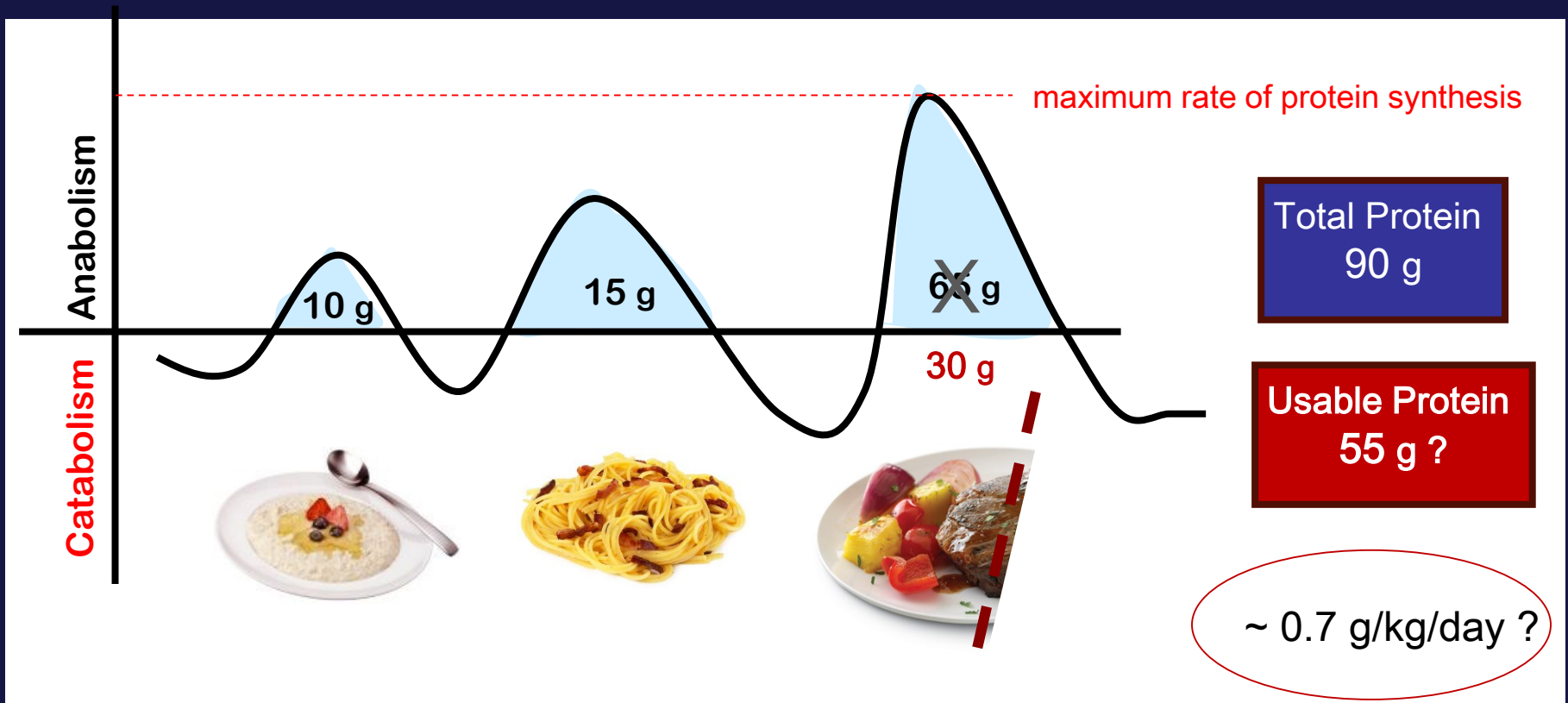
Synergistic Effect of Protein and Exercise



