Components of the human body environmental preparedness for adaptation. Literature review

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Abstract. Health completeness is the adaptation completeness, a human body’s property of being "inscribed" into the living environment. Homeostasis, a good adaptation at high trophic and neurohumoral interaction of all organs. Cells functioning environment is blood and lymph. Lymph flows into the bloodstream, so the quality of the internal environment is determined by the quality of the blood. Modern living conditions alter the internal environment: exogenous toxins accumulate in the intercellular space, in lymphatic and later in the circulatory system, causing intoxication. Qualitative organism functioning is provided by removing endotoxins. They can be rejected and excreted only by the organs having excretory ducts. Natural blood filters, having excretory ducts, indirectly related to the environment are the liver, kidneys, and pancreas. Their self-cleaning property solves the problem of natural recovery of human body functions, strengthen environmental preparedness of the human body for adaptation.

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Introduction. Back in the mid-twentieth century, academician Davydovskiy I.V. referred the most important reason for the transformation of physiological processes into pathological ones to the lack of adaptive reserves, ecological failure of human body’s property of being "inscribed" into the living environment [1]. This reduces the level of health, labor, social significance and duration of life. The quality of adjustment to the future, but not yet occurred event, is simultaneously the principle of ensuring natural selection [2, 3]. In the context of demographic aging of the population, it is especially important to preserve individual health, the extension of labor and social activity of people. Therefore, it is necessary to find ways of increasing adaptation to changing environmental conditions, natural recovery of body functions, increase of functional reserve capacity and environmental fitness involved in the process of system adaptation. Many scientists have been and are currently engaged in solving these tasks, including [4-15]. We propose the concept of human body’s elements functioning, enhancing its environmental readiness for adaptation.

Main part. Health completeness is a completeness of adaptation to the changing environmental factors [16]. In the condition of external environment changes, the body maintains homeostasis and high quality of functioning in the presence of adaptation reserves [16-18]. Provision of adaptation and homeostasis at the control level is performed by means of neuroendocrine regulation, which represents systems of reception and passing regulatory signal to the executive cell system of functioning organs. About 20% of the human functioning genome is aimed at this action [19]. At the investigated level, adaptation and homeostasis are possible when the internal environment of the human body provides the high quality trophism and neurohumoral interaction. Optimal medium for transportation of organic, inorganic substances and metabolic reactions is an aqueous medium of a human body [20]. So as an adult person consists for more than 55% of water [21], the maximum interest is focused on the quality of the human body’s fluid mediums – blood and lymph.

At rest, the heart pumps 4.6 liters of blood per minute, per day it is 8-10 thousand liters [20]. The circulatory system serves: lungs (blood oxygenation); liver (processing the primary quantity of nutrients and neutralization of toxins coming from the blood); blood-forming organs (supplementing of the blood work-out cells); endocrine glands (in blood releasing of hormones for humoral regulation of body’s vital activity) [22]; and kidney (from blood extraction of the substances which are to be removed from the body) [23]. From the gastrointestinal tract organs, the nutrients carrying blood outflows to the portal vein, which is sequentially branching in the liver up to the capillaries. The volume of blood flowing into the liver via the portal vein reaches 2/3 of the circulating blood volume [24]. From liver the blood flows into the inferior vena cava, further into the heart, lungs, and then feeds the whole body.

