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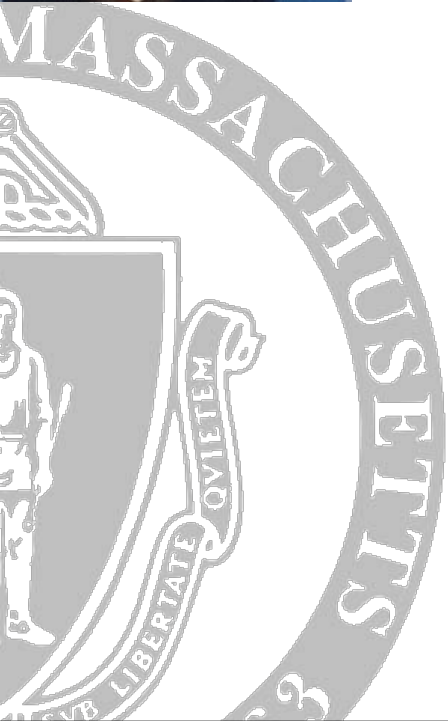
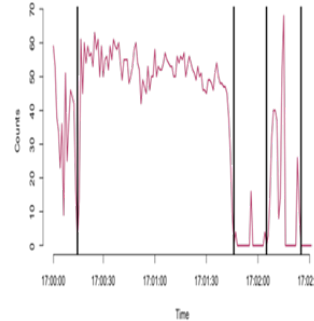


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## ASSESSING SEDENTARY BEHAVIOR AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WITH WEARABLE SENSORS



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Lone ranger pedometer

## NIH Recommendations

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- **Conduct experiments to explore physical activity intensity-time relationships for design of activity programs**
- **Determine optimal physical activity with regard to intensity, frequency, and duration**
- **Develop better methods of analysis and quantification of physical activity**

## Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee

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- **Limitations in physical activity measurement**
  - **‘The ability of the Physical Activity Guidelines Committee to draw strong conclusions for various outcomes was limited by the wide variety of questionnaires used to assess physical activity and numerous different approaches to data analysis and presentation.’**

# SETTING THE STAGE



# Absolute intensity of physical activity and sedentary behavior

Human Movement Spectrum

Vigorous Intensity Activity ≥6.0 METS
Moderate Intensity Activity 3.0-5.9 METS
Light Intensity Activity 1.5-2.9 METS
Very Low Intensity, Non-Sitting (e.g. Standing) at <1.5 METS
Sitting or Lying Down at <1.5 METS
Sleep



