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Healthy Lifestyle for Peak Performance

Session Overview
This will be a hard hitting series of comprehensive vignettes on achieving a truly healthy lifestyle, debunking myths and demystifying the science. The benefits of physical activity will be clearly outlined in terms of prevention of disease & psychological conditions, as well as injury reduction in this worlds movement suppressed culture. Where should you put your money? Into your training equipment? The latest in biometric monitoring equipment will be discussed including the use of virtual reality training systems for cycling and running shoes – complete with a live demonstration. What are the actual performance benefits of equipment like runners, bikes etc?

Given the disturbing percentage of people with disrupted sleep, the facts underlying quality sleep and performance will also be highlighted. Performance fueling including substance use will be discussed including the vegan versus omnivore debate, and marijuana for health. Finally, a never seen before, inside look into the world of high performance circus training will be provided by the scientific director of the circus research institute in Montreal.

Session Outcomes

1. Understanding the principle factors which keep people engaged in, and the amount and type of physical activity and sleep necessary to achieve a healthy lifestyle.
2. Understanding of the new types of biometric equipment software for engaging in physical activity.
3. Demystification of the vegan versus omnivore diet option for performance.
4. Inspiration to be active from the high performance world.