What is sarcopenia?





Sarcopenia is the loss of muscle and strength that can happen when someone gets older and does less physical activity.

After age 30, 3–5% of muscle is lost per decade without proper exercise and nutrition.

## What are symptoms of sarcopenia?

Common symptoms include falls, muscle weakness, slow walking speed, and difficulty doing everyday tasks.

## Moving your muscles will help

you stay strong and healthy.

Doing basic exercises that move and contract your muscles is a great step to stay strong and manage your risk of sarcopenia.



**Resistance Training** 





At any age, it is good to be mindful of your muscles. Stay active, strong, and healthy to prevent sarcopenia.

If you have noticed a change in your strength or ability to do everyday tasks, it is important to talk to your health care professional. They can help you find out if you have sarcopenia and discuss ways to stay active, eat healthy, and safely do your everyday activities.





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