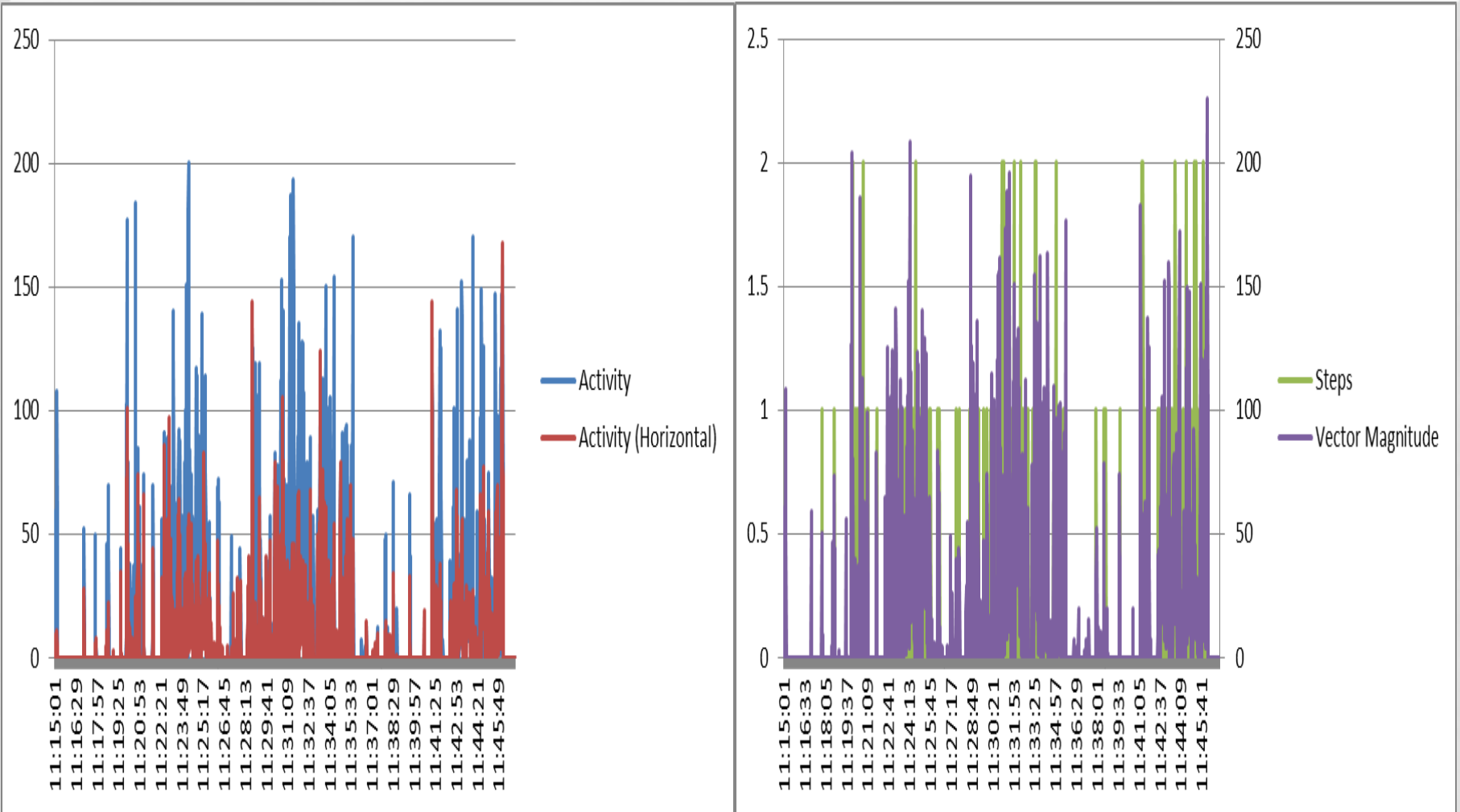
B. Intensity + Posture Definition

## **Advantages in assessment of physical activity and sedentary behavior using wearable monitors**

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- **Errors reduced in comparison to self-report measures**
- **Continuous assessment over long period of time (e.g. days, weeks, mos)**
- **Can be used in variety of research applications:**
  - **Surveillance research**
  - **Intervention studies**
  - **Determinants studies**
  - **Self-management of activity and sedentary behavior in intervention studies**
- **Assessment of exposure dose in dose-response studies**
- **Used to assess activity and sedentary behavior in children, adults, elderly and.....**

