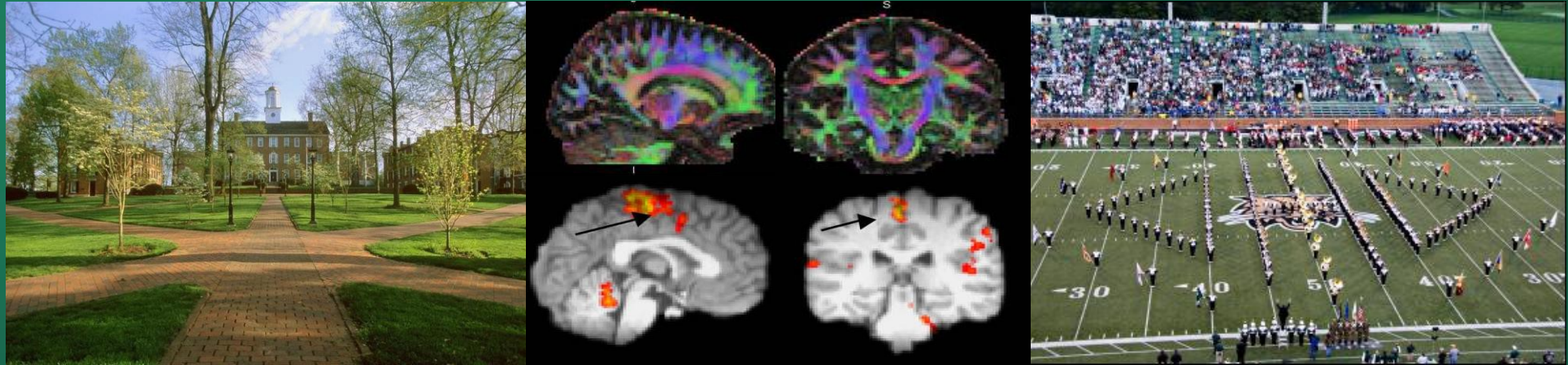


# Neuroplasticity and Patient-reported Outcomes after Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction



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# Learning Objectives

At the end of this presentation participants will:

1. Be able to identify the importance of patient-reported outcomes following musculoskeletal injury.
2. Be able to describe the neuroplastic changes after musculoskeletal injury.
3. Be able to evaluate the relationship between patient-reported outcomes and neuroplasticity associated with injury and therapy.



# Critical Issues Facing ATs

- Reimbursement for services provided
- Competition for traditional athletic training practice settings
- Healthcare Reputation
- Licensure
- Variety in Patients & Practice Settings





# Perspectives

“The stark reality is that without documented evidence showing the effectiveness of clinical interventions rendered by ATCs, reimbursement is a pipe dream.” *Hertel, J. JAT June 2005*



# Perspectives

“As other professionals, such as physicians and physical therapists, embrace the concept of EBM, so too should athletic training practitioners. Otherwise, *we may run the risk of gaining the reputation that we do not regard evidence of effectiveness and critical thinking as highly as other professionals.* This reputation may then affect patients as they decide who will provide their care.” Steves and Hootman, JAT 2004



# Perspectives

“I appeal to our research and academic community to quickly develop and complete research projects that will demonstrate the value of athletic trainers to employers” “We need projects that demonstrate the cost-benefit analysis” *Kimmel November 2005 NATA NEWS article*

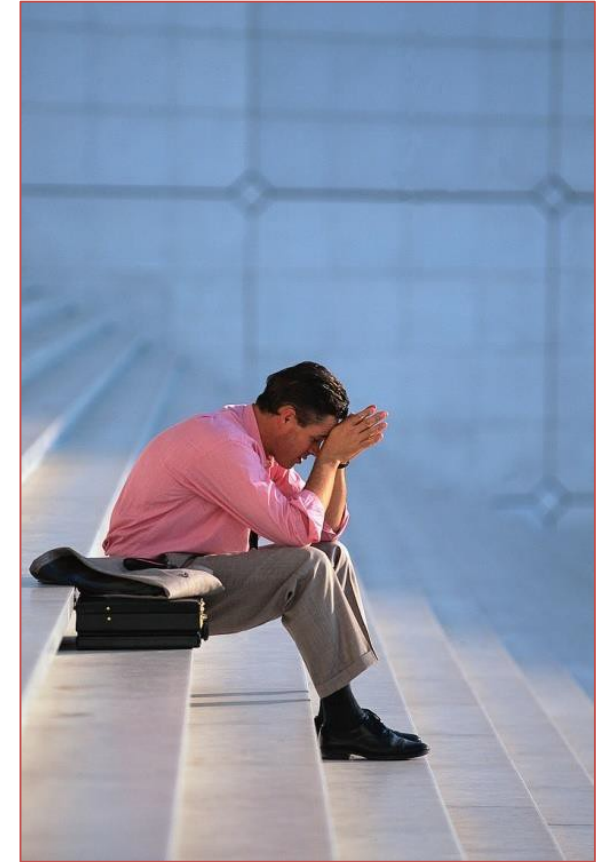




# Reality is.....

- Without data demonstrating our services restore function, improve HRQOL, decrease re-injury rate, are cost effective...

Question the quality and nature of care ATs are allowed to provide according to patient types and practice settings



# Healthcare Reputation

- Recognized as allied healthcare profession for more than 20 years!
  - Laypersons and medical professionals still have misconceptions about AT and what services ATs can provide
- Share our success and impact on community
- Perform like other health professions
  - Disablement models, Outcomes Research, EBP!

# How Do We, as a Profession, Face These Challenges?



Most Challenges May Be  
Addressed with

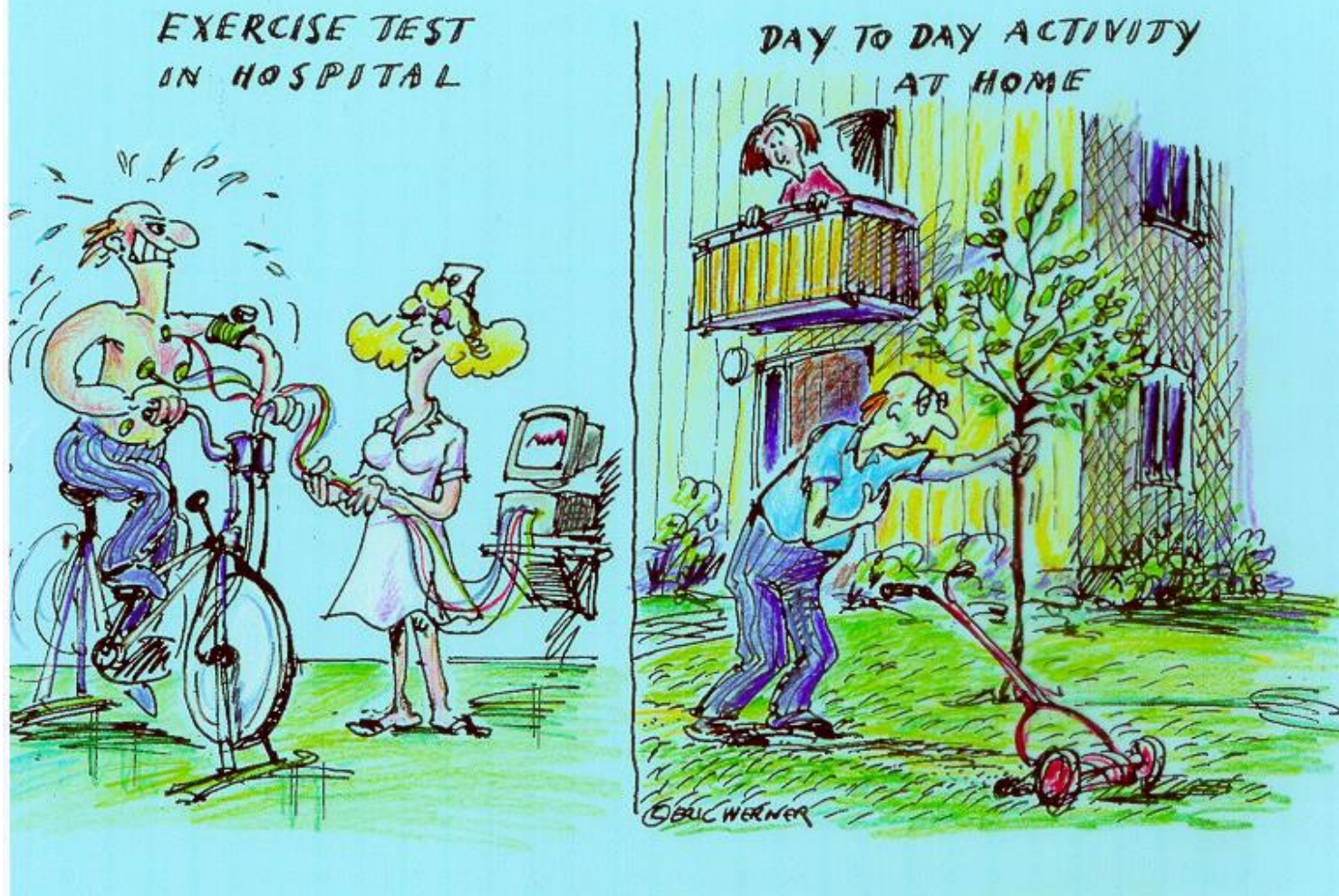
**OUTCOMES RESEARCH**

# Patient-Based Outcome Measures

- Outcomes that are meaningful to patients
  - From patient perspective; surveys or questionnaires
- Examples
  - HRQOL, QOL
  - Mortality
  - Disability
  - Satisfaction



# “Objective” marker versus PRO

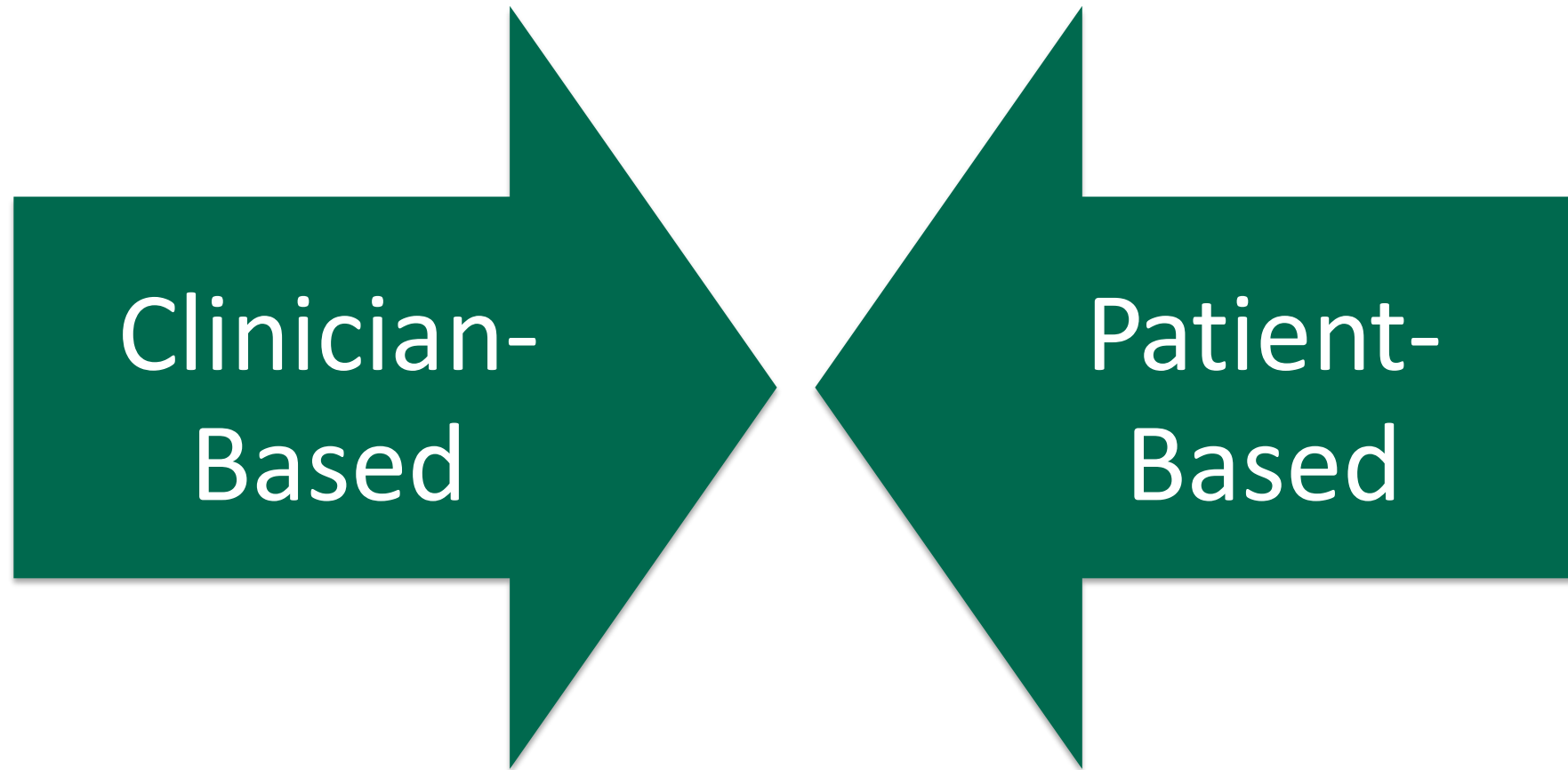


“Objective” measure

“Subjective” measure

Exercise test versus physical functioning,  $r = 0.40$

# Clinical Outcomes: General Categories



# Clinician-Based Outcomes

- Evaluated by clinician
- Often physiologic
  - Health Condition
  - Body Structures/Functions
- Objective (hard) evidence
- Impairment infers function and quality of life
  - Not necessarily

