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Advances in Testing and Training Athletes with the OptoJump

Exciting updates on how new technology is helping athletes succeed



Dr. Alina Fong and Rett Lam give BFS President John Rowbotham a tour of CognitiveFX, their state-ofthe-art concussion treatment and research facility in Provo, Utah

The OptoJump was introduced to BFS readers three years ago as the next level in performance testing and training. In subsequent issues we discussed the numerous applications of this remarkable technology, including ongoing research on its use as a noninvasive method of evaluating brain function in concussion victims. Today we're even more excited about OptoJump.

First, we're honored to announce the addition of Alina K. Fong, PhD, to the BFS Advisory Board. Fong received her PhD in clinical neuropsychology with an emphasis in neuroradiology from Brigham Young University. In 2004 she received the national American Psychological Association Clinical Neuropsychology Division 40 Graduate Student Research Award. Recently, BFS CEO Bob Rowbotham and BFS President John Rowbotham visited Fong and her staff at their clinic in Provo, Utah.

Next, we're excited to report that many more schools are instituting the BFS Balance Control Protocol designed by Dr. Peter G. Gorman, president of Microgate USA. This system assesses any athlete quickly and easily, without any special equipment. The BFS balance protocol starts with a progressive series of five static balance tests. Each test builds upon the previous one; athletes must master a test before moving on to the next, more advanced, test. To learn more, check out "Testing Made Simple with OptoJump," an article that appeared in our September/October 2013 issue.



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Audio02. Understanding Simple BFS Protocols Using simple feedback from the OptoJump system to track students' symmetrical development

Conversations in developing balance in a growing athlete and student for lifelong wellness benefits.

Audio01. March in Place

Using easy-to-implement protocols with the onemeter OptoJump system to track and evaluate symmetrical development in young students and

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Dr. Alina Fong and Rett Lam discuss strategies to bring access to training equipment such as OptoJump to more schools and young people in the interest of both treating and preventing head trauma.

Finally (although there is much more to come), we've added four interviews with Dr. Gorman on the Coach-BFS YouTube channel as follows:

Video 1. March in Place, Video 2. Understanding Simple BFS Protocols, Video 3. Everyone Is an Athlete, Video 4. Measuring Plyometric Power with the Opto-Jump System

There is much more to come, including articles by Dr. Fong as well as summaries of the exciting research studies using OptoJump to evaluate concussions. Stay tuned!



Dr. Peter Groman leads students and athletes through the March in Place protocol. This simple and effecive exercise gives a baseline from which to monitor progress and to measure recovery against.



Audio03: Everyone Is an Athlete Using the OptoJump system with a treadmill to gain feedback on lifelong efforts to improve health and lifestyle



WITH THE OPTOJUMP SYSTEM Audio04: Measuring Plyometric Power with the **OptoJump System**

Using the OptoJump system to measure the effectiveness of plyometric training to reduce ground contact time while maintaining or increasing power.

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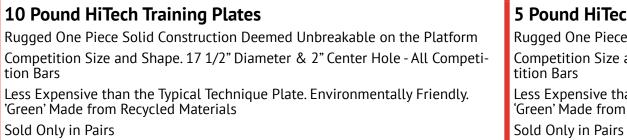
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