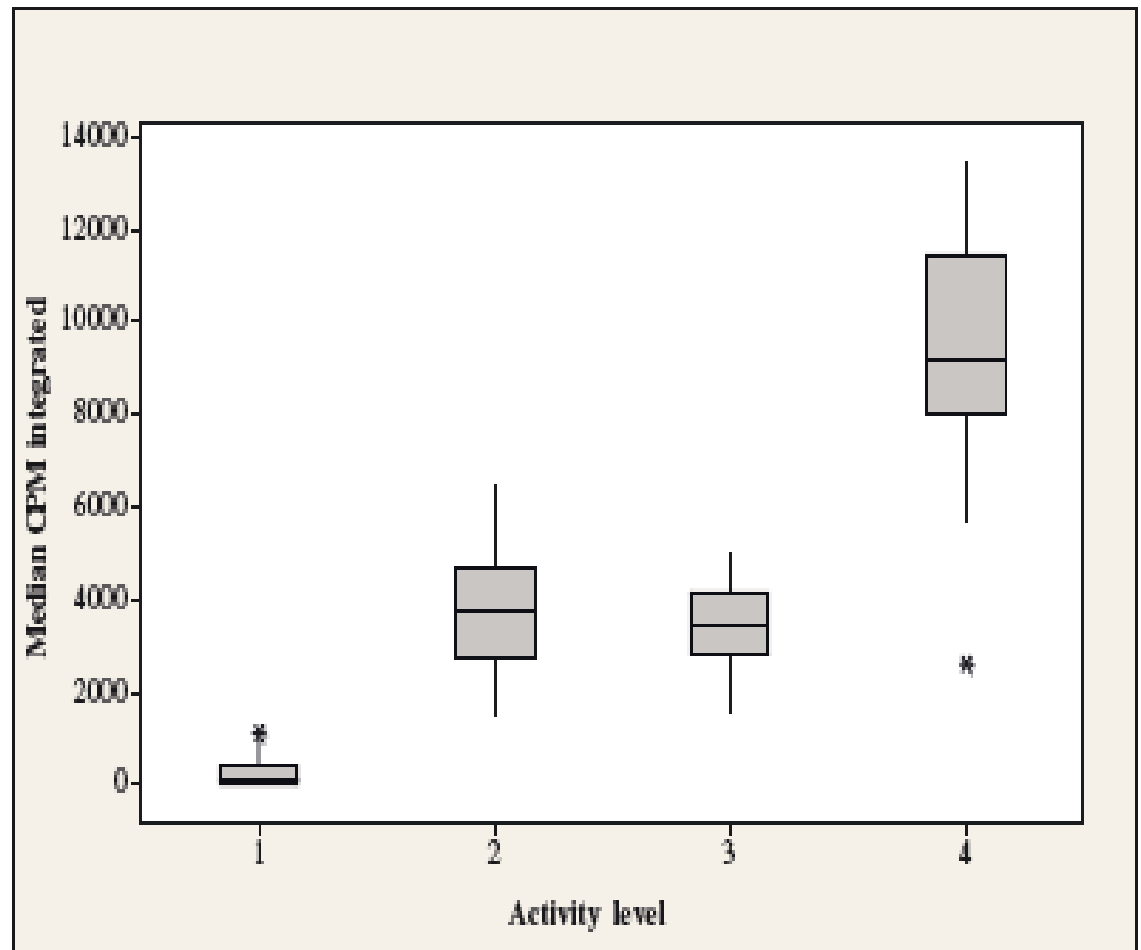
# ....ANIMALS





# Validation of Accelerometer in Differentiating Activity Intensity in Dogs

- N = 30 dogs
- Directly observed activity level vs accelerometer counts per minute