Provide useful information

Lack of patient input makes it difficult to perform patient-centered care and generate POEM

# Patient-Based Outcomes

- Evaluated by patient
  - Scales, Instruments, Surveys
- Objective
  - Psychometrically sound instruments
- Characteristics
  - Applicability
    - Generic/ general vs. specific
  - Length
    - Single vs. Multi-item

## Impact Clinical Practice

1. Capture patient voice
2. Develop functional/HRQOL goals
3. Direct treatment towards functional limitations and disability
4. Evaluate treatment effectiveness
5. Improve clinical decision making



# Applicability: General vs. Specific

Type	Appropriate Patients	Question Relevance	Responsiveness
<b>Generic/General</b> eg. Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory (PedsQL)	Diverse: wide variety of patients (healthy and injured or ill)	Broad range of health status dimensions; HRQOL	Less
<b>Specific</b> eg. Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS)	Focused: disease, injury, illness, body region, injury location	Context of condition; narrow scope	More



# Length: Single- vs. Multi-Item

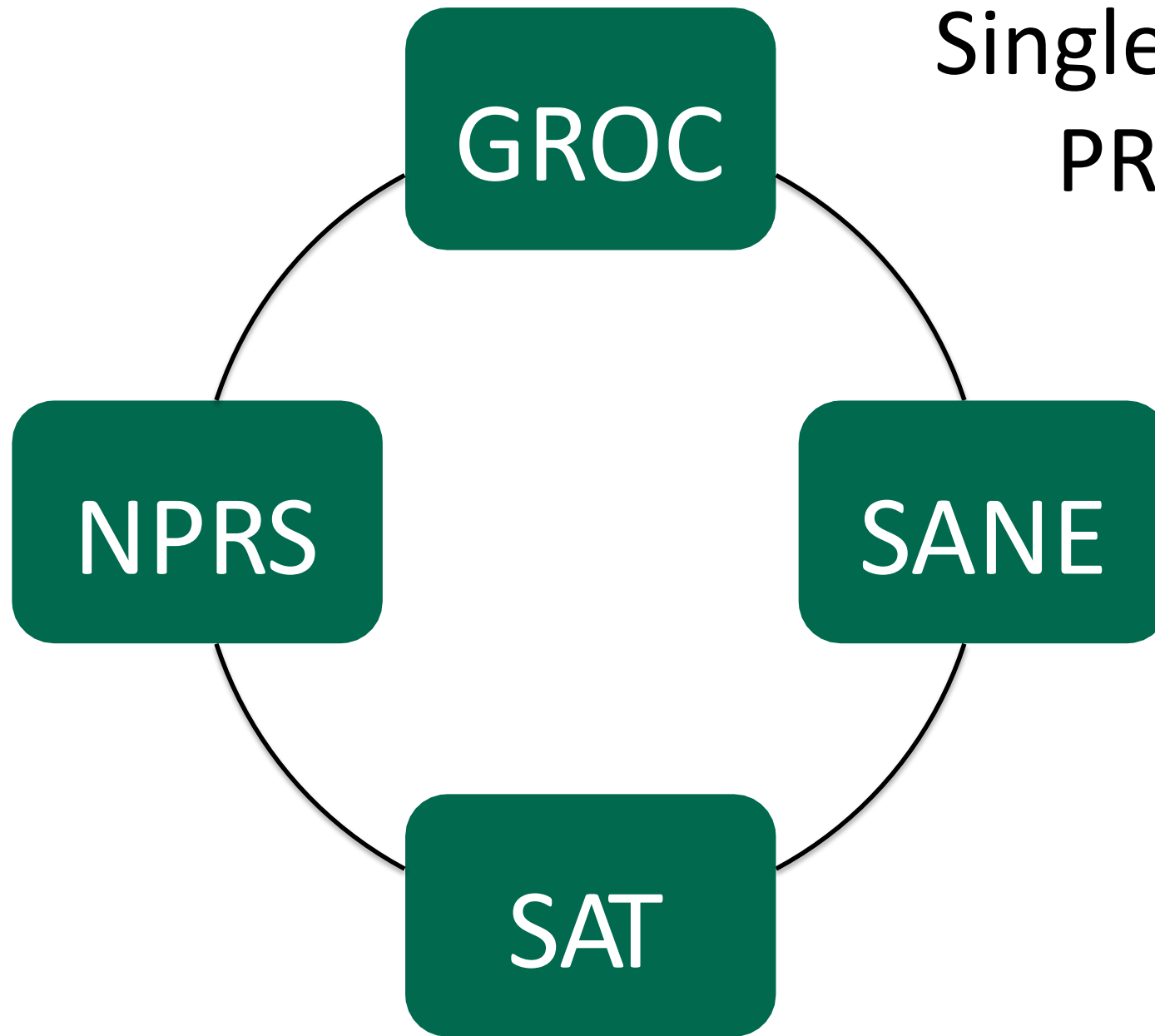
Type	Benefits	Limitations
<b>Single-Item</b> eg. Global Rating of Change (GROC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Quick</li> <li>✓ Easy to Score/Interpret</li> <li>✓ Little patient burden</li> <li>✓ Clinically Relevant to Patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Limited information about a construct</li> <li>✓ Less reliable than multi-item PROs</li> <li>✓ Unable to evaluate HRQOL</li> </ul>
<b>Multi-Item</b> eg. Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Comprehensive assessment of construct</li> <li>✓ Evaluation of HRQOL</li> <li>✓ Better understanding of impact of condition on patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Time to complete and score</li> <li>✓ Burden on patient and clinician</li> </ul>

# Do Self-Report Measures of Function & Disability Really Matter?

- Yes – without these measures...
  - Not assessing level of difficulty a patient has in performing a task
  - Not assessing the emotional impact of a condition on his/her job, activities, family, and/or quality of life)
  - Focusing on impairment
  - Making assumptions that impairments are directly related to function & disability

**Not Measuring HRQOL!**

# Single-Item PROs



# Global Rating of Change (GROC)

Overall since your first athletic training visit, has there been any change in your shoulder status?

Please check only **one** answer.

- ☐ A very great deal worse
- ☐ A great deal worse
- ☐ A good deal worse
- ☐ Moderately worse
- ☐ Somewhat worse
- ☐ A little worse
- ☐ About the same, no change
- ☐ A little better
- ☐ Somewhat better
- ☐ Moderately better
- ☐ A good deal better
- ☐ A great deal better
- ☐ A very great deal better

**MDC**

- 1.5 points

# Single Assessment Numeric Evaluation (SANE)

If I had to give my knee a grade from 1 to 100,  
with 100 being the best, I would give my knee a  
\_\_\_\_\_.



# Satisfaction

## **Satisfaction Rating 2:**

How satisfied are you with the care you received for your injured body part?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Not										Completely
Satisfied										Satisfied

# Numeric Pain Rating Scale (NPRS)

## Numeric Pain Rating Scale:

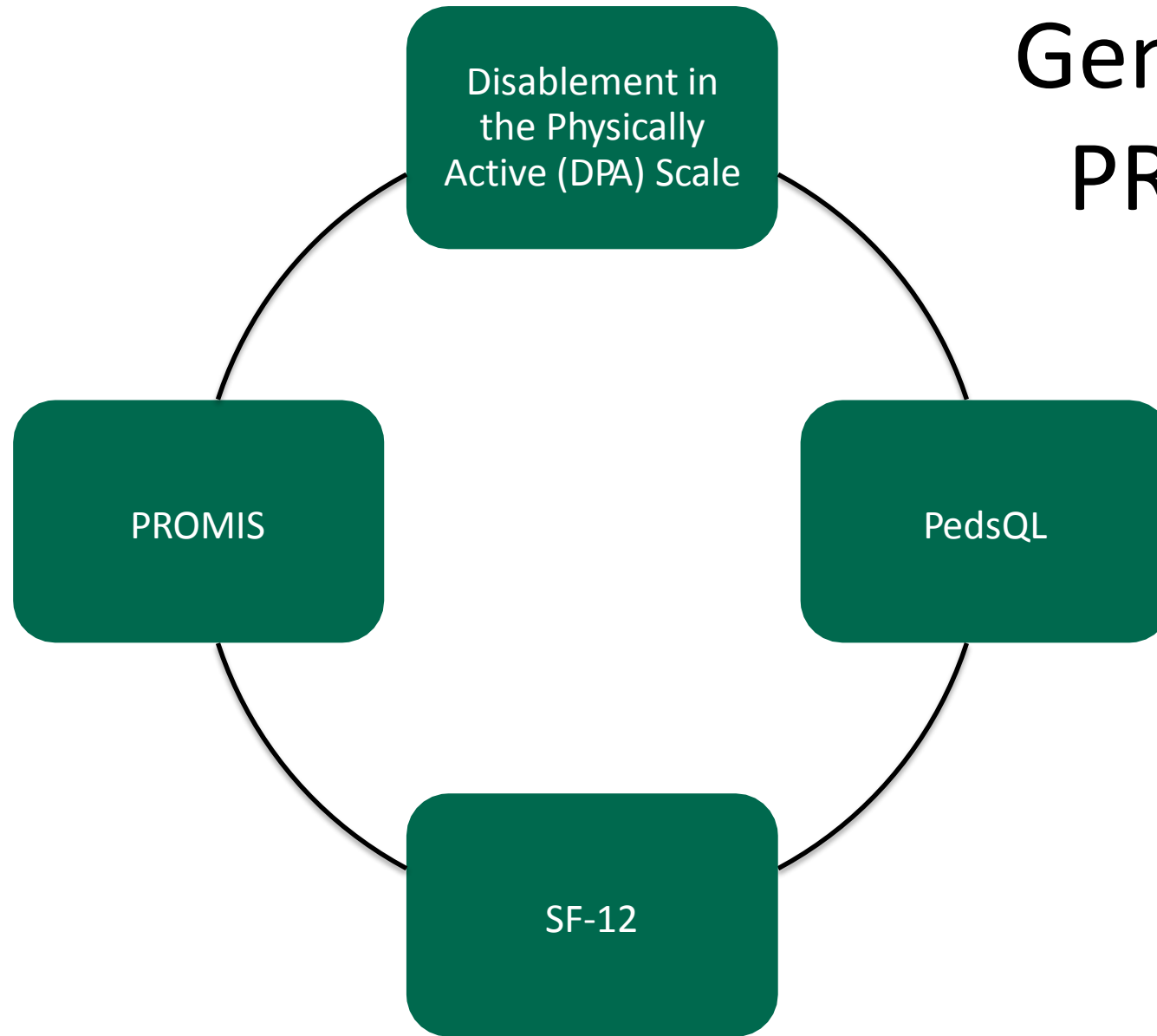
Please rate the pain associated with your injury on the following scale:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No										Worst
Pain										Imaginable
										Pain

**MDC**

- 2 points

# Generic PROs



# Generic Example: Disablement in the Physically Active (DPA) Scale

- 16 Questions
  - Total Score
  - 3 domains (impairments, functional limitations, and disability)
- Adjectival scale (1=no probs to 5=severe probs)
- Complete and score: < 7 minutes
- Range: 0-64
- Higher scores = more disablement

