## **Z-Health**® Introduction



I first heard about Z-Health in May 2008. After two years of observing Z-Health, I too have begun implementing this useful system to help my corporate clients, athletes, family, and even my own body move better with greater efficiency. Initially, I was frustrated trying to answer the question "What is Z-Health?" It's very difficult to grasp at first. I hope this brief intro helps you become acquainted with Z-Health and its potential benefits; however, I strongly urge anyone interested to take an introductory Z-Health workshop or participate in one-on-one setups with a Certified Z-Health Movement Coach to get a first hand view of Z-Health in action Enjoy! —RJ

What is Z-Health? Z-Health is a comprehensive system utilizing current neuroscience research and other methods to optimize movement. At the onset, Z-Health is great for improving joint mobility and decreasing pain. At the more advanced levels, Z-Health can also be helpful for optimizing athletic movements, vision, strength, speed, power, and overall control of movement.

**Who can use Z-Health?** Everyone can use Z-Health with a few exceptions for medical contraindications. It is the most non-invasive and low-risk system I've ever seen for optimizing movement and decreasing pain. Z-Health is very safe and good for the general population no matter what the age or ability level.

What does it look like? In the initial "R Phase," Z-Health uses very small and precise movement patterns for all the major joints in the body from your foot/ankle all the way up to your neck/jaw. These are called the "ABCs" of movement. Before you can write a novel, you have to learn your ABCs, how to spell, write sentences, paragraphs, short stories, and then finally the novel. Movement is addressed the same way with the Z-Health system—learn the basics well joint by joint then the rest of the movement process will be optimized in advancing stages of development.

**Start Up?** The first of four phases of Z-Health is the "R-Phase" which stands for Rehabilitation, Restoration, & Re-Education of nervous system—this is where you need to begin. There are 23 different dynamic joint mobility drills in R-Phase, but 4-6 "High Pay Off" drills have been highlighted that work the best for most people. This is where I like people to start at the minimum. The first two target feet and ankles then one for hips, one for thoracic mid back, then wrists and hands.

**Now What?** Take an introductory workshop on Z-Health basics, work one-on-one with a Z-Health certified pro, or buy your own R-Phase DVD/Workbook. Ideally, you have your own DVD/Workbook and a personal set up with a Z pro.

**Coach Tips!** The two "Rules" for Z-Health are: NO Pain and NO Threat while performing the exercises. Using these rules, just about anyone can engage in some level of dynamic joint mobility and pain relief with Z-Health.

More Info? www.ronjones.org/Coach&Train/Z-Health/index.html

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