

**THE EFFECT OF PHYSICAL LOADS ON THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM****Abdullayeva Xidoyat Sidiqjon kizi**

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**Abstract:** This article examines the effects of physical loads on the functioning of the cardiovascular system. In particular, it analyzes how regular physical activity improves myocardial tone, accelerates blood circulation, enhances oxygen exchange, and helps maintain arterial pressure within physiological norms. The study also explains that excessive or uncontrolled physical exertion may negatively affect heart rhythm, blood pressure, and overall cardiovascular stability. The findings highlight that planning physical activity according to age, health condition, and intensity level is essential for ensuring the healthy functioning of the cardiovascular system.

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The normal functioning of the human body is ensured through the harmony of multiple interrelated physiological systems. Among them, the cardiovascular system holds a central position, as it delivers oxygen and nutrients to cells, tissues, and organs, removes metabolic byproducts, and maintains hemodynamic stability. Modern scientific literature emphasizes that the functional state of the cardiovascular system is closely linked to an individual's level of physical activity, lifestyle, nutrition, stress factors, and hereditary characteristics. From this perspective, studying the effects of physical loads on the cardiovascular system is an essential component not only of sports medicine, but also of preventive healthcare, rehabilitation, and the concept of a healthy lifestyle.

In recent years, urbanization, the rapid development of information and communication technologies, and the widespread shift toward sedentary work have significantly reduced overall physical activity among the population. As a result, conditions such as obesity, arterial hypertension, atherosclerosis, ischemic heart disease, heart failure, and other cardiovascular pathologies are emerging at earlier ages. At the same time, it has been scientifically proven that regular physical exercise strengthens myocardial contractility, normalizes peripheral vascular tone, increases cardiac output and stroke volume, and optimizes oxygen consumption and energy metabolism. However, if physical exertion is unregulated, abrupt, or exceeds the body's physiological capabilities, it may lead to disturbances in heart rhythm, sudden changes in blood pressure, myocardial ischemia, and even acute cardiac events.

These factors demonstrate the importance of scientifically planning physical loads by considering an individual's age, sex, functional status, presence of chronic diseases, training level, and adaptive capacity. It is especially important for schoolchildren, university students, middle-aged and older adults, and individuals in high cardiovascular-risk groups to understand the physiological foundations of physical exercise. Likewise, physicians, coaches, and

rehabilitation specialists working with athletes must determine the ratio of exertion to rest based on scientific principles and predict potential cardiovascular risks that may arise during training processes. Therefore, the scientific investigation of the topic “The effect of physical loads on the cardiovascular system” requires solving the following tasks: first, analyzing the physiological mechanisms through which physical loads influence cardiac and vascular function; second, evaluating changes in heart rate, arterial pressure, respiratory frequency, and other hemodynamic indicators during exercises of different intensities, third, determining the boundaries between normal and dangerous load levels and developing practical recommendations for maintaining and strengthening cardiovascular health. The results of this study contribute to promoting a healthy lifestyle, organizing physical education and sports training on scientific foundations, and improving methodological approaches to the prevention of cardiovascular diseases.

Physical loads exert a multifaceted influence on the cardiovascular system, manifesting through physiological, biochemical, and morphofunctional changes. The heart muscle, blood vessels, mechanisms of blood distribution throughout the body, and the oxygen delivery system operate in close coordination during physical activity. This section provides a scientific explanation of the key mechanisms of physical load, its short- and long-term effects, as well as specific features observed across various age and health groups.

Physical exercise increases the body’s demand for energy, prompting the heart to work more intensively. As a result, heart rate rises due to the activation of the sympathetic nervous system and the release of hormones such as adrenaline and noradrenaline. Alongside the increase in heart rate, stroke volume (the amount of blood pumped with each heartbeat) also expands, causing cardiac output to multiply. These changes lead to the development of physiological adaptations, including exercise-induced cardiac hypertrophy, which is commonly seen in individuals who regularly engage in physical training. Long-term physical training strengthens the myocardium, enhances myocardial density, and promotes the formation of physiological bradycardia, which reflects the heart's ability to work more efficiently at rest. Athletes often exhibit resting heart rates as low as 45-55 beats per minute, which indicates high cardiovascular efficiency.

Significant changes also occur in the vascular system during physical activity. Peripheral blood vessels dilate (vasodilation), increasing blood flow to the working muscles and improving oxygen delivery. During exercise, systolic blood pressure typically rises, while diastolic pressure remains stable or slightly decreases. Regular physical activity improves vascular elasticity, increases nitric oxide production in the endothelium, and prevents the progression of atherosclerotic processes. Respiratory function also intensifies during physical exercise. Breathing depth and frequency increase, accelerating gas exchange in the alveoli. As a result, blood oxygen saturation rises, and oxygen is distributed more efficiently throughout the tissues. Individuals with regular physical activity demonstrate higher  $VO_2$  max levels an indicator of maximal oxygen consumption which signifies superior endurance and a healthier cardiovascular profile.

However, excessive or improperly regulated physical loads can expose the cardiovascular system to significant stress. Such loads may lead to sudden increases or decreases in blood pressure, tachycardia or arrhythmia, myocardial ischemia, or, in severe cases, acute cardiac events. Professional athletes are particularly susceptible to overtraining syndrome, which occurs when training exceeds the body's adaptive capacity, potentially resulting in fatigue-related cardiac complications. Adaptation to physical load varies across age groups. In children and adolescents, the cardiovascular system is still developing, requiring gradual increases in exercise intensity. In older adults, blood vessel stiffness and variable blood pressure necessitate moderate or low-intensity exercise. Individuals with chronic illnesses must engage in physical activity only under medical supervision.

Scientific research consistently demonstrates the preventive benefits of regular physical activity. These benefits include reduced risk of atherosclerosis, stabilization of blood pressure, prevention of diabetes and obesity, lowered stress levels, improved emotional stability, and increased life expectancy. For these reasons, the World Health Organization recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week to maintain optimal cardiovascular health.

The impact of physical loads on the cardiovascular system manifests through a wide range of physiological and biochemical processes, playing a crucial role in enhancing the body's overall functional capacity. Scientific evidence demonstrates that regular and well-structured physical activity strengthens the myocardium, improves vascular elasticity, enhances oxygen exchange, and helps regulate arterial pressure within healthy limits. Moreover, physical activity serves as an effective preventive measure against cardiometabolic disorders such as hypertension, atherosclerosis, ischemic heart disease, and heart failure.

However, when physical load exceeds the body's physiological capacity, negative outcomes may arise, including disturbances in heart rhythm, sudden changes in blood pressure, overtraining syndrome, or even acute cardiac events. Therefore, it is essential to design exercise programs that consider an individual's age, health status, physical preparedness, and physiological characteristics. Research findings indicate that adequate, regular, and controlled physical activity is one of the most accessible and effective means of strengthening cardiovascular health, reducing disease risk, and improving overall quality of life. Incorporating physical activity into a healthy lifestyle, increasing public awareness about its benefits, and developing age-appropriate exercise programs should be regarded as priority directions of modern public health strategies.

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