Vela et al. JAT 2010; Vela et al. JAT 2010

## MDC

- 9 points for persistent injuries; 6 points for acute injuries

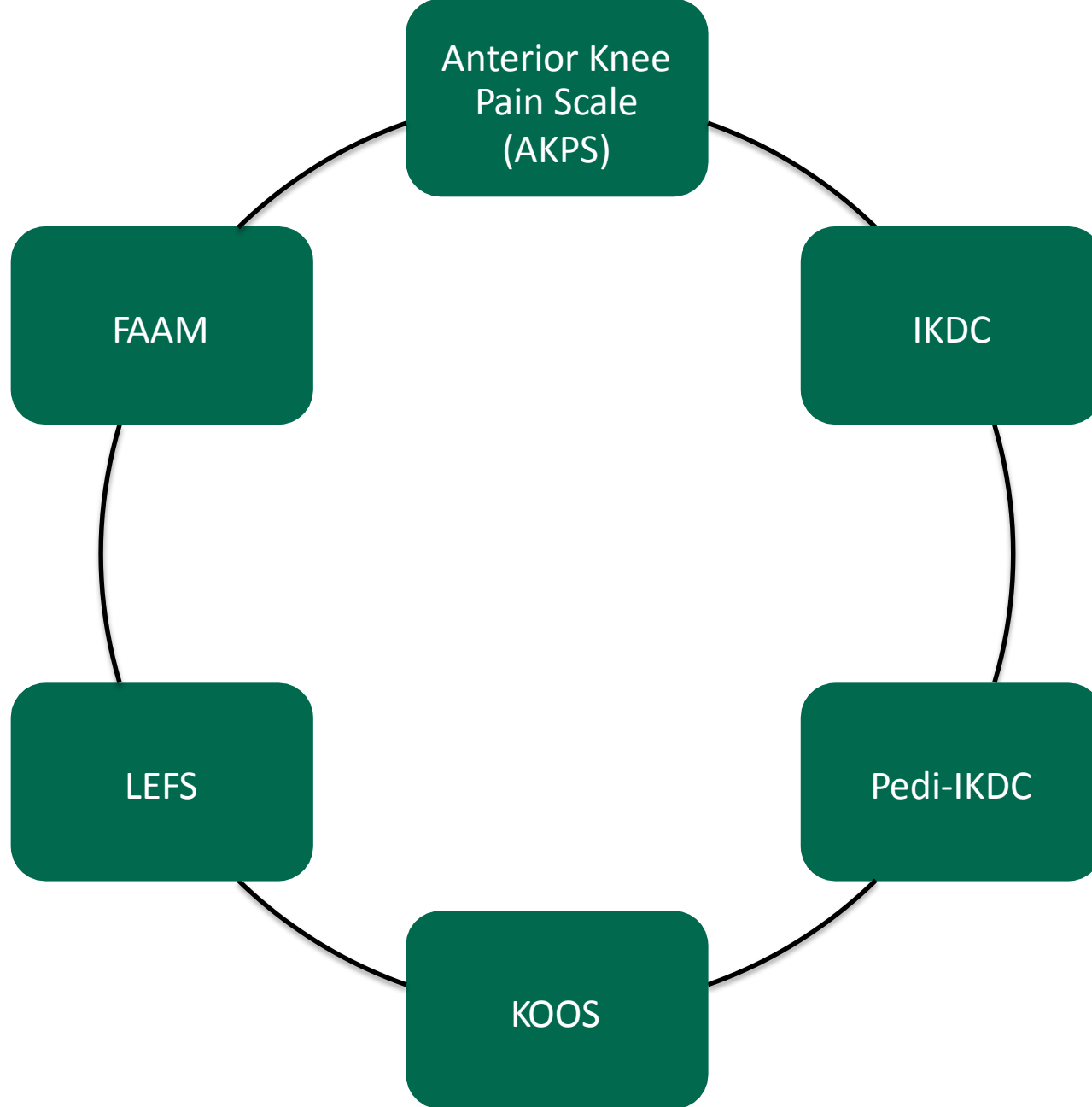
# Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Info System (PROMIS)

- Item banks for children and adults
  - Fatigue, pain, physical function, depression, anxiety, and social function
- Short forms (4-10 Q's); computerized adaptive testing (3-7 Q's)
- Scoring: (raw sum x number items possible)/ number of items answered. Generate T-score
- Completion: 2 minutes
- Scoring: 3 minutes

<http://www.nihpromis.org>



# Lower Extremity PROs



# IKDC Subjective Knee Form

- Adult: 18 Questions: 7 Symptoms, 10 Sports Activities, 1 Function
- Pedi: 22 Questions: 9 Symptoms, 10 Sports Activities, 2 Function, 1 person completing instrument (Kocher et al AJSM 2010)
- Range of scores: 0-100
  - Higher scores = lower levels of symptoms & higher level of function & sport activity
- Completion Time: ~ 3-5 minutes; scoring Time: ~3 minutes

## MDC

- 9 scale pts. (Irrgang 2001)
- 12.8 scale pts. (Irrgang 2006)

## Meaningful change

- 11.5 scale pts. (Irrgang 2006)

# Knee Injury and Osteoarthritic Outcome Score (KOOS)

- 42 items
- 5 scales: QoL, ADLs, Sport, Symptoms, and Pain
- Range of scores: 0-100
  - Higher scores = lower levels of symptoms & higher level of function & sport activity
- Completion Time: ~ 5 minutes; scoring Time: ~3 minutes

## MDC

- 8-10 points depending on scale

# Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS)

- 20 Questions: All Function
- Scoring: Sum all responses
  - Minimum score = 0;
  - Maximum score = 80
  - Higher score = higher function
- Completion Time ~ 2 minutes
- Scoring Time = ~ 20 seconds

## MDC

- 8 points

- Benefits to both types of patient instruments
- Lots of options
- Recommendation to use 1 generic and 1 specific when evaluating patient outcomes

# How Can we Impact PRO's??

**Region-Specific Patient-reported Outcomes between Participants who Restored Function and Participants who did not Restore Function at Discharge**

	Restored Function (n=4)			Did not Restore Function (n=11)		
	Time of Injury	Discharge from Treatment	% Change	Time of Injury	Discharge from Treatment	% Change
FAAM-ADL	69±4	95±5	37	68±15	73±7	7
FAAM-Sport	50±5	90±8	80	52±11	72±10	38
KOOS-Pain	47±8	95±3	102	47±23	70±9	49
KOOS-Symptoms	64±4	90±4	40	66±15	81±7	22
KOOS-ADL	51±7	90±7	76	52±22	69±10	32
KOOS-Sport	20±4	86±2	330	24±31	62±20	158
KOOS-QOL	53±5	88±2	66	53±17	74±10	39



# How Can we Impact PRO's??

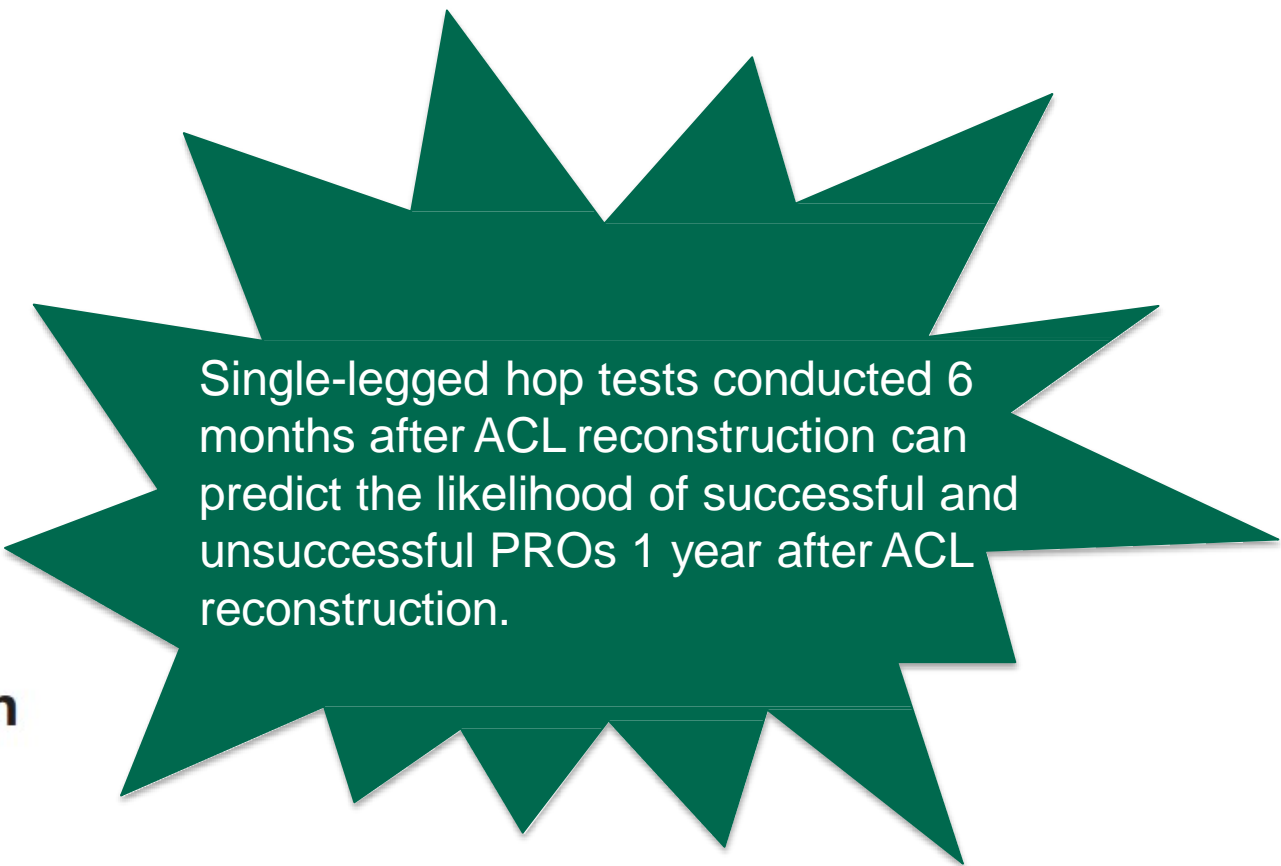
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Single-legged hop tests conducted 6 months after ACL reconstruction can predict the likelihood of successful and unsuccessful PROs 1 year after ACL reconstruction.

# Neural Control of Human Movement

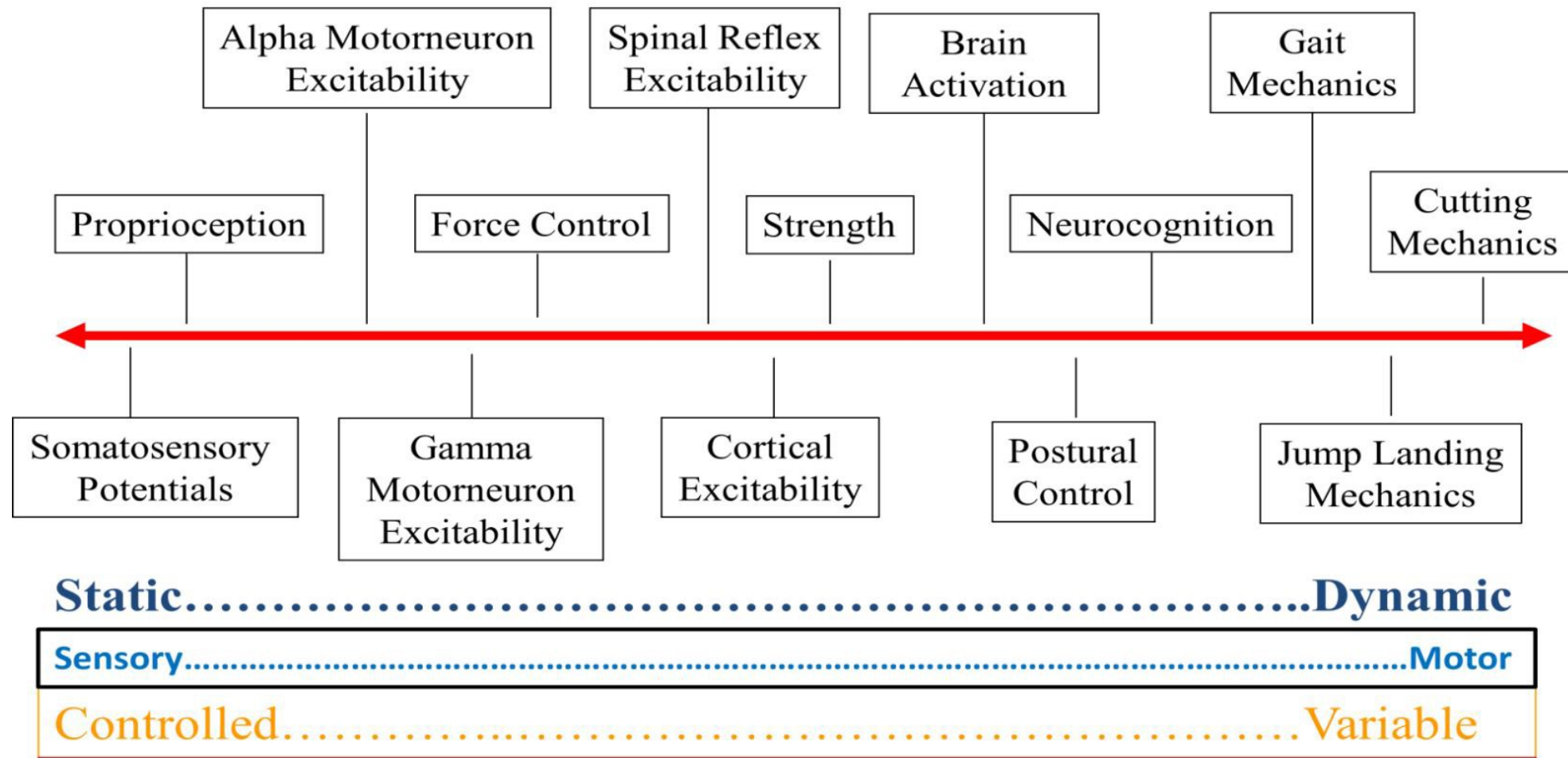
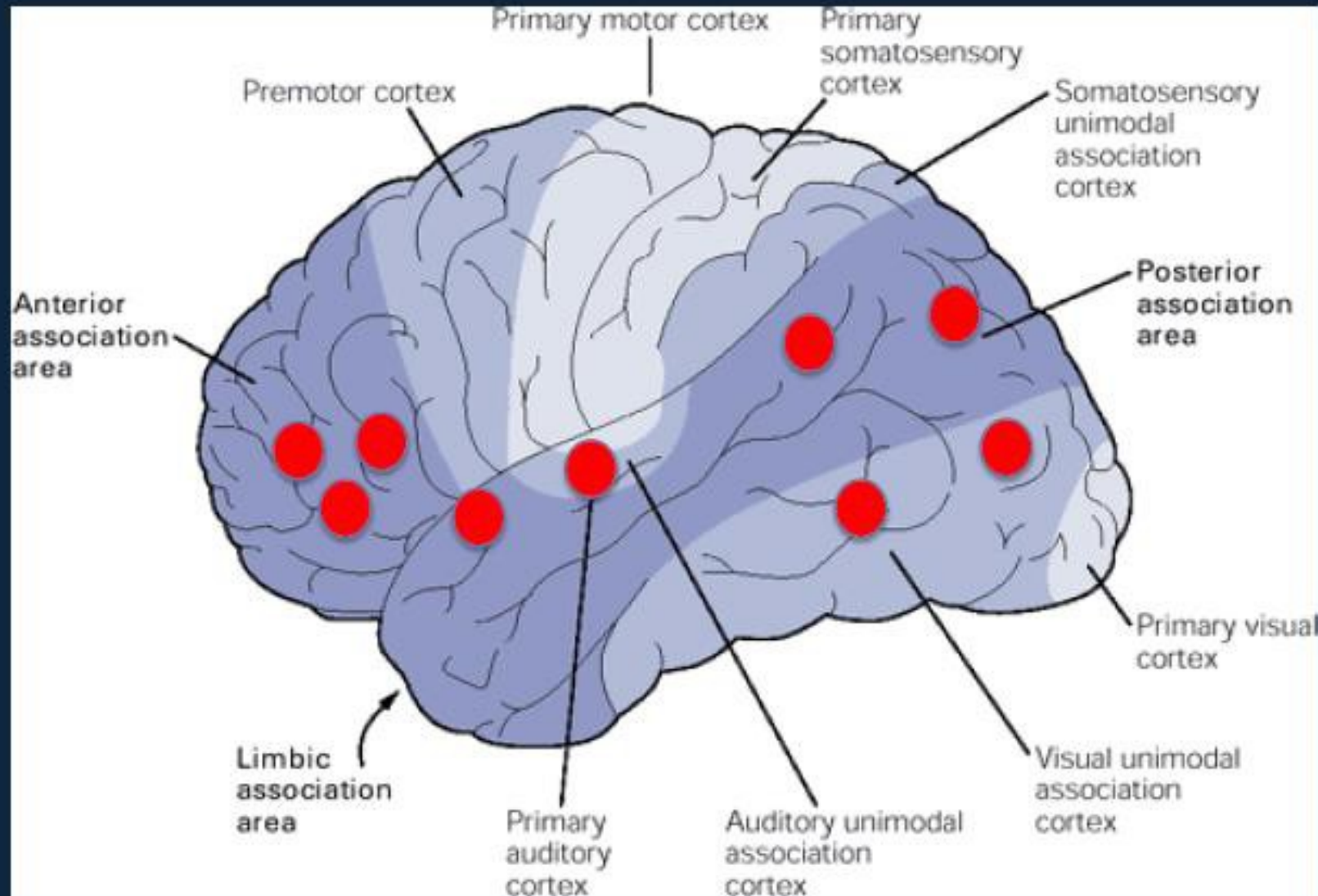


