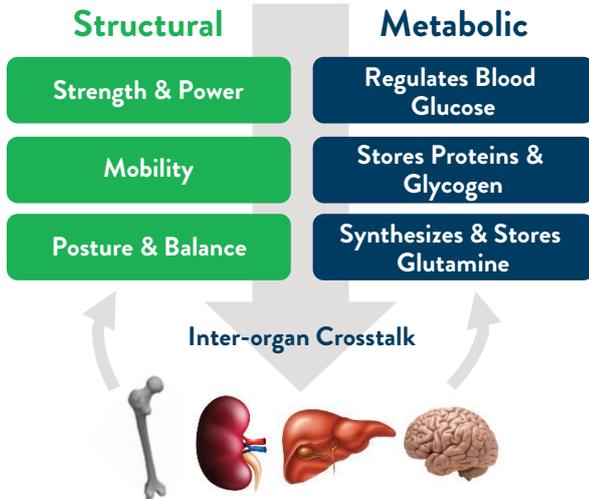


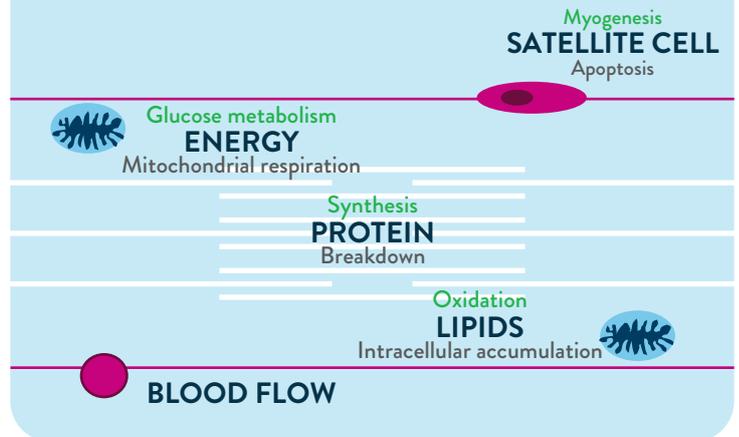
# WHY MAINTAINING MUSCLE MATTERS

Muscle plays structural and metabolic roles • Loss of lean body mass impacts patient outcomes

## MUSCLE FUNCTION



## METABOLIC CONSIDERATIONS in SKELETAL MUSCLE



### Malnutrition

Chronic Disease

Acute Illness

Aging

**MUSCLE LOSS**

Injury

Sedentary Lifestyle

Inflammation

Hospitalization

## COMPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

- Loss of strength and energy
- Falls and fractures
- Mobility-disability
- Illness and infection

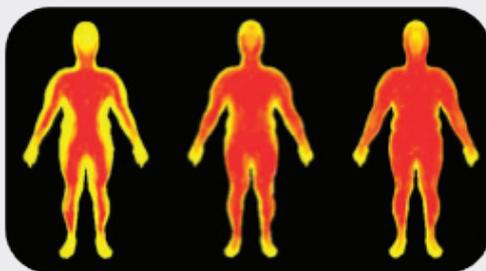


- Length of hospital stay
- Hospital readmissions
- Recovery time
- Mortality



## YOU CAN'T ALWAYS SEE MUSCLE LOSS

**BMI doesn't always tell you the full story:  
Same BMI, different LBM by DXA**



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## IDENTIFY

Patients at risk of muscle loss, especially those with recent weight loss and acute or chronic illness

## INTERVENE

Exercise & Physical Activity

Nutrition

- Nutrition counseling
- High-protein foods and snacks
- Oral nutritional supplementation

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