

ISR Physical Therapy

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Is Your Client Prepared to undergo an FCE?

Individuals unemployed for extended periods of time often become deconditioned. Not only are they coping with the injury itself, but their new sedentary lifestyle can cause their physical fitness level to decline. Work Conditioning (WC) prepares an individual for an FCE test by improving their mental and physical state.

Each program should be individualized and progressive. The focus should be to improve biomechanical, neuromuscular, cardiovascular/metabolic and psychosocial functions. A good work conditioning protocol will improve the individual's strength, endurance, and flexibility. Actual job simulation tasks are crucial to restoring function and increasing the individual's physical tolerances. From a psychosocial standpoint, WC helps the employee become acclimated to a normal routine again, while improving their motivation to return to the work environment. Overall, a successful WC program will ensure the individual is mentally and physically prepared to undergo an FCE and improve their functional ability. This will result in a higher level of function and improved ability to return to work safely.







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