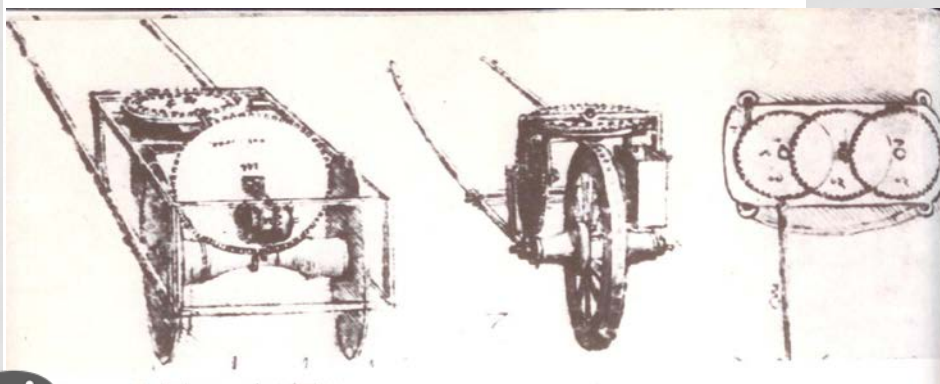
# THE ORIGINS OF WEARABLE SENSORS TO DETECT MOVEMENT BEHAVIOR

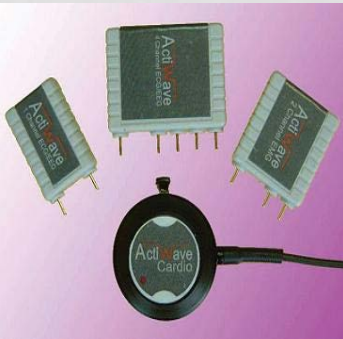
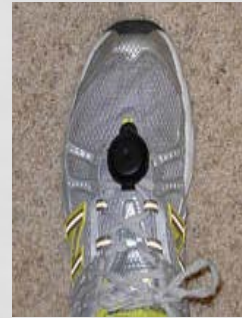
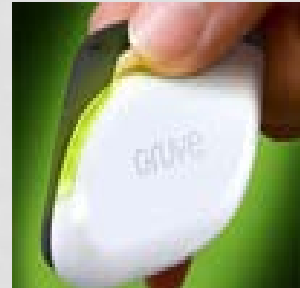


**4035. INVENTIONS, Pedometer.**—I send your pedometer. To the loop at the bottom of it, you must sew a tape, and at the other end of the tape, a small hook. \* \* \* Cut a little hole in the bottom of your left watch pocket, pass the hook and tape through it, and down between the breeches and drawers, and fix the hook on the edge of your