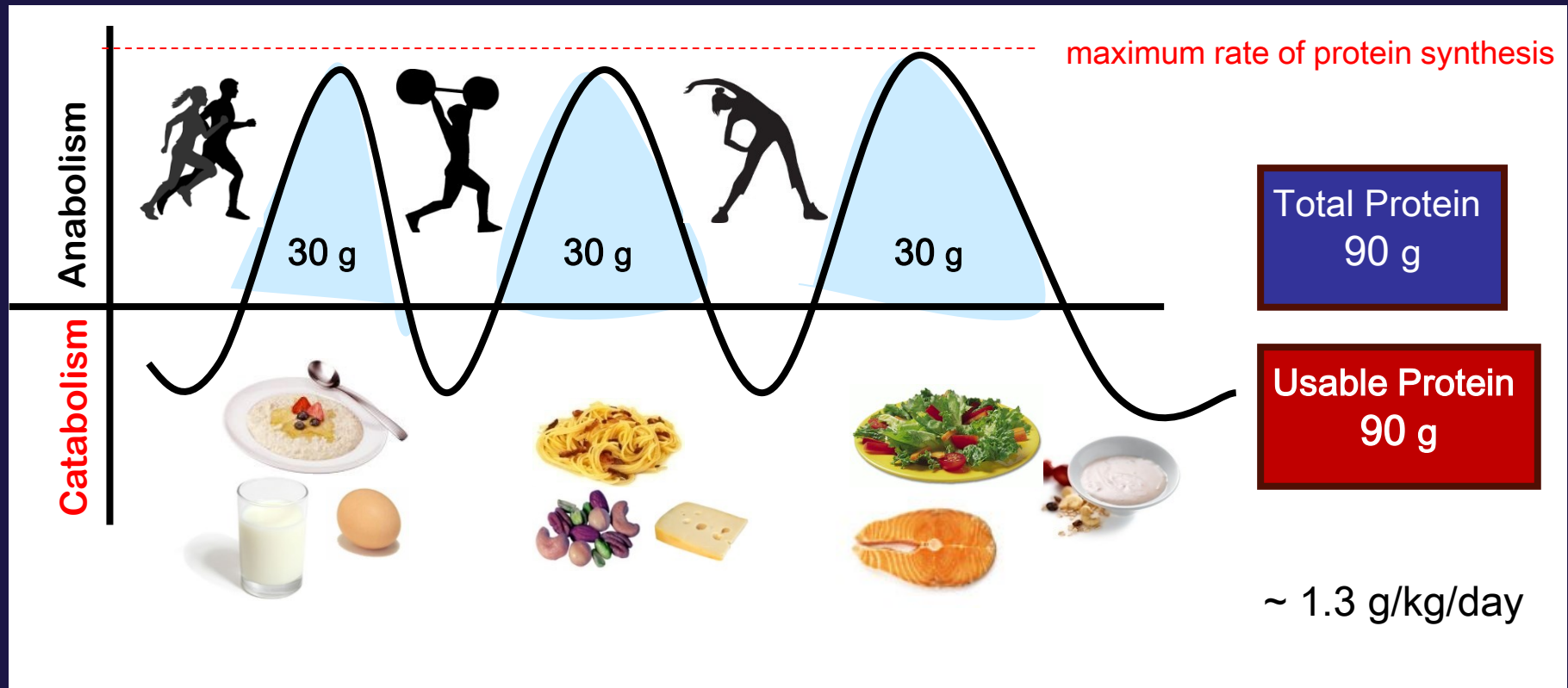
Reality: Age-related dose-response



How much protein: daily vs. per meal ?