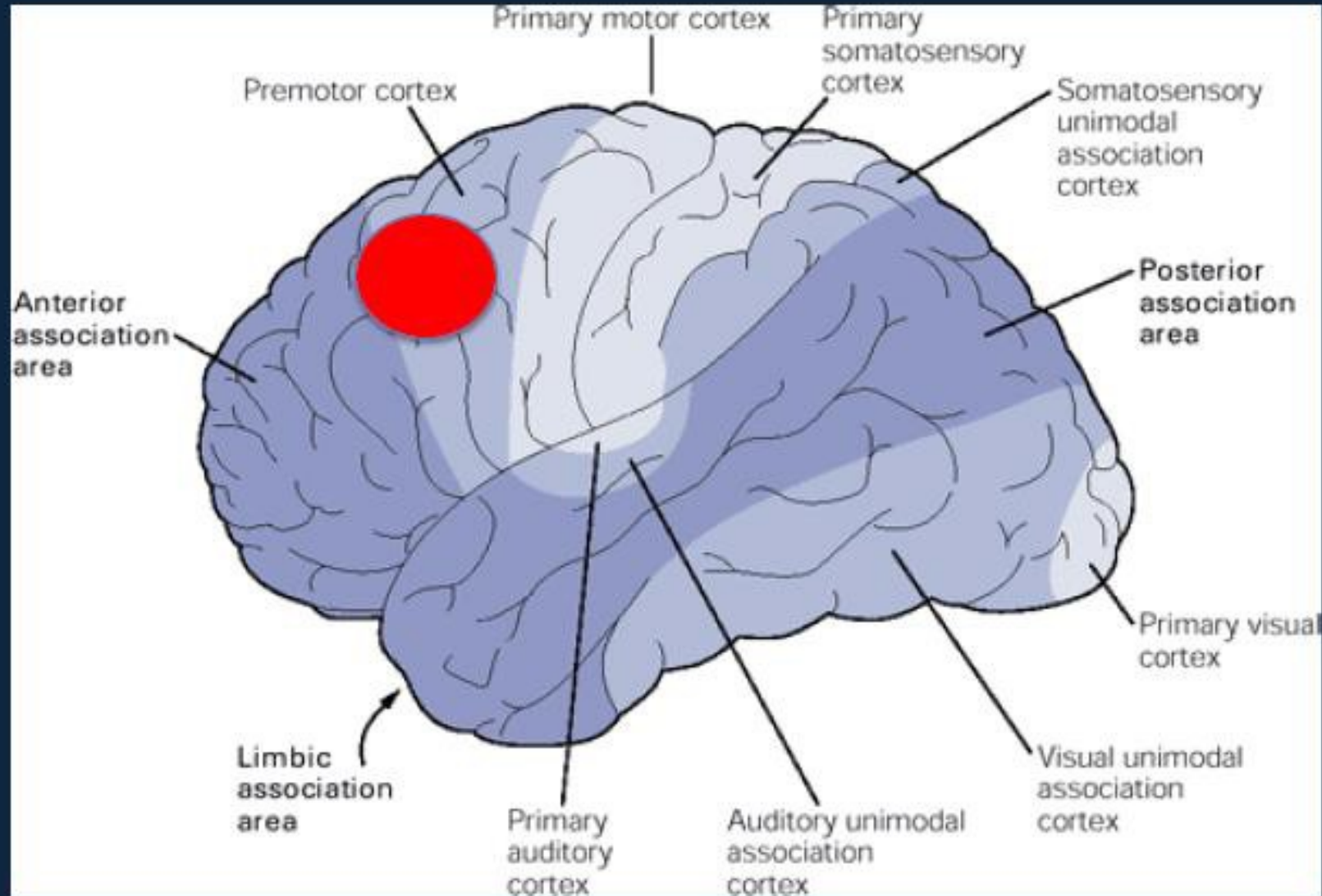
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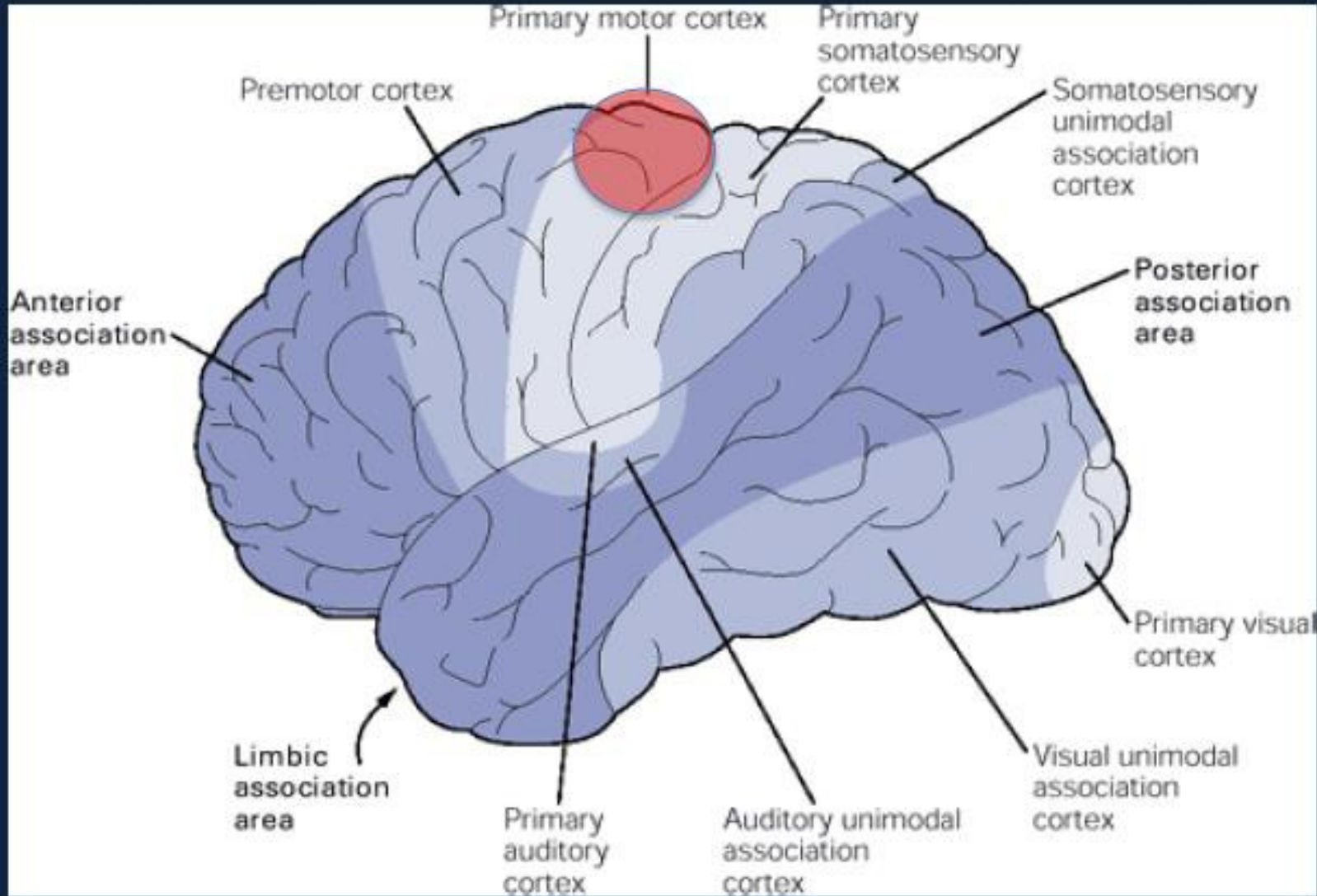