knee band, an inch from the knee buckle; then hook the instrument itself by its swivel hook, on the upper edge of the watch pocket. Your tape being well adjusted in length. Your double steps will be exactly counted by the instrument.—To JAMES MADISON. ii, 379. (P., 1788.)

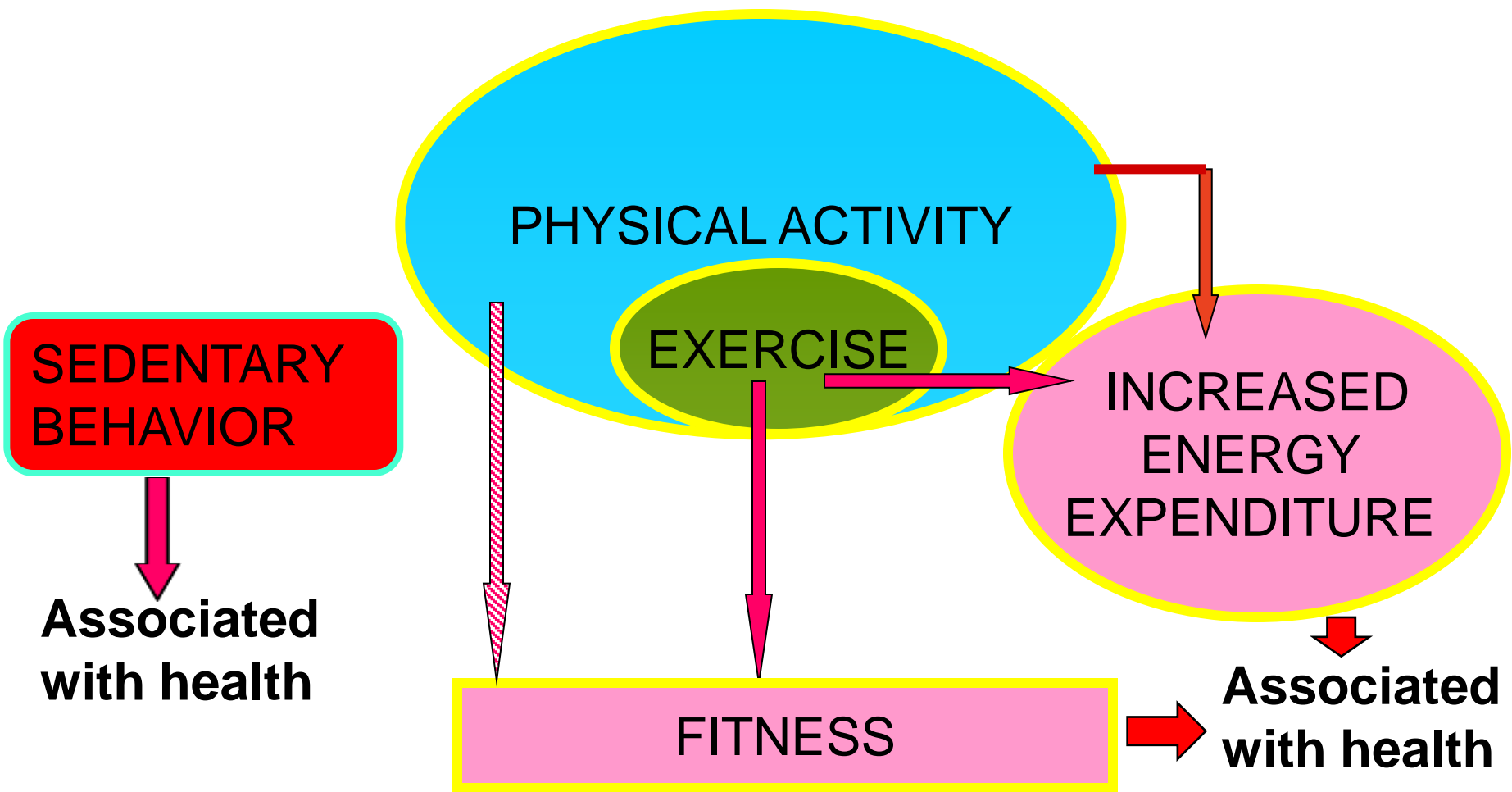
# HISTORY OF OBJECTIVE MONITORING OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- **Vitruvius, Roman writer, architect and engineer from 1<sup>st</sup> C , BC**
- **Designed the first hodometer**
- **Leonardo da Vinci designed first pedometer**