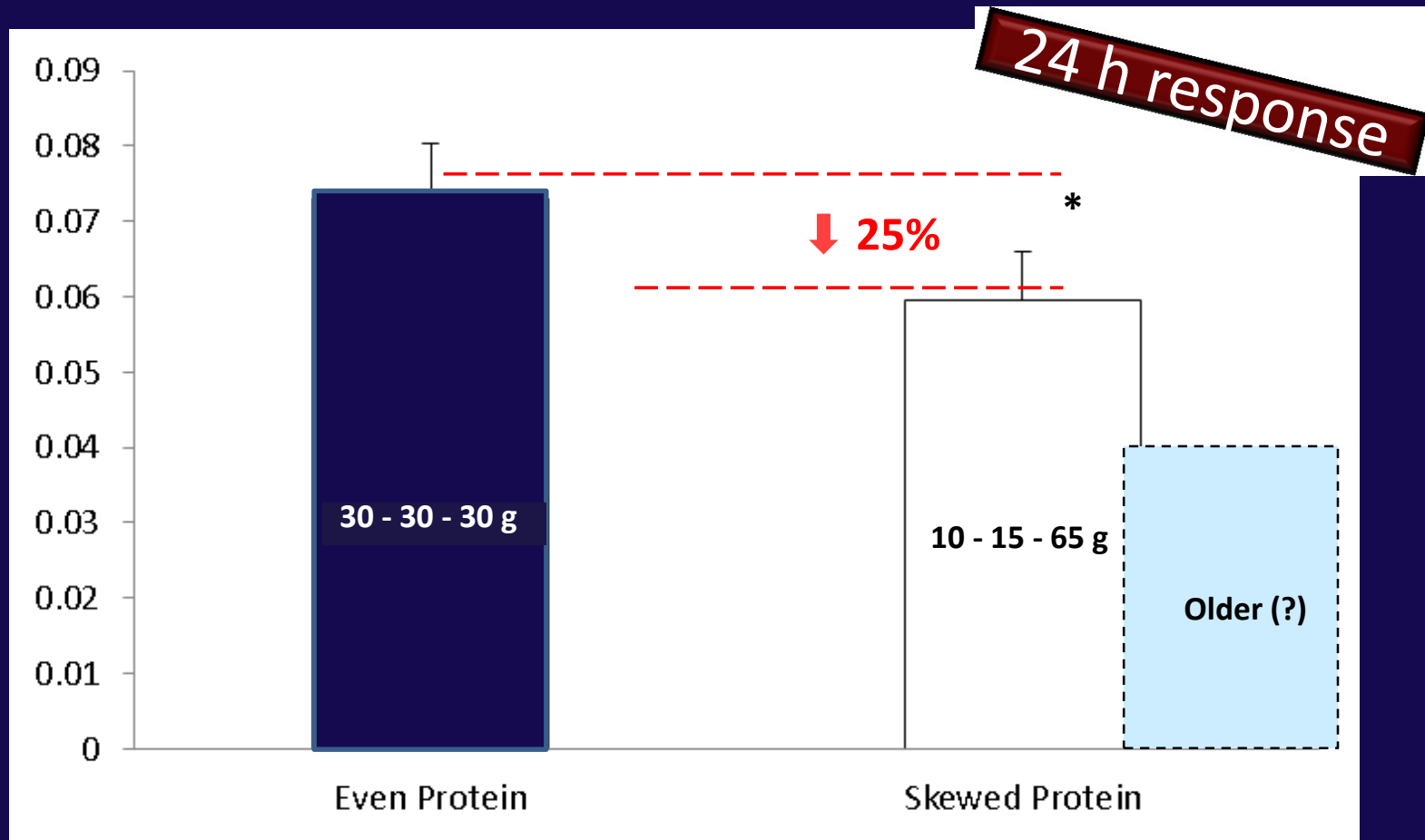


Concept: Optimizing protein at each meal ?