The human body contains 1-2 liters of lymph [25]; ¼ of its volume gathers in the thoracic duct coming from the abdominal cavity and the lower half of the body [21]. 2/3 of this volume [20], i.e. half of the total lymph amount [26] comes from the liver. The lymphatic system provides the lymph formation
and its diversion into the venous system; resorption from tissues of the interstitial fluid, which is the external environment for most cells of the body [22]; performs the return of proteins, water, salts, metabolites and toxins from the tissues into the blood; participates in immunity establishing, in protection against disease-causing microbes and viruses [25]. The volume of liquid, returning through the lymphatic system into the blood, constitutes 2-3 liters per day [20]. Since lymph flows into the bloodstream, namely blood nourishes all organs, tissues and cells of the body; the quality of the internal environment is determined, above all, by the quality of the blood. A human living within the modern conditions dramatically changes the quality of the internal environment: exogenous toxins caused by poor living environment and ecology addictions, impaired cellular metabolism products accumulating in the intercellular space, and then in the lymphatic and circulatory systems. So, intoxication is growing. The quality of cell habitat is disrupted, impaired are their functioning and responses, which ensure the maintenance of homeostasis under the external changing conditions. Currently, this problem has the character of the broadest epidemic. Normalization of the internal environment, environmental preparedness capacity of the human body to adaptation is a priority for the preservation of health and the survival of humanity. The accumulated endotoxins circulate through the blood and lymph in the body. The investigations performed by Levin Y.M. demonstrate how toxic the lymph [27] and then the blood may become. The organ cells, having excretory ducts (stomach, intestines, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, kidney, bladder) may reject the endotoxins accumulated into the lumen of ducts and cavities, and then remove them from the body. Purification from the endotoxins of organ cells, not having the excretory ducts, is possible only through the lymphatic and then bloodstream. At the same time the blood cleaning from toxins is possible only in the presence of natural filtration systems capable of performing this work within the human body.

Let us consider the organs having excretory ducts and determine which ones are able to effectively carry out a blood self-cleaning from endotoxin. Stomach and intestines provide processing and absorption of food components into the blood and lymph, and gall bladder provides a transient accumulation of ingredients, secreted by the liver and kidneys. Stomach, intestines, pancreas and bladder are the hollow organs, with the muscular wall, able to conduct through themselves components, excreted outside by the liver, pancreas and kidneys, but do not have the mechanisms of blood filtration. Liver, kidneys and pancreas have some analogy structural features and functioning. All of them are parenchymal, blood filling; have internal excretory ducts, which open into the other organ cavity and intercommunicate with the surrounding environment.

Let us compare the function features of the liver, kidneys and pancreas. The liver is involved in the metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, enzymes, vitamins; ensures the formation and secretion of bile [28] needed for the absorption of the lipid components of the food, performs the bactericidal role, stimulation of microflora in the large intestine, epithelial renewal in the small intestine, the regulation of motor function of the gastrointestinal tract [29]. The liver performs the antitoxic function with neutralization of intestinal poisons, toxic metabolites, and exogenous poisons. A liver disorder is an important pathogenetic link to intoxication, which is caused by the in blood buildup of substance levels that have a general toxic and cerebrotoxic action. Bile enzymes also contribute to the toxicity: unconjugated bilirubin provides a pathogenic effect on cell membranes of tissues and organs. In connection with the general intoxication, there is impaired a systemic hemodynamics [28]. The most important functions of the kidneys include: maintaining the qualitative condition of water-salt metabolism of human body and environment, a constant concentration of salts in the internal environment of the body [25] and, accordingly, the osmotic pressure of the blood, the level of arterial blood pressure [28]. The kidneys are responsible for filtering, reabsorption and excretion of urine into the environment, and slags along with the urine. Together with the urine there are secreted both end products resulting from the metabolism and some not fully oxidized decomposition products (water, salt, ammonia, urea, uric acid, etc.). The kidneys remove from the body toxic substances detoxified by the liver; also derive some poisons, such as taken in the form of drugs [19]. Additionally, it should be noted that the urinary and genital organs are combined by the commonality of development, have close anatomical and functional relationships [30]; their excretory ducts open into the urogenital sinus separated from the cloaca [22]. It should be noted that Chinese medicine classifies the reproductive system disorders to the diseases associated with impaired renal function [31]. Thus, the system of the kidneys and the bladder is associated with genital function [22]. Let us note the common features: both the liver and kidneys can detoxicate and excrete toxic substances. The pancreas daily secretes and excretes through its ducts to the small intestine about 1 liter of pancreatic juice (exocrine function) containing enzymes for the digestion of carbohydrates, proteins and fats, as well as bicarbonate to neutralize the
filtering systems that support the purity of the internal environment are the liver, kidneys and pancreas.