# Health, physical activity, fitness and sedentary behavior





# activPal™ wearable sensor

- Only sensor designed specifically to quantify posture
- Designed by physical therapist/engineer to objectively assess sitting time for evaluating effects of rehabilitation for stroke patients
  - Objective tool to assess patient centered outcomes
- Currently being used by the physical activity/sedentary behavior assessment community





# activPal™ Features

- **Small (53 x 35 x 7 mm), light weight (20 g) accelerometer that attaches to the skin on the mid-thigh**
- **Estimates posture allocation (time spent sitting, standing) and stepping based on acceleration and position of the thigh**
- **Collects data continuously over several days**

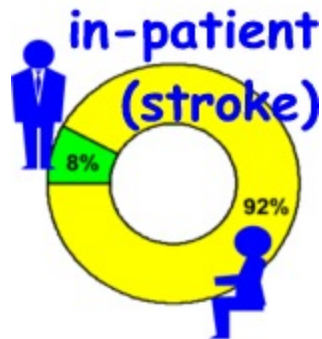


# Descriptive activPAL data

n = 1



n = 29



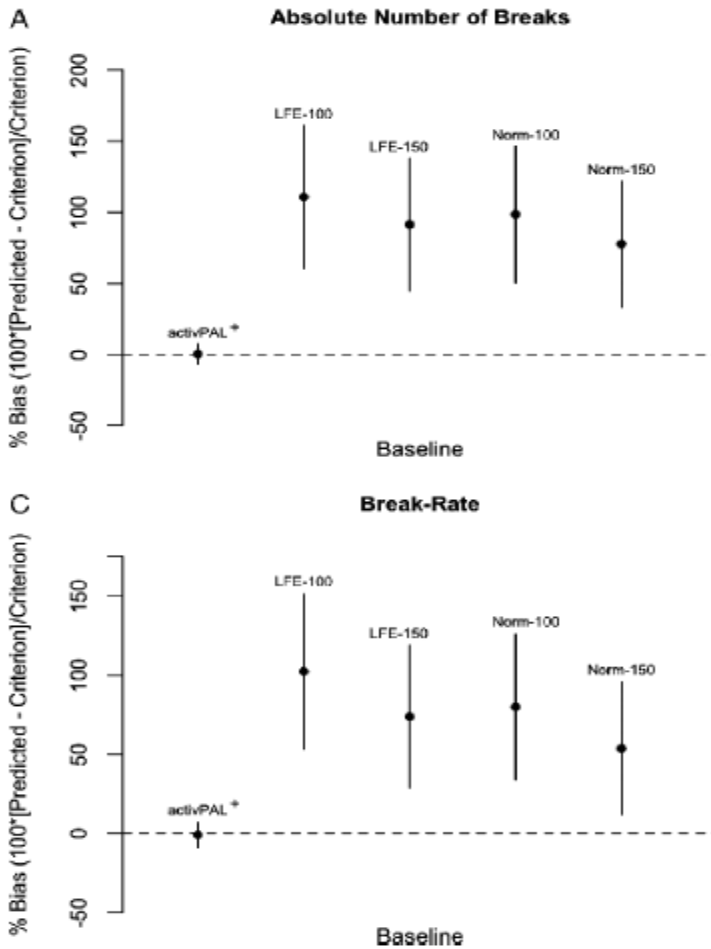
n = 13



n = 8



# activPAL™ and Actigraph™ detection of breaks and break-rate



**n = 13**

**Directly observed for 10 hrs**

**Actigraph™ sedentary time = < 100 and 150 cts/min**

## Detection of sedentary time and changes in sedentary time using the activPal™ and Actigraph™ wearable sensors

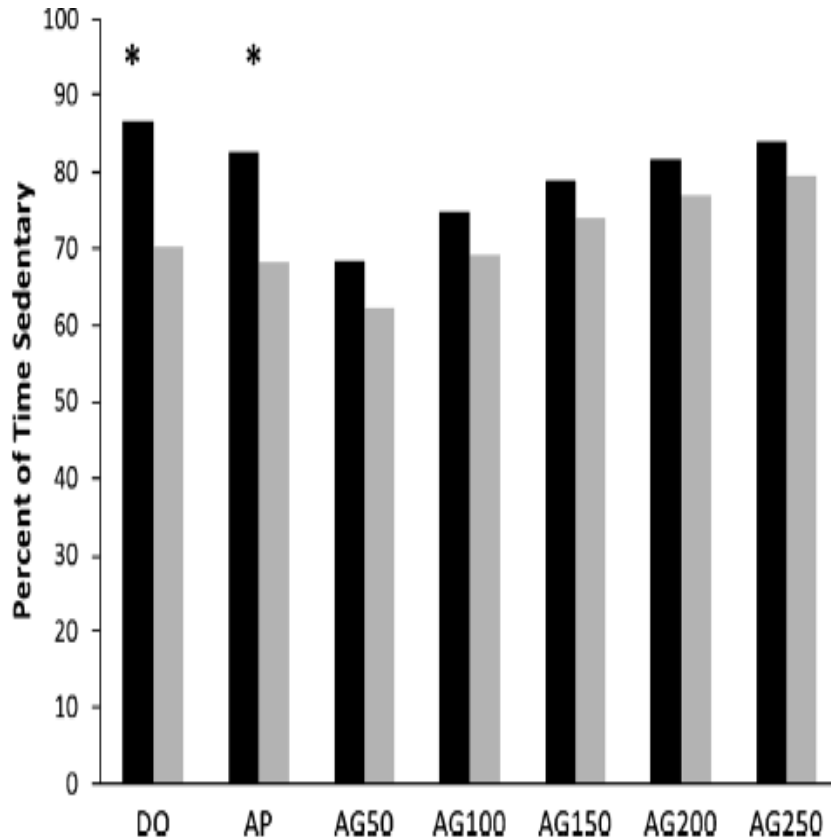
### ■ Methods

- 20 inactive, overweight office workers
- Direct observation for 6 hrs (2 conditions)
  - Baseline
  - Reduced of sedentary time
- Participants wore the activPal™ and Actigraph™ wearable sensors