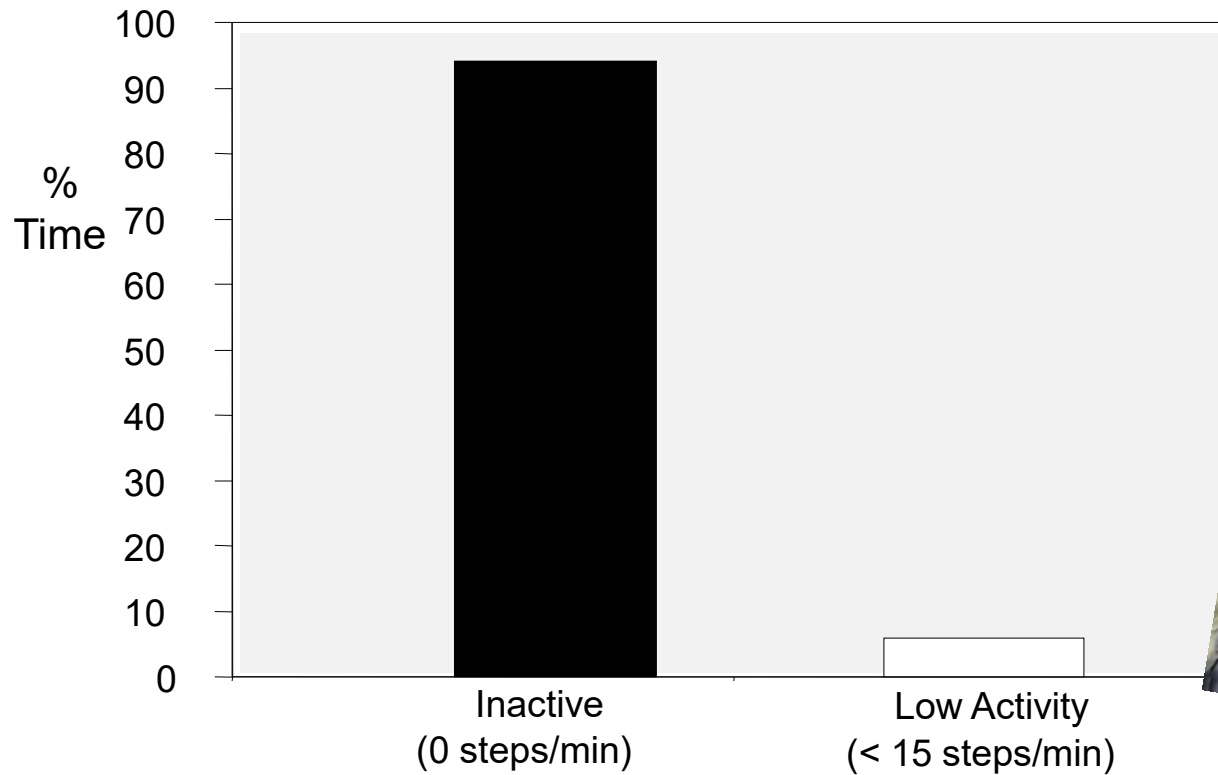
→ greater 24 h protein synthesis response ?

