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Featuring Dr. Kirk Erickson
University of Pittsburgh

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ABOUT DR. ERICKSON

Dr. Kirk Erickson is a Professor at the University of Pittsburgh. His research examines the impact of physical activity on brain health. Dr. Erickson’s research has been funded by numerous awards and grants from NIH and his research has resulted in the Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Award from the University of Pittsburgh. He was named a Fellow of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research in 2016 and a Distinguished Scientist from Murdoch University in Australia in 2018. He was a member of the 2018 Physical Activity Guidelines Advisory Committee, and chair of the Brain Health subcommittee. His research has been featured in a long list of print, radio, and electronic media including the New York Times, CNN, BBC News, NPR, Time, and the Wall Street Journal.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• Describe the brain areas most commonly found to be associated and affected by exercise.
• Describe several mechanisms by which exercise influences the brain.
• Describe several moderating factors that could influence the magnitude of brain benefits resulting from exercise.

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