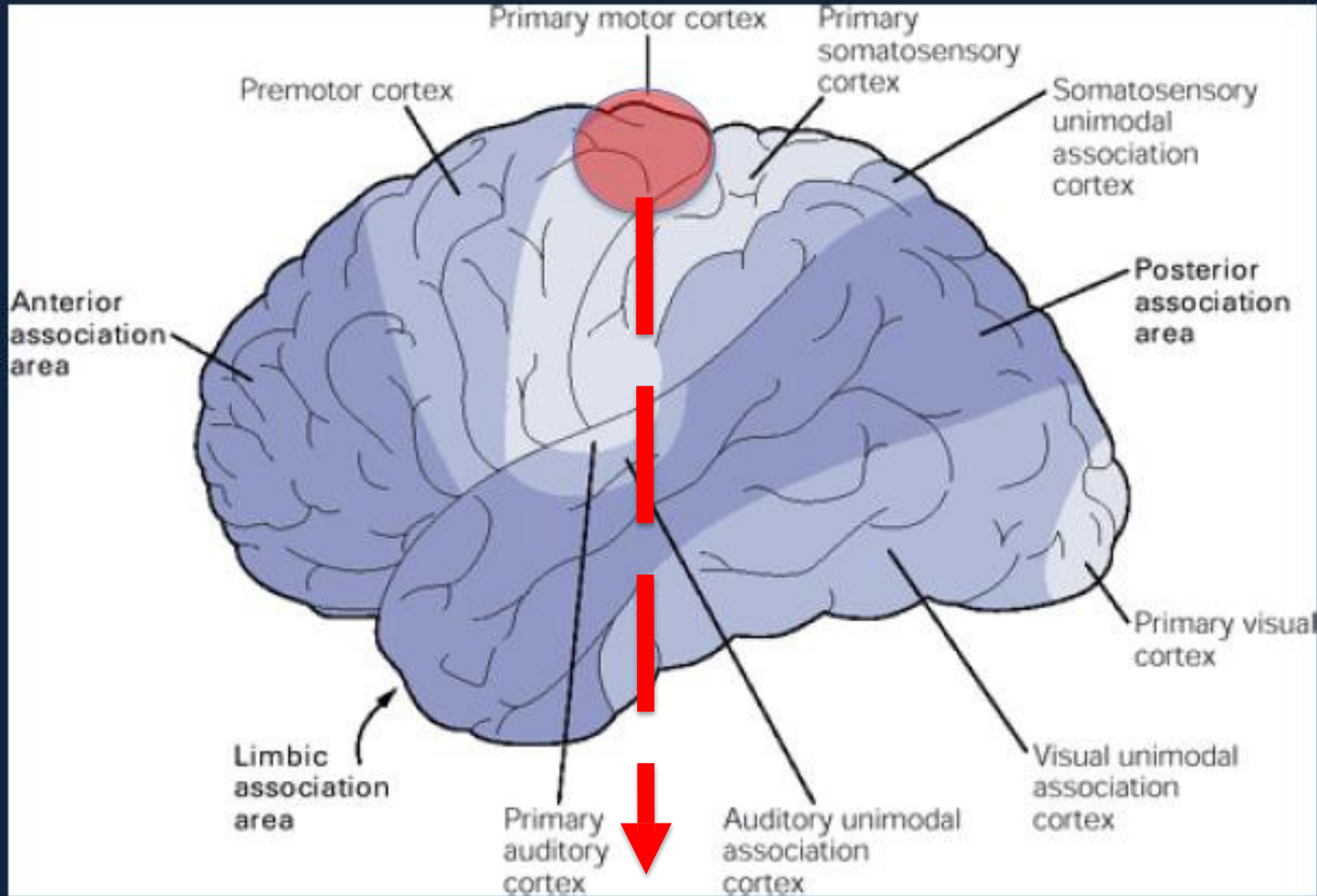
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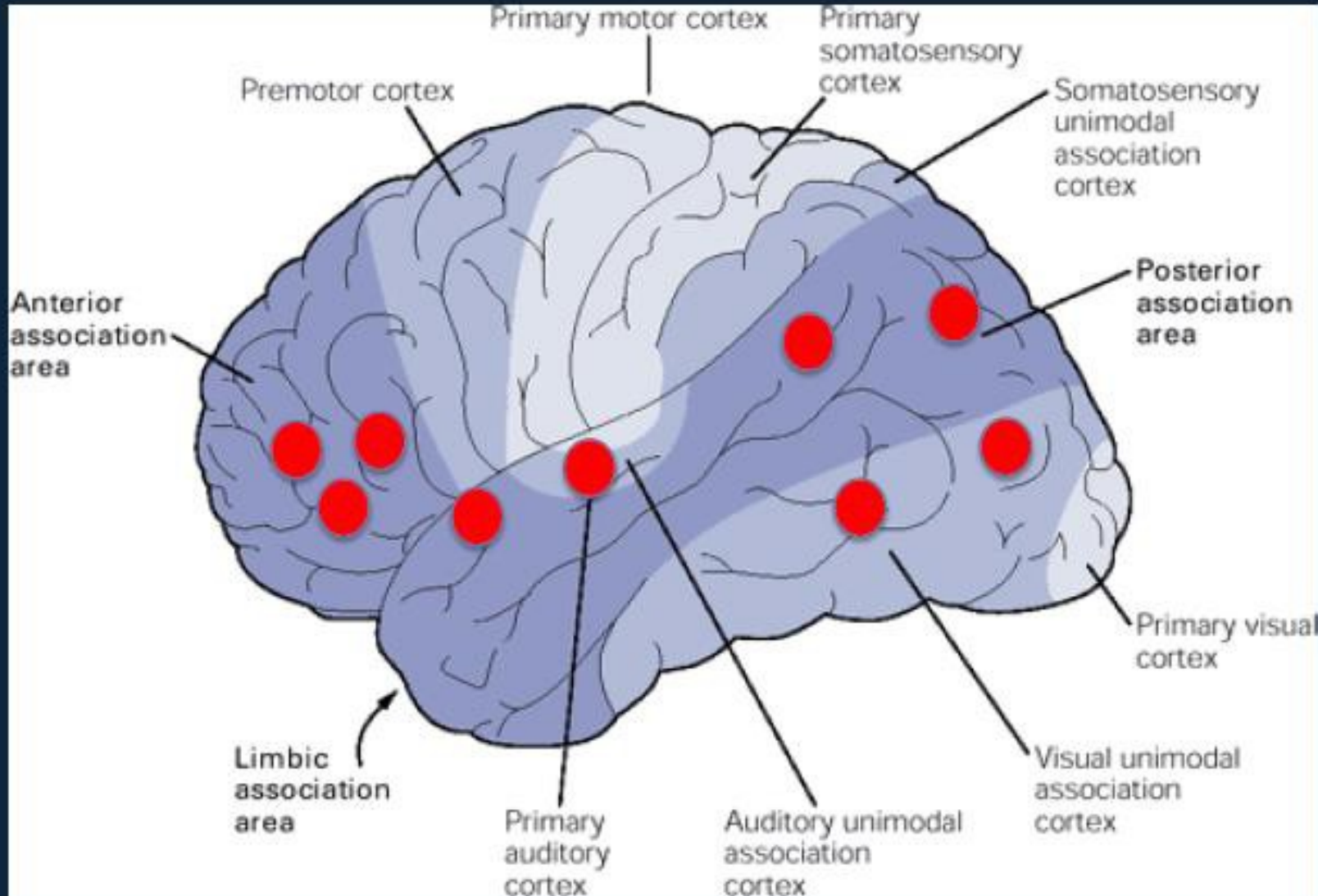


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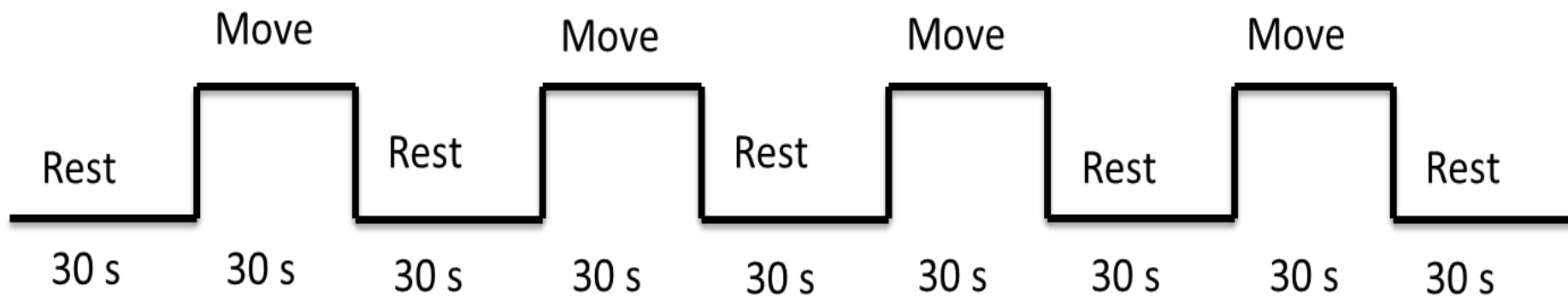
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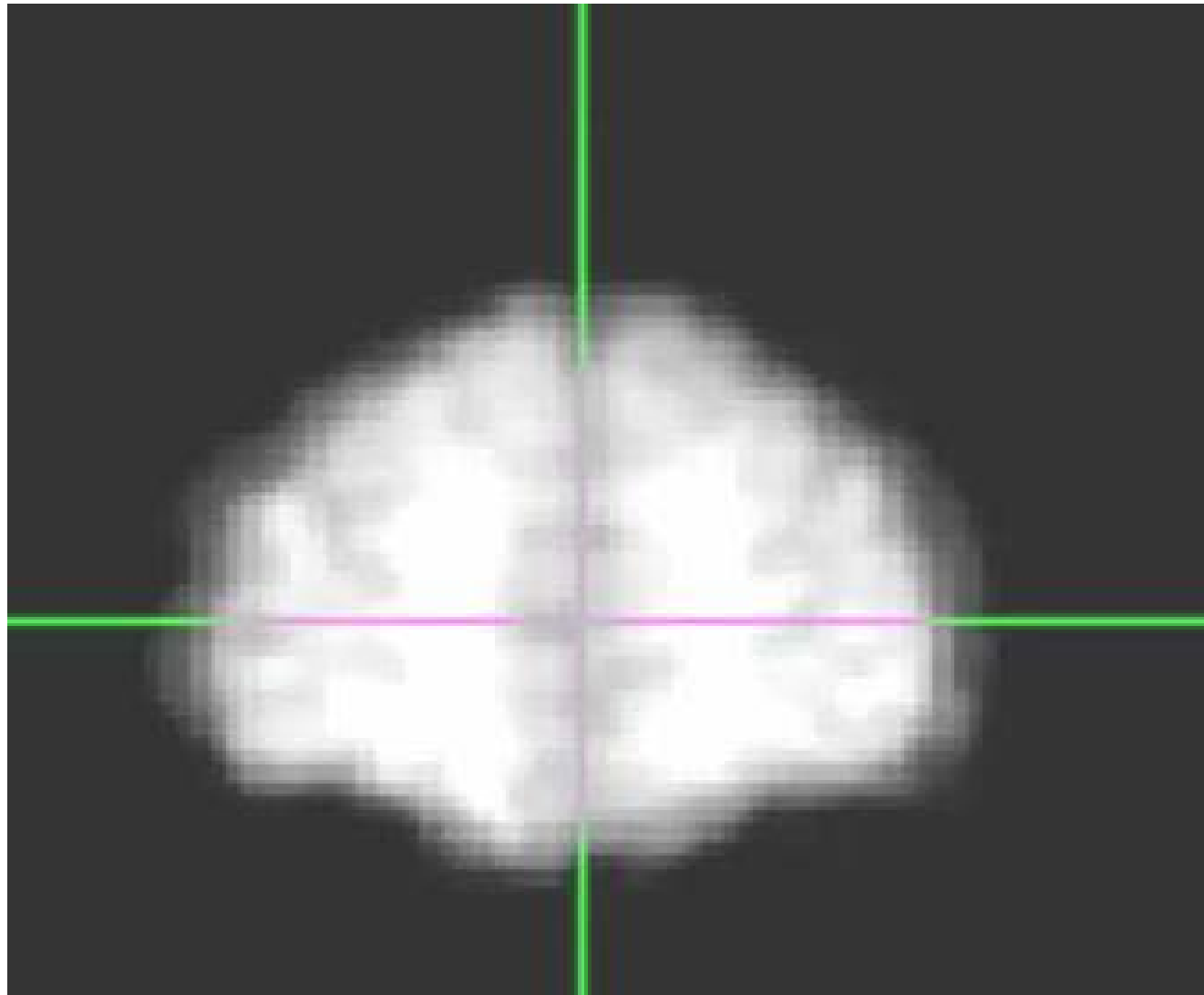
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- Movement paradigm – 4 sets – Block Design

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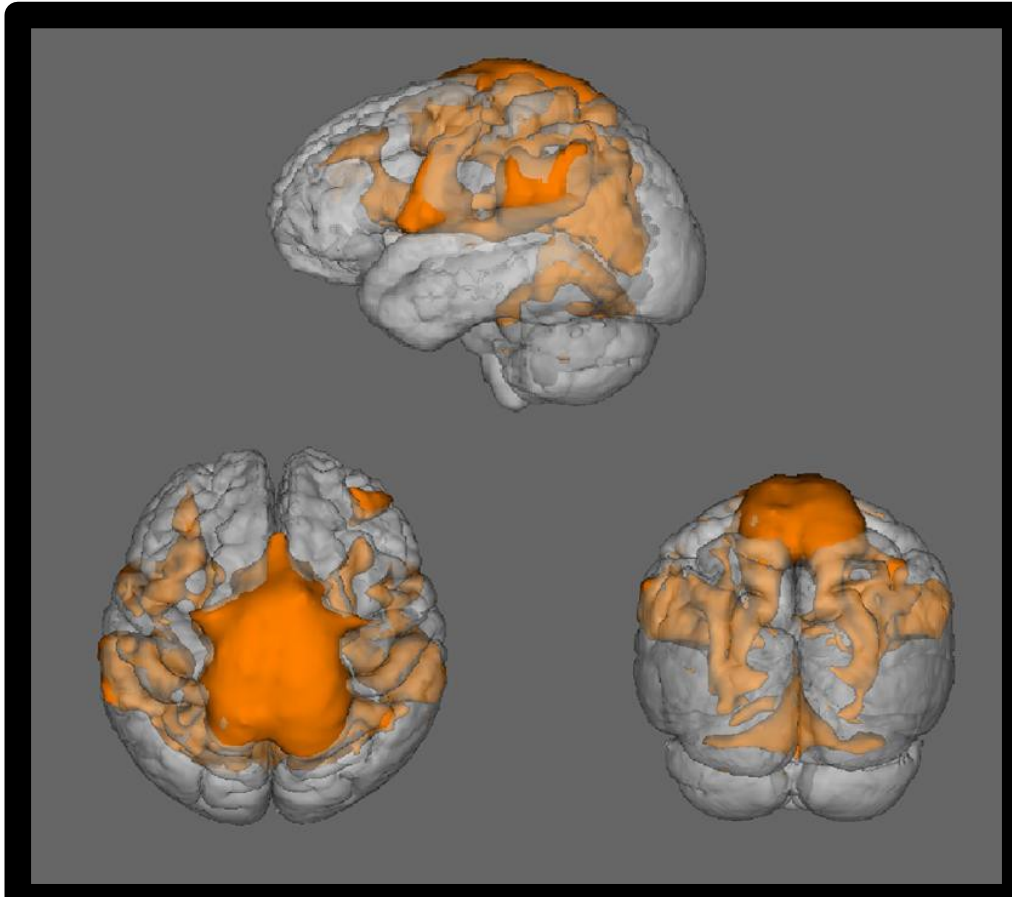


