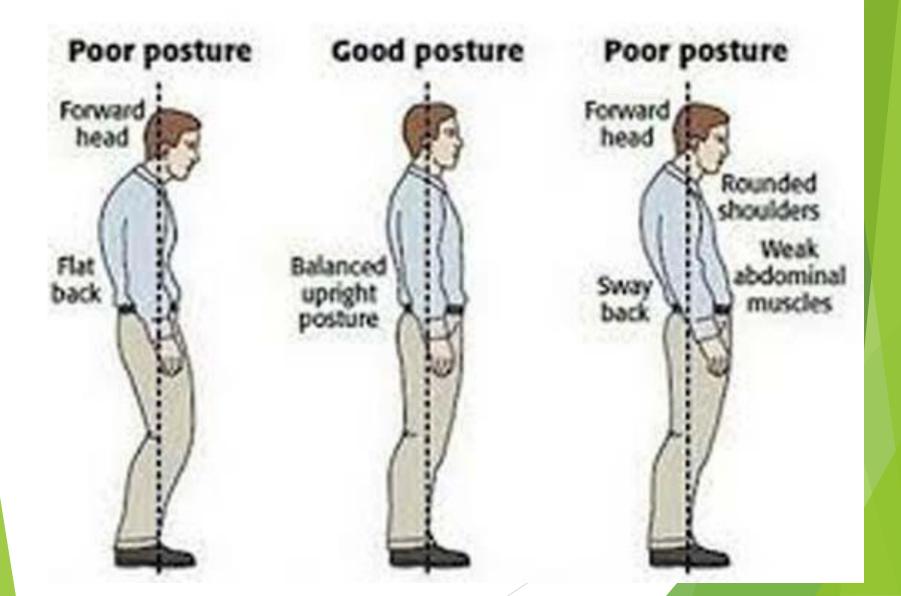
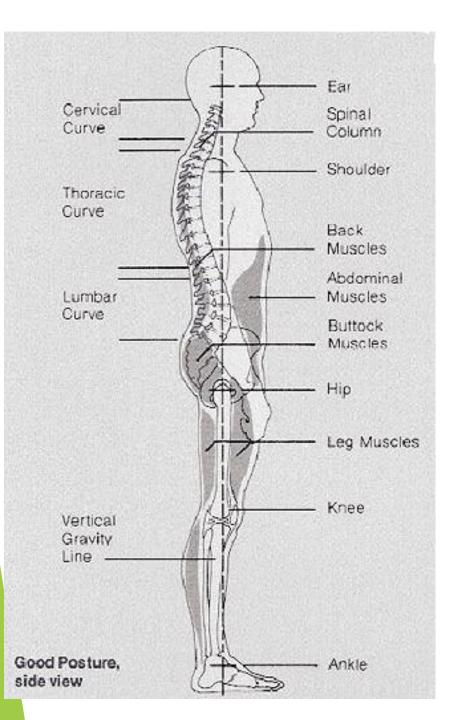
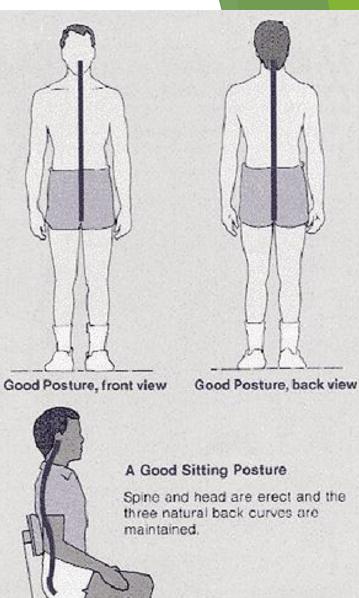


