# **Creating a Work or Home-Based Ergonomic Workspace with Peter Johnson**

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# **Course Outline**

#### > How to set up your workstation

- Desk, chair, keyboard and monitor height and set-up
- Keyboards and pointing devices and how to select