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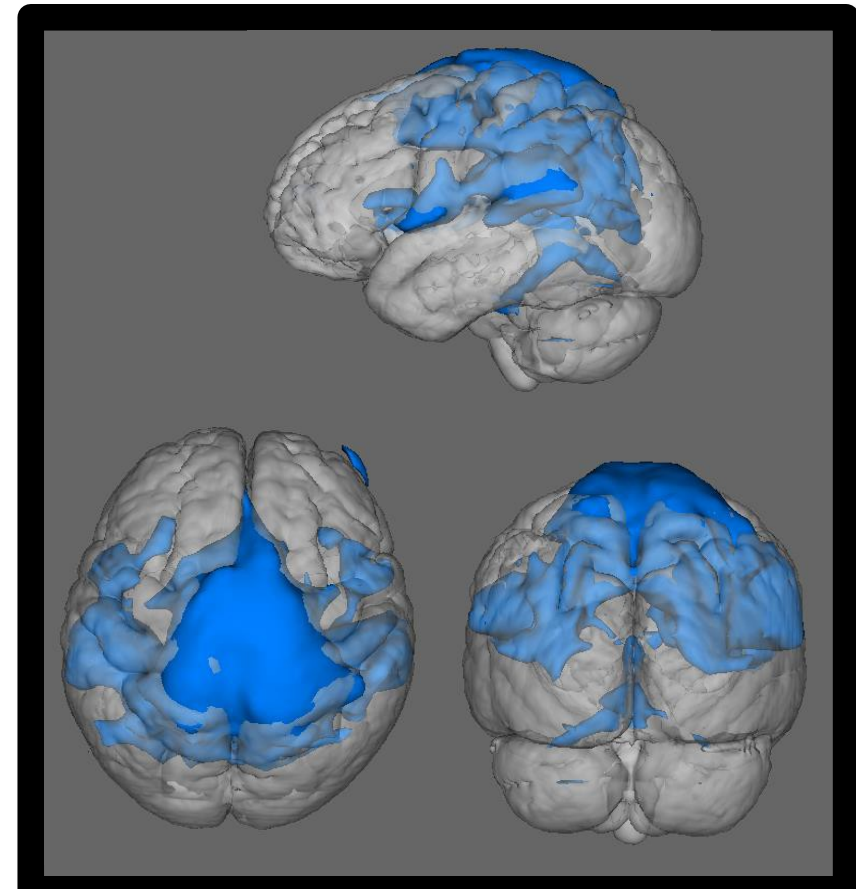


# Brain-Outcomes

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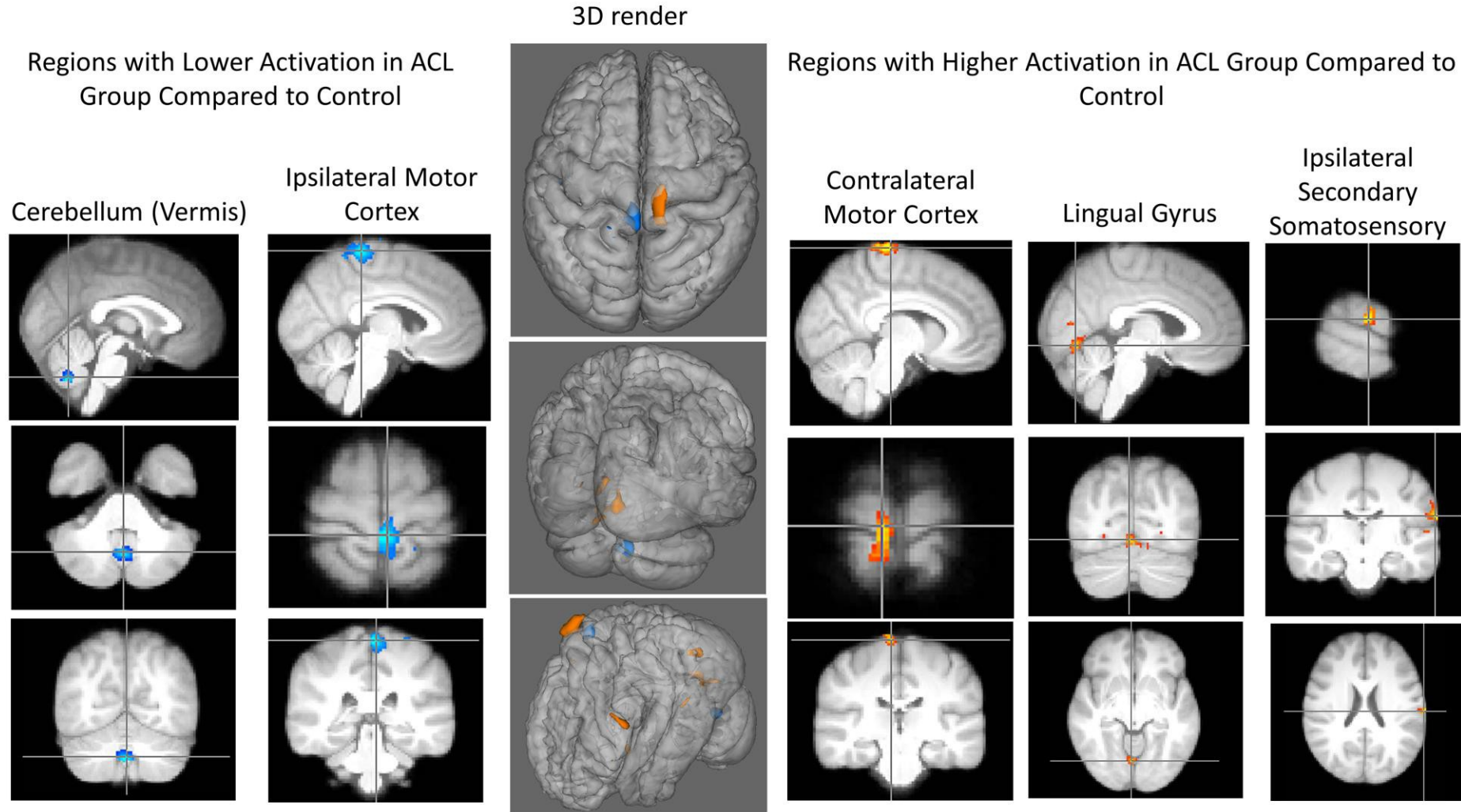


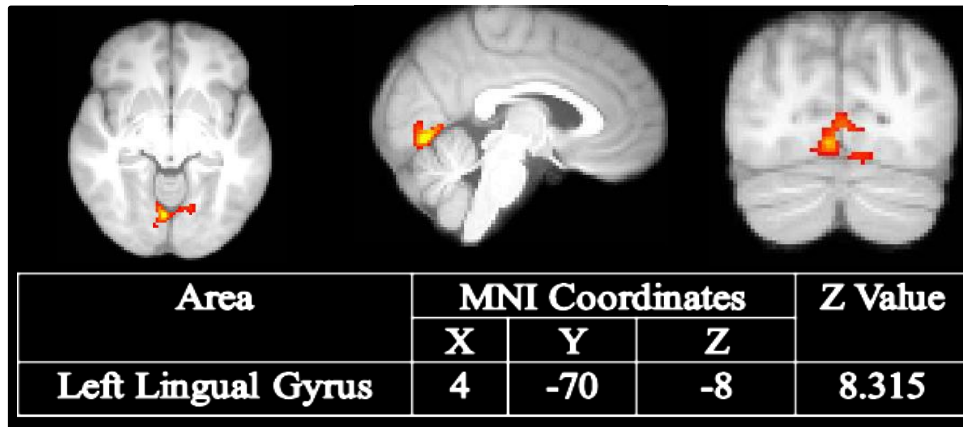
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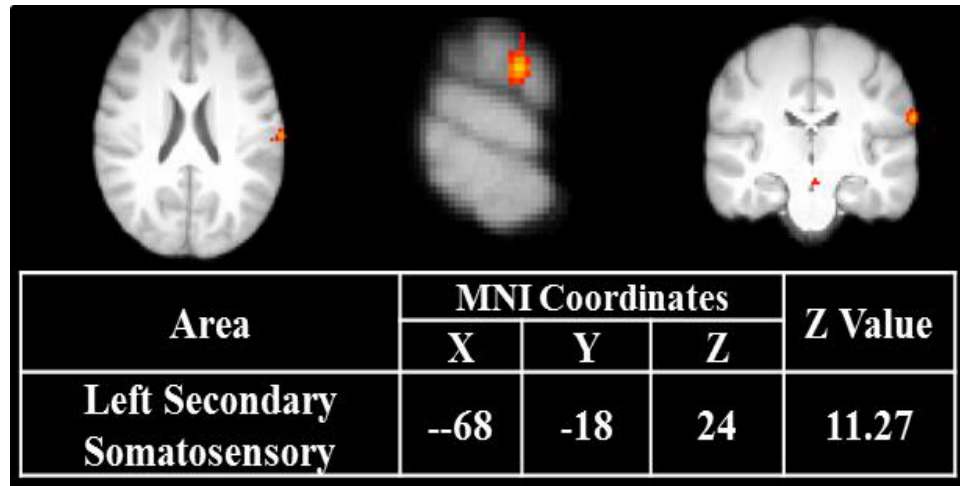


# Knee Motor Control





- Lingual gyrus<sup>23</sup>
  - Visual processing
  - Spatial memory



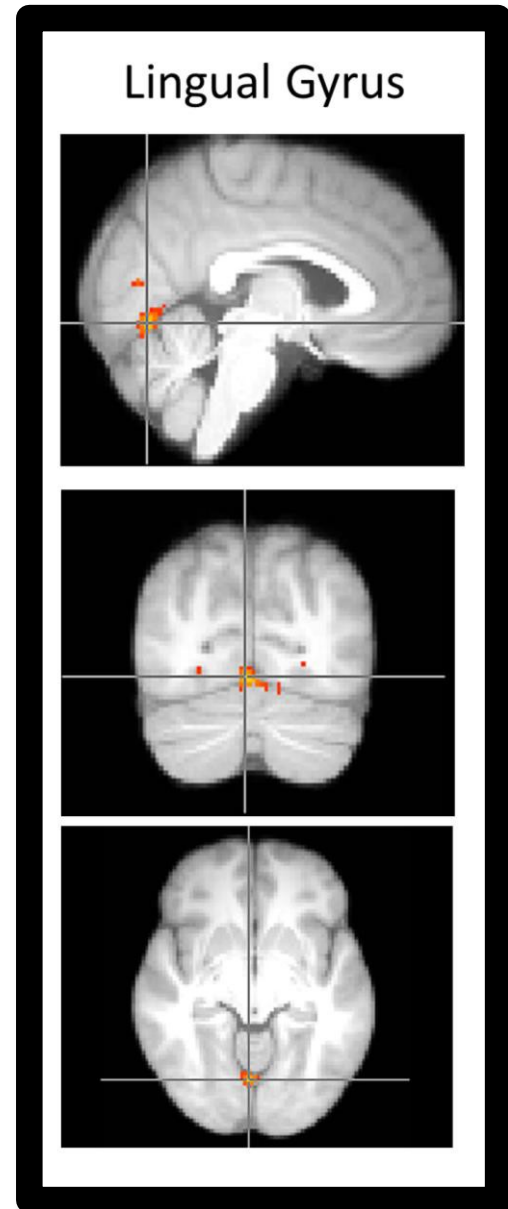
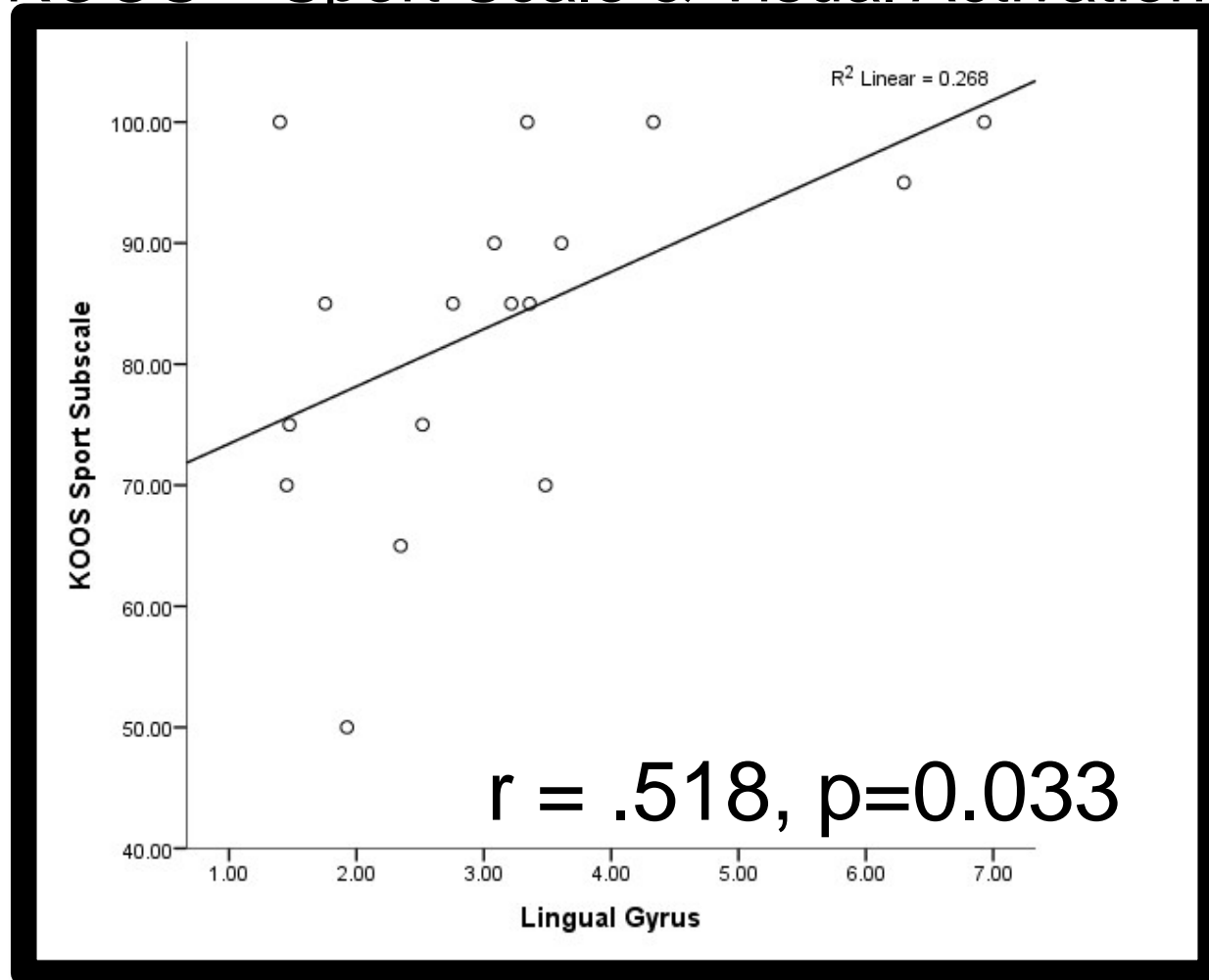
- Secondary somatosensory<sup>24</sup>
  - Sensory processing
  - Pain memory