Spinal Posture

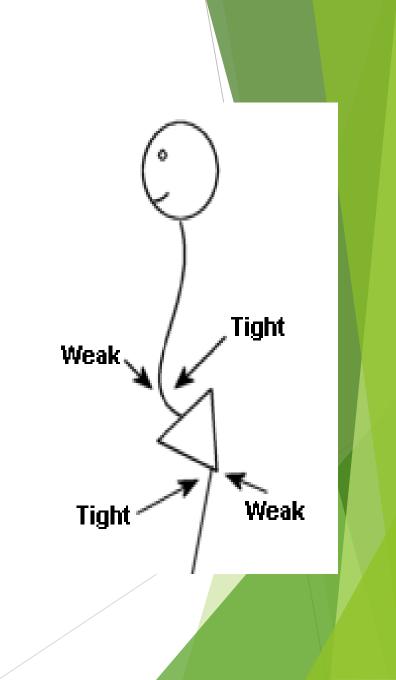




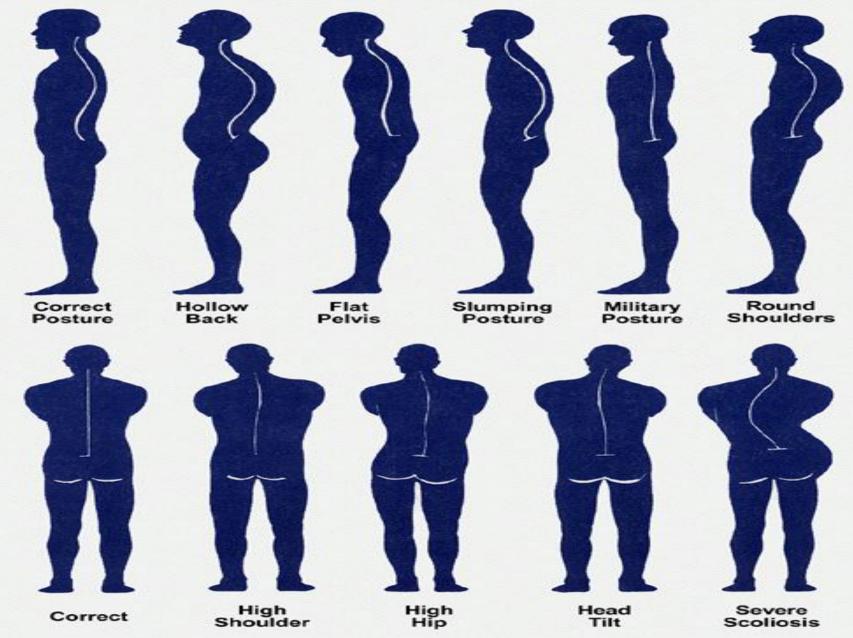


Overview

- Definition of posture
- Postural development
- Common spinal deformities



LOOK AT YOUR POSTURE ... OTHERS DO

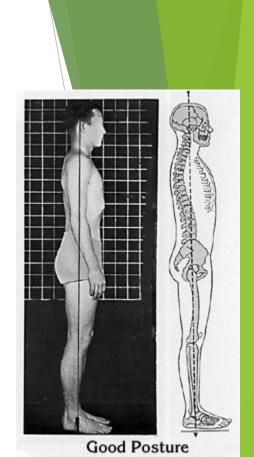


What is good posture?

Ideal posture serves as a reference point.

Ideal posture...

- Distributes gravitational stress for balanced muscle function.
- Allows joints to move in their mid range to minimize stress on ligaments and articular surfaces.
- Effective for the individual's activities of daily living.
- Allows the individual to avoid injury.



Birth

- Entire spine concave forward (flexed)
 - "Primary curves"
 - Thoracic spine
 - Sacrum
- Developmental
- (usually around 3 mos.)
 - Secondary curves
 - Cervical spine
 - Lumbar spine



Factors affecting posture

- Bony contours
- Laxity of ligamentous structures
- Fascial & musculotendinous tightness
- Muscle tonus
- Pelvic angle
- Joint position & mobility

Causes of poor posture

Positional factors

- Appearance of increased height (social stigma)
- Muscle imbalances/contractures

Pain

- Respiratory conditions
- Typically can be managed conservatively through therapeutic & education



Causes of poor posture Structural factors Congenital anomalies Developmental problems Trauma Disease Not typically easily managed



What is bad posture?



Any position that deviates from "good posture"

Static

Standing

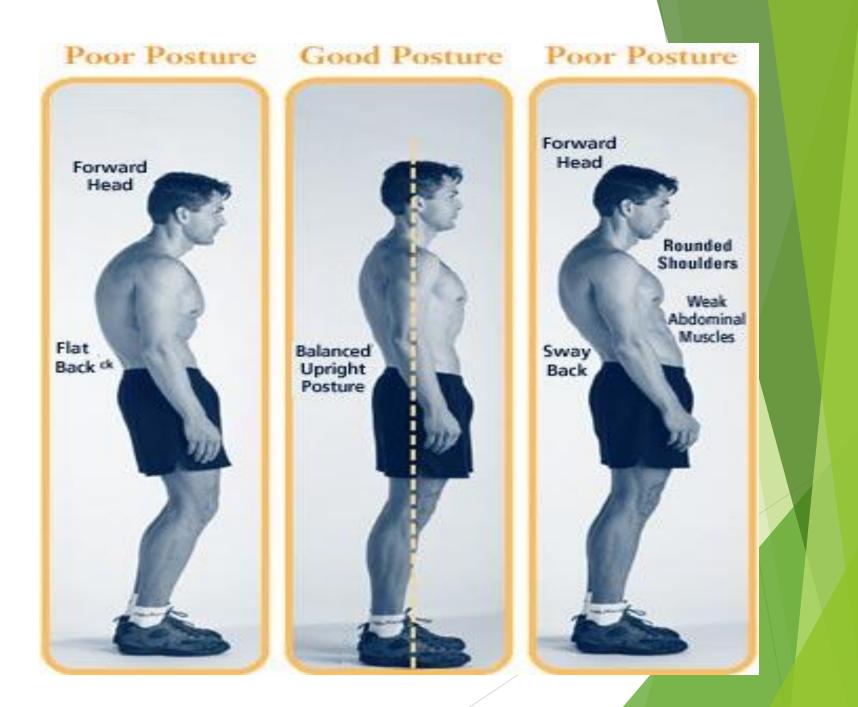
Sitting

Sleeping

Dynamic

Running

Throwing, etc.



Correct posture

Position in which minimum stress is placed on each joint."

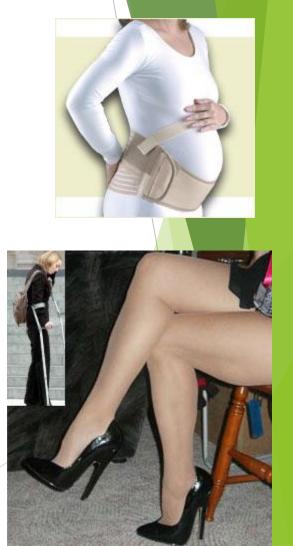
Faulty posture

Any position that increases stress on joints



Common Spinal Deformities

- Lordosis causes:
 - > Postural deformity
 - > Lax muscles (esp. abs)
 - > Heavy abdomen
 - Compensatory mechanisms
 - > Hip flexion contracture
 - > Spondylolisthesis
 - Congential problems
 - Fashion (high heels)



THANK YOU