### ■ Aims

- To determine accuracy of wearable sensors in estimating sedentary time
- To determine sensitivity of devices in estimating reduction in sedentary time

# Detection of sedentary time and changes in sedentary time using the activPal™ and Actigraph™ wearable sensors



activPal (AP)  
worn on thigh



Actigraph™ (AG)  
worn on hip  
count cutpoints  
100 cts/min  
150 cts/min  
200 cts/min  
250 cts/min

## Use of activPal™ in patients with intermittent claudication

- Derived output from activPal™ in individuals with intermittent claudication
- Event-based claudication index  
number of walking events per upright event

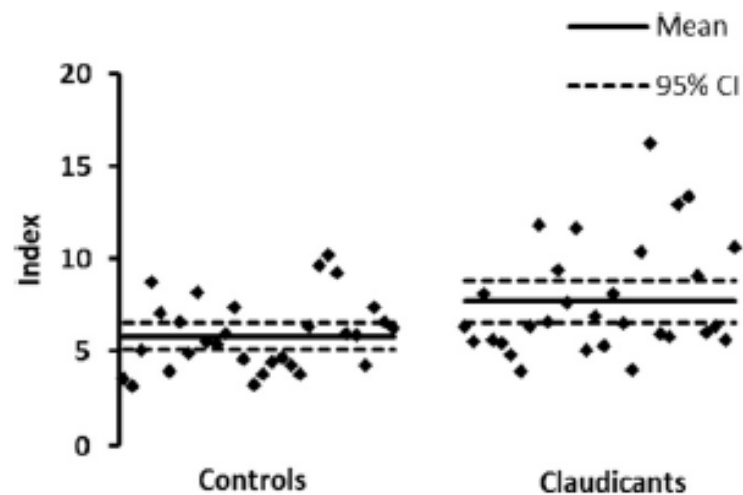


Figure 3. Total number of walking events per upright event (EBCI) over 7-day period in individuals with IC and controls.

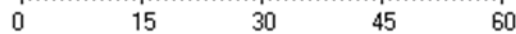


SIT/LIE STAND STEP

Monitor serial number: AP902172  
 Start Time: 05:42:15 PM 23-Apr-14  
 Stop Time: 08:56:45 AM 24-Apr-14

**Elapsed Time: 15:14:30**

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Sit/Lie 8.1min  
 Stand 6.4min  
 Step 3.2min  
 166 steps  
 2/1 u/d transitions

EE (MET.h): 0.5



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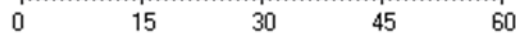


Sit/Lie 30.8min  
 Stand 15.9min  
 Step 13.0min  
 848 steps  
 3/2 u/d transitions

EE (MET.h): 1.6

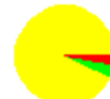


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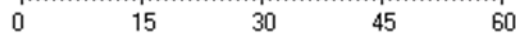


Sit/Lie 55.8min  
 Stand 2.1min  
 Step 1.8min  
 130 steps  
 2/2 u/d transitions

EE (MET.h): 1.3



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Sit/Lie 45.0min  
 Stand 9.7min  
 Step 5.1min  
 318 steps  
 2/1 u/d transitions

EE (MET.h): 1.4

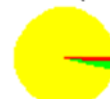


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Sit/Lie 57.8min  
 Stand 1.5min  
 Step 0.5min  
 36 steps  
 0/0 u/d transitions

EE (MET.h): 1.3



EE (MET.h): 1.2



## Why use the activPal™ in patients with hip and/or knee osteoarthritis?

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- **Objective measure of sedentary behavior**
  - **Hard to detect changes in physical activity which is comprised of a small portion of daily behavior which may not change much with an intervention**
- **Accurately estimates sedentary behavior**
- **Can quantify such metrics as breaks from sedentary behavior and walking events per upright event**
  - **May be linked to pain and function**
- **Currently limited research on sedentary behavior in patients with osteoarthritis**





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