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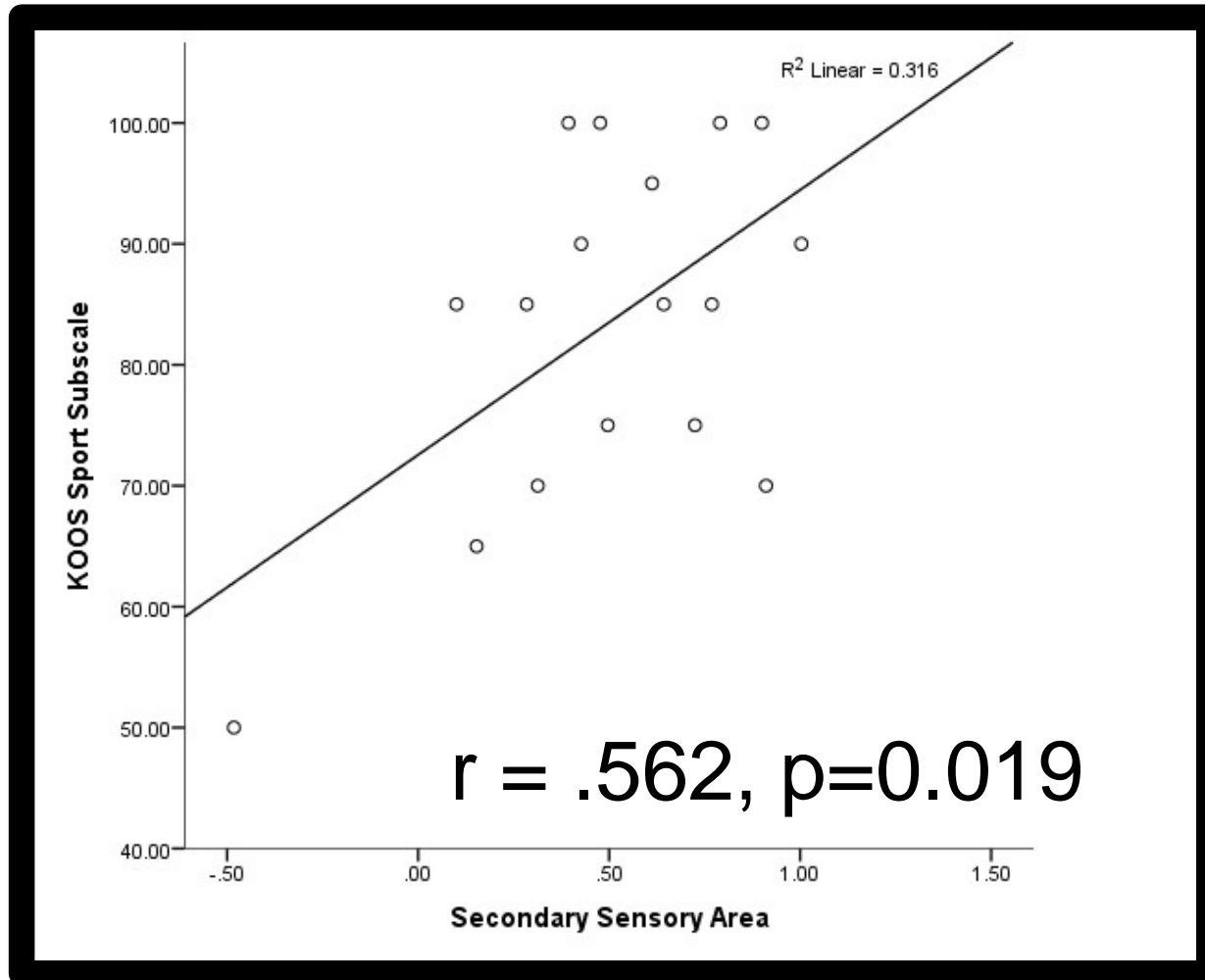
# ACL Brain-Outcomes

- KOOS – Sport Scale & Visual Activation

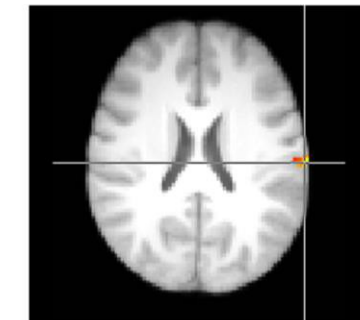
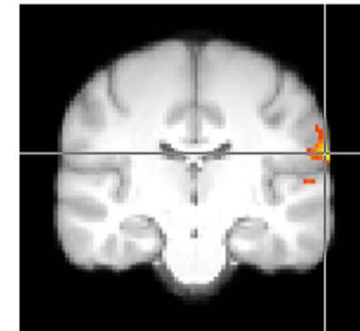
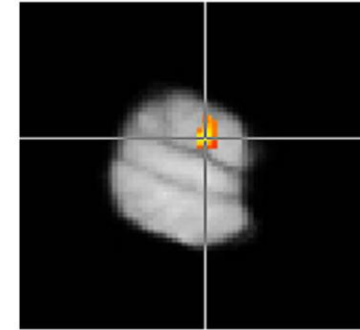


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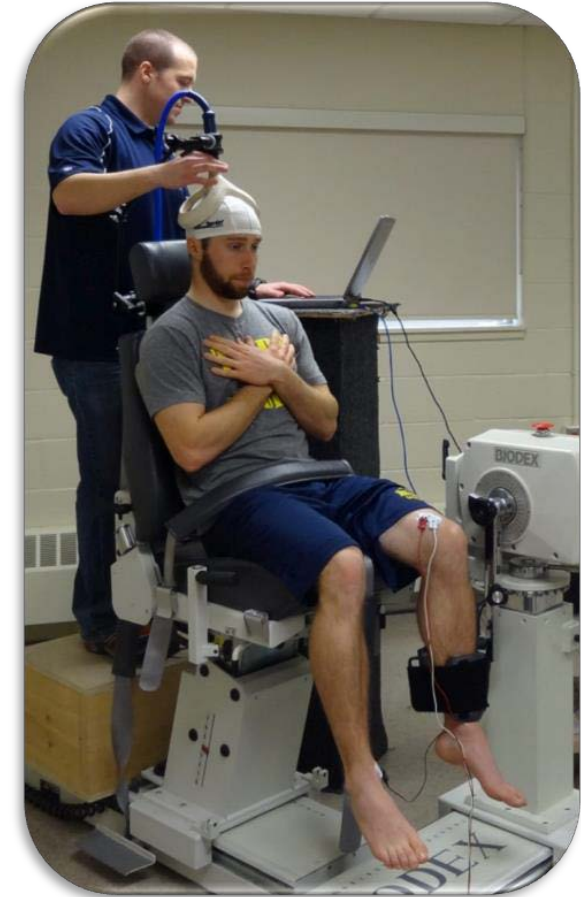
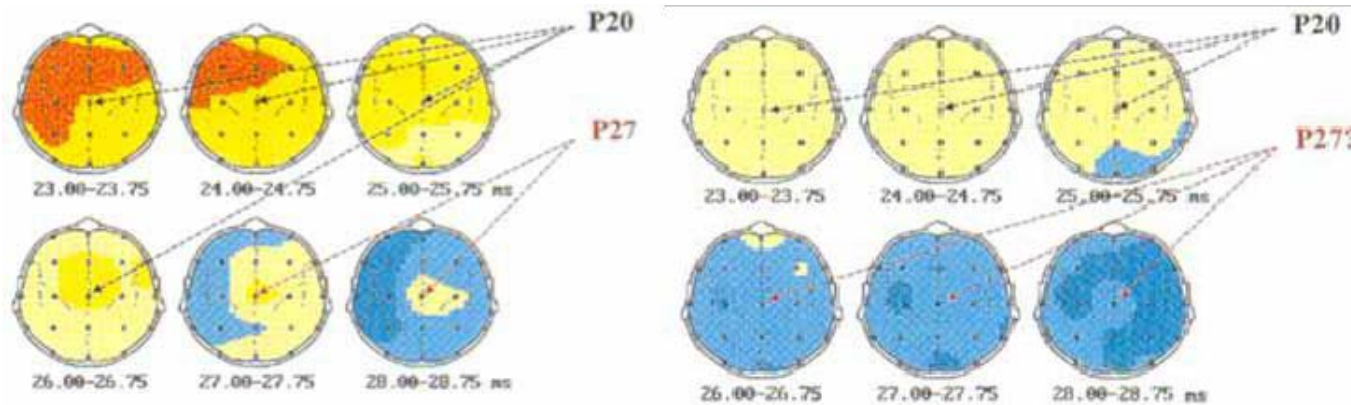


Ipsilateral  
Secondary  
Somatosensory



# Implications

- ACLR induces sensory-visual-motor neuroplasticity
- Sensory-visual brain activation related to KOOS sport function
  - Lost proprioceptive input<sup>30,31</sup>
    - Sense instability = Adapt motor control
  - Cortical excitability<sup>32,33</sup>
    - Increased = Improved strength + function



30) Courtney G&P 2010 31) Courtney G&P 2006 32) Lepley SJMSS 2015 33) Pietrosimone 2015 JAT

What might this new  
Rehabilitation look like???

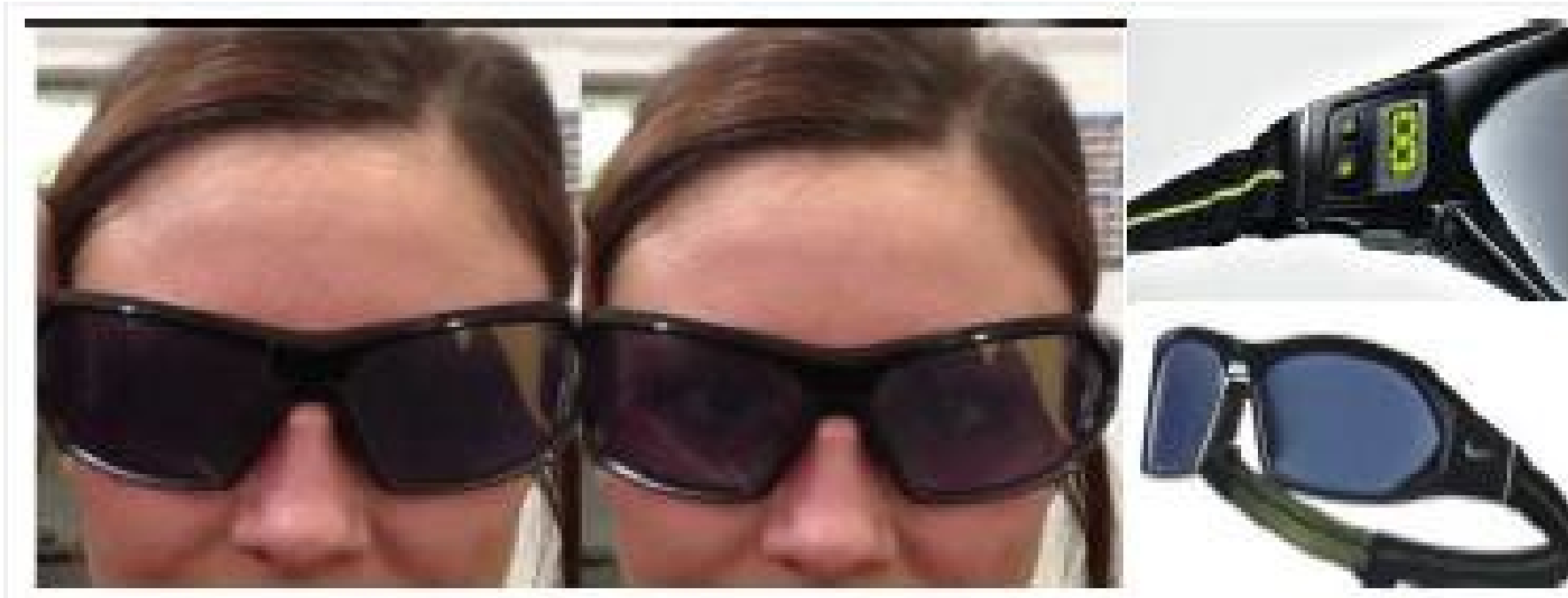


# Cascade of Neuromuscular Control Dysfunction

- Video analysis of actual injury events
- Distractors
  - Ball
  - Another player
  - Stressful situation
  - Cognitive load



# Visual Feedback Disruption

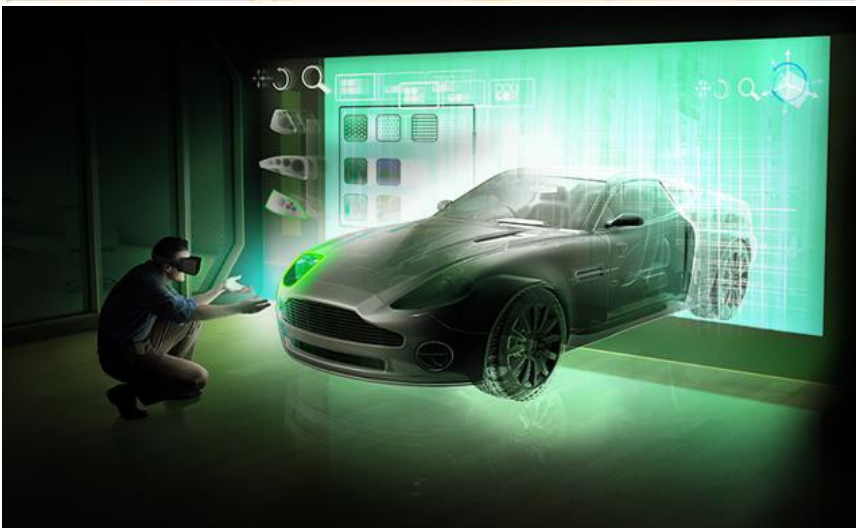


- Visual – Motor Disruption
  - Stroboscopic visual knockdown<sup>21,22</sup>
    - Allows complex action
    - Improves visual processing and action anticipation

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# Virtual Reality



# Environment & Anticipation

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## CASE REPORT

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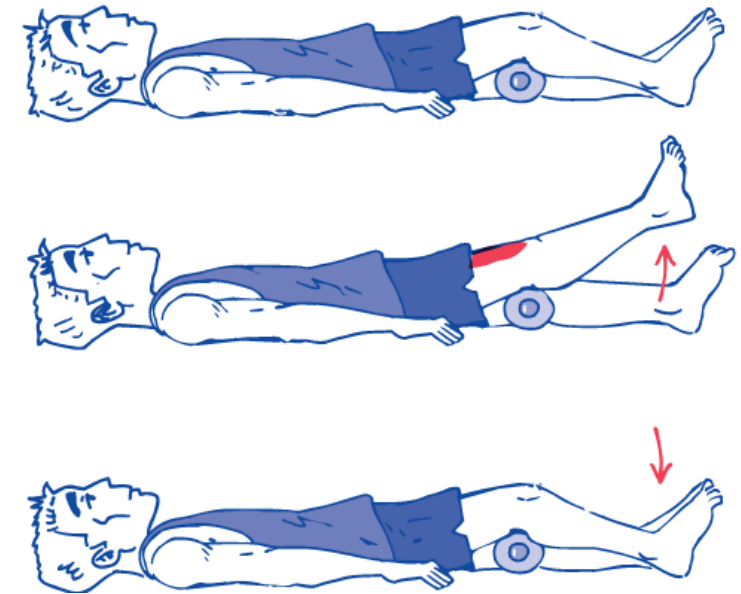
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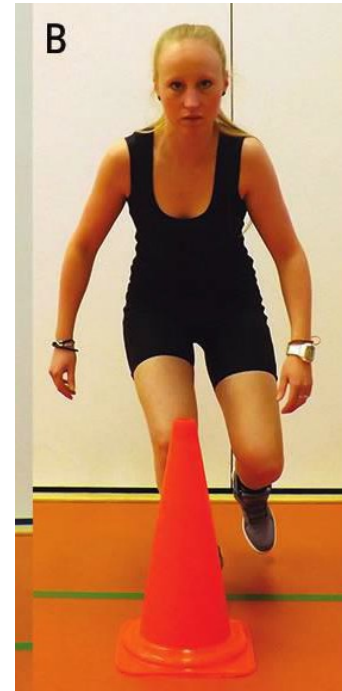
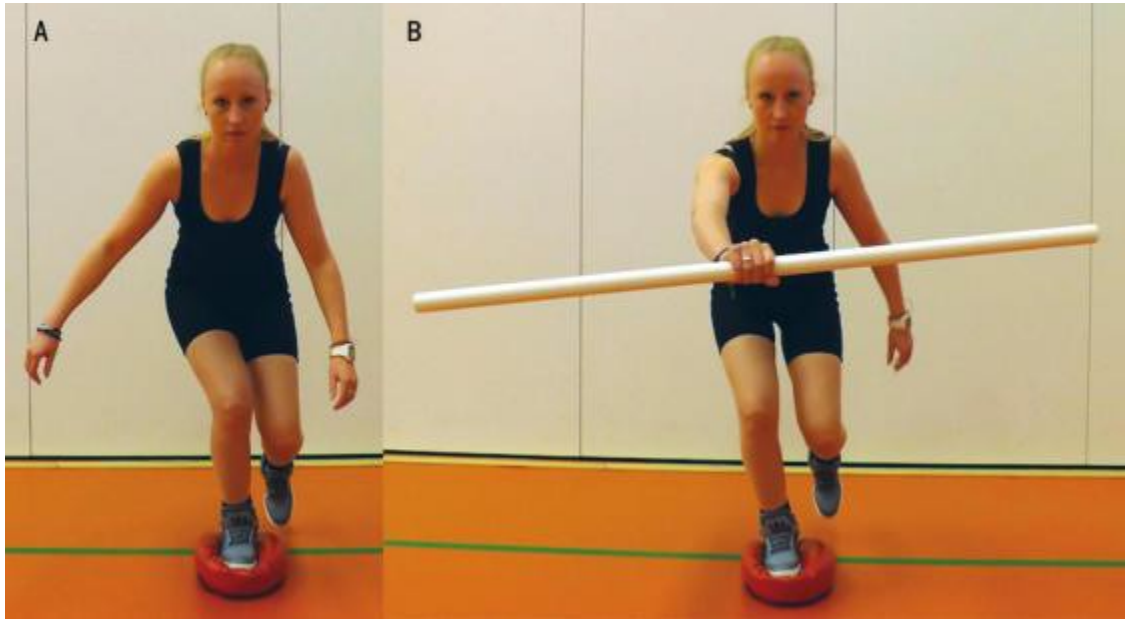


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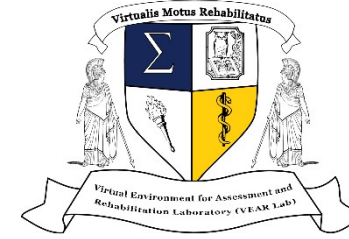
- Neuromuscular system perform specific motor task
  - Easy to temporarily modify  $\neq$  learning



# External Feedback Model



# Feedback specific



- Feedback specific cortical activation
  - Frontal pole – working memory & attention
  - Occipital pole – visual spatial processing
  - Precuneous – sensory integration

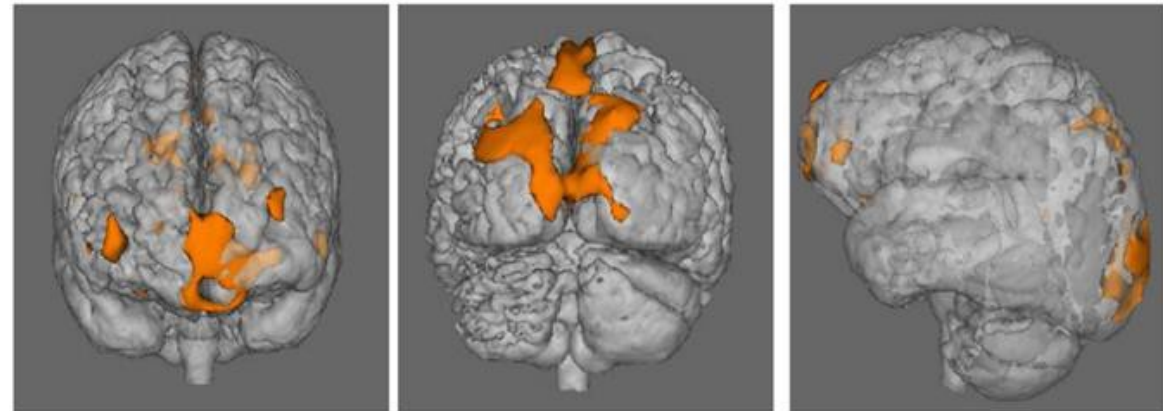


Figure 1: Areas of brain activation when participants used an external focus of attention compared to an internal focus of attention, all  $p < .001$ .



# What if I just throw some tape on it?



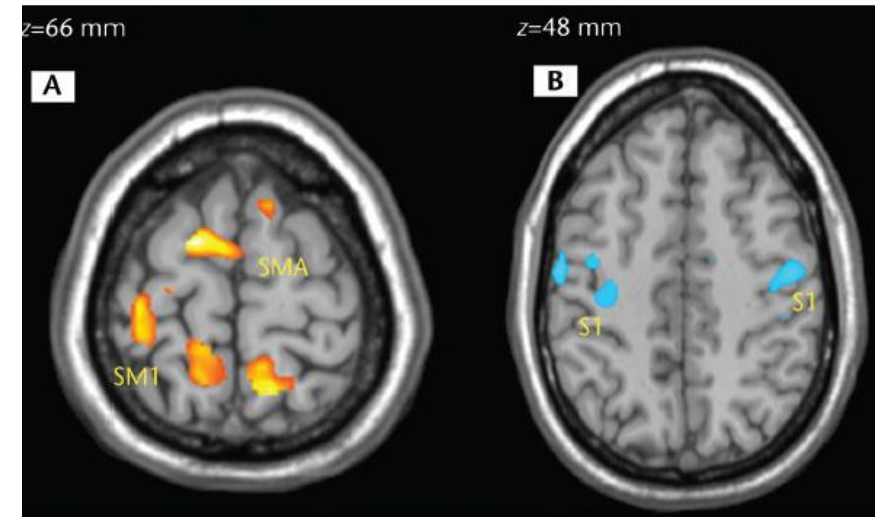


# Neuroplasticity of Tape

## Effects of Patellar Taping on Brain Activity During Knee Joint Proprioception Tests Using Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging

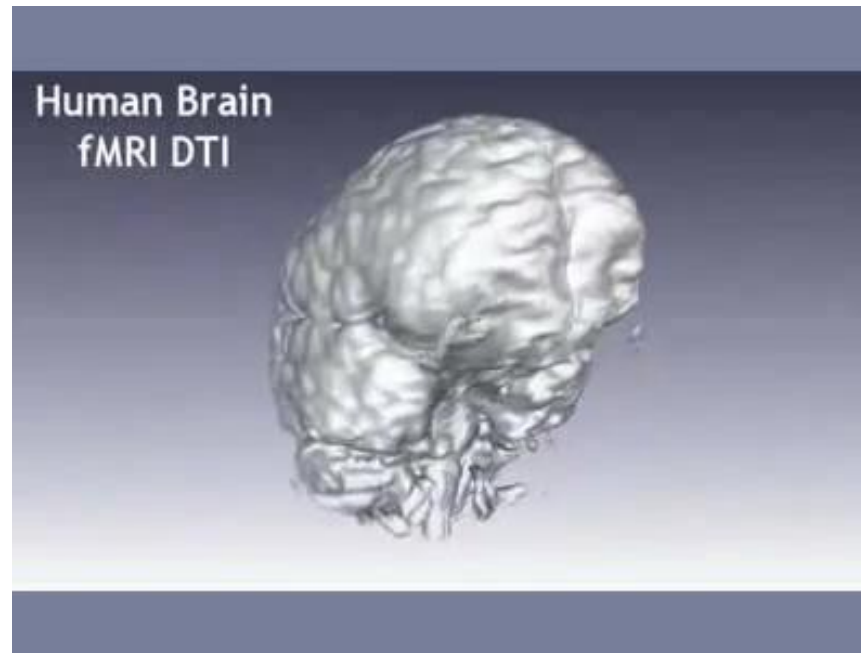
Michael J. Callaghan, Shane McKie, Paul Richardson, Jacqueline A. Oldham

- **Changes brain motor and sensory activation!**
- **DECREASE activation**
  - Sensory cortex – Efficient processing
- **INCREASE activation**
  - Motor cortex – Increased output
  - Supplementary motor



# How Does this Change Clinical Practice

- THINK!
  - About ways to improve the outcome in all your intervention efforts
- **Neuroscience Tools can Optimize Interventions**



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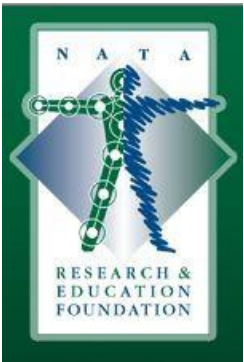
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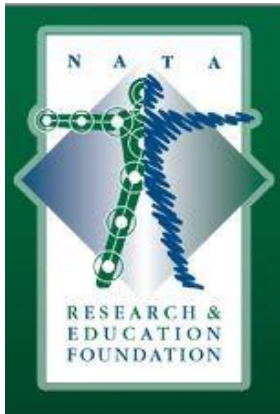
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