Conclusion. In the nature there is no mechanism, which would have the efficiency of 100%. Our body is no exception. Excreted substances partially remain in the ducts of the blood filtering organs, making it difficult for their full operation. With age and depending on the ecological tense of the living environment, these processes are worsening, the quality of blood filtering from toxins weakens – intoxication increases. To solve the problem of the natural recovery of human body functions and to improve its environmental readiness for adaptation, it is necessary to find ways for "maintaining the purity of" the excretory organ ducts – the filters, naturally cleansing the blood of toxins (liver, kidney, pancreas).

Summary

1. Modern living conditions alter the internal environment: exogenous toxins cause intoxication, health weakening and diseases.
2. Health completeness is a completeness of adaptation to the changing environmental factors. Adaptation is provided by the increased reserves of the human body adaptive abilities.
3. Adaptation reserves are provided by increasing purity of the internal environment (endoecology) and, above all, purity of body fluids (blood and lymph).
4. Lymph flows into the bloodstream. Blood nourishes all organs, tissues and cells of the body, so the quality of the internal environment is determined primarily by the qualitative composition of the blood.
5. For the good body functioning, the toxins must be removed. These actions can be performed by the organs that filter the blood and have excretory ducts.
6. Natural blood filters, having excretory ducts and indirectly related to the environment, are the liver, kidneys and pancreas.
7. Since there is no mechanism in nature, which would have efficiency of 100%, the toxins being excreted remain partially in the ducts of the blood filtering organs, preventing them from full-rate functioning.
8. To solve the problem of the natural recovery of human body functions and to improve its environmental readiness for adaptation, it is necessary to find ways for "maintaining the purity of" the excretory organ ducts – the filters, naturally cleansing the blood of toxins (liver, kidney, pancreas).
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The physiological mechanisms of adaptation to various extreme conditions and environmental factors are largely the same. Physical loads, hypoxia, cold tolerance exercises, and other factors all induce similar responses in the body by increasing the nonspecific resistance of the body. Thus, we regard sports as an extreme activity with similar adaptational changes. This article reviews the interconnectivities between the human-nature relationship and human health. It begins by reviewing the concepts and methodological approaches. These concepts will be converged to identify areas of overlap as well as existing research on the potential health impacts in relation to humanity’s degree of relationship to nature and lifestyle choices. Some of the well-known examples include human’s physiological adaptation to agricultural sustenance, the gradual increase in lactose tolerance as well as the susceptibility of allergic diseases (e.g., asthma and hay fever) in relation to decreasing microbial exposure. Human adaptation to space flight: the role of nutrition. It is our hope that this book reflects a (brief) review of the history of and current state of knowledge about the role of nutrition in human space flight. We have attempted to organize this from a more physiological point of view, and to highlight systems, and the nutrients that support them, rather than the other way around. Determining body mass is one of the most basic overall measures of health, as noted every time one visits a physician’s office on Earth.
Community-based preparedness and management should be a high priority in emergency preparedness. An event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare, the environment, or war or terrorism which threatens serious damage to the national security. The definition of an emergency is concerned with consequences, rather than with cause or source. Therefore, an emergency inside or outside one area is covered by the definition, provided it has consequences inside the area in question. An evaluation of the probability of occurrence and the magnitude of the consequences of any given hazard. The risk of a disaster is the probability of a disaster occurring. Adaptations and adaptability. Humans have biological plasticity, or an ability to adapt biologically to our environment. An adaptation is any variation that can increase one’s biological fitness in a specific environment; more simply it is the successful interaction of a population with its environment. Adaptations may be biological or cultural in nature. Your body will quickly begin to perspire in an attempt to cool your body temperature and return to homeostasis. When the temperature declines, so will your perspiration. The presence of the sickle cell allele in some human populations is one example. Keep in mind that genetic adaptations are environmentally specific.