Protein distribution impacts muscle protein synthesis



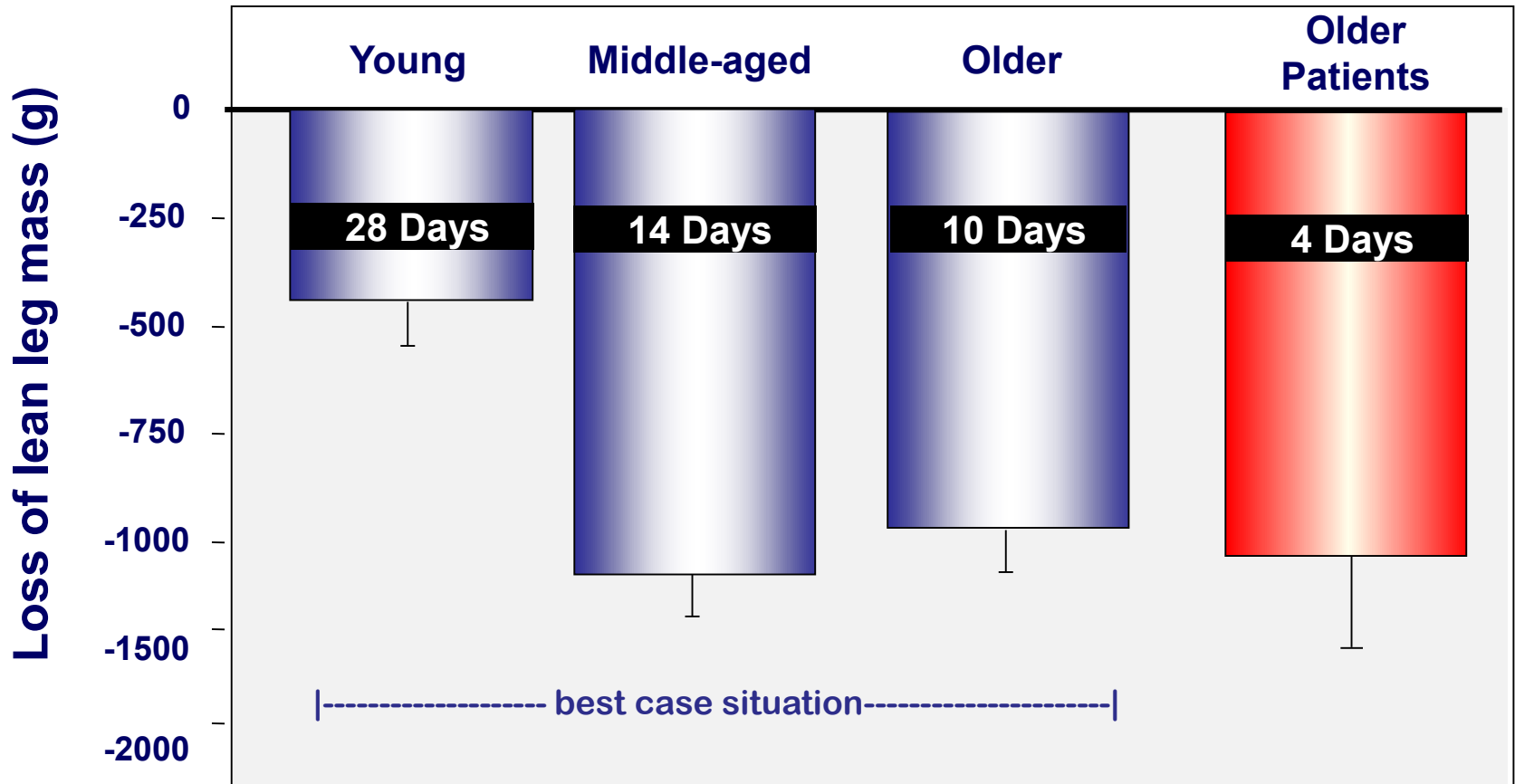
Protecting muscle health during inactivity

If you are hospitalized - you are put in bed



Inactivity in a research setting

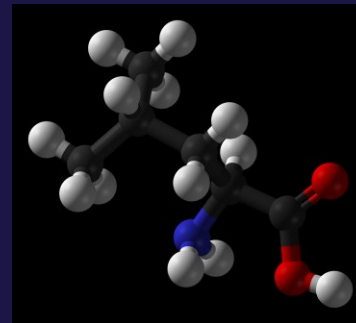
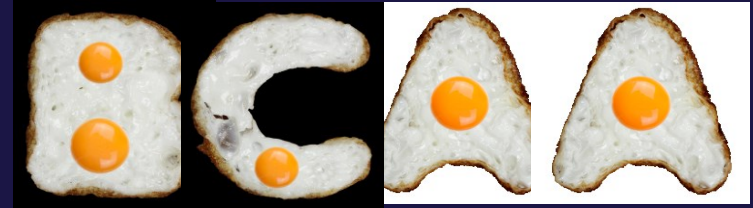
- *Bed Rest* -



Protecting Muscle with Nutrition

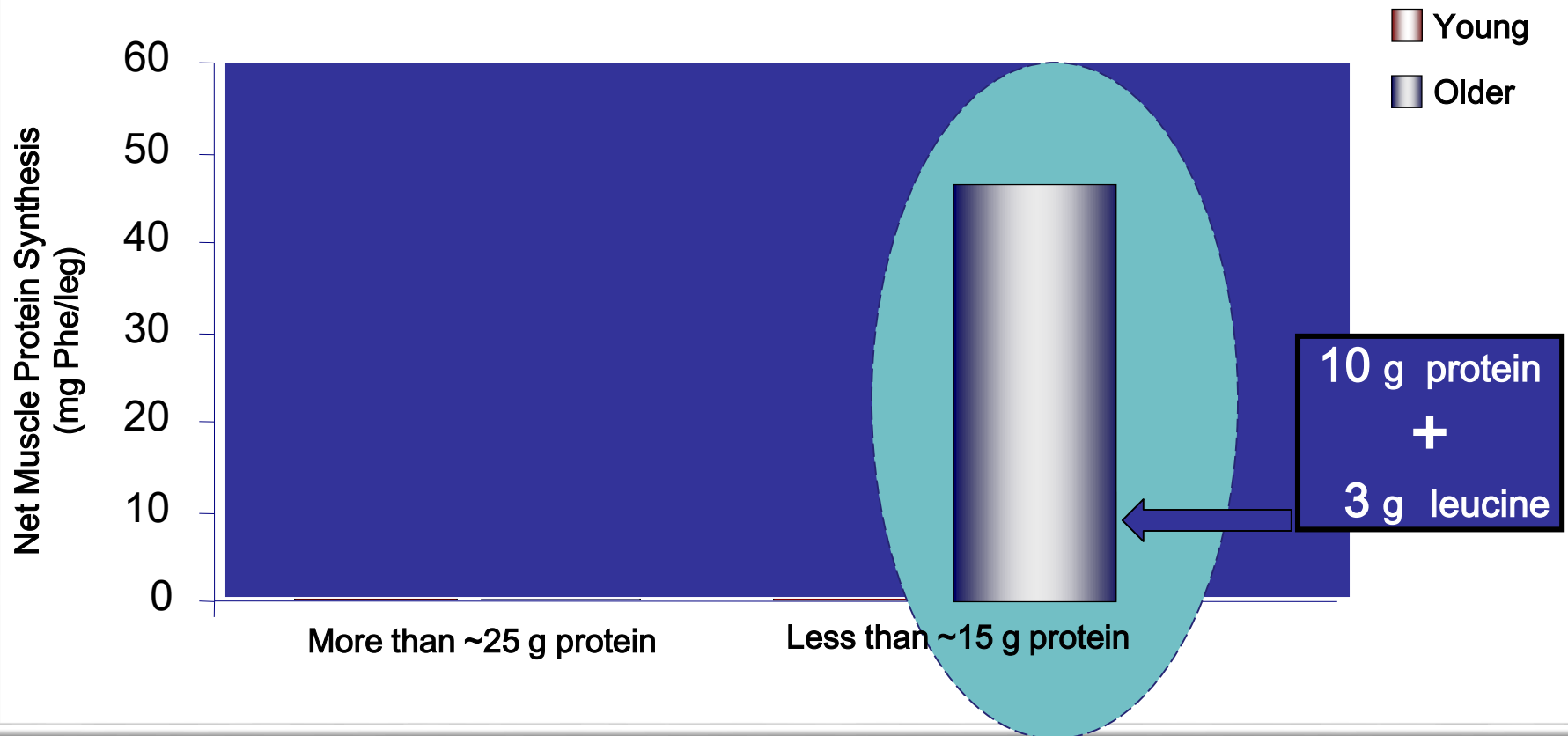
Leucine has a key
regulatory role on
muscle protein
synthesis

*...you may not need
extra though*



Smaller protein meal

-- the role of protein quality & leucine --



Summary and recommendations



Quality Protein

it doesn't have to be complicated!



Recommendations: Prevention and Treatment

For all healthy adults....

Establish a dietary framework that includes a **moderate** amount of **high quality** protein at **each meal**.

Modify as necessary to accommodate individual needs:

- *energy requirements*
- *physical activity*
- *health status*
- *body composition goals*
- *dentition, satiety, taste preference*

Recommendations: Prevention and Treatment

React aggressively with [...with nutrition, exercise, pharmacology] to reduce the rapid loss of muscle and strength associated with short-term physical inactivity or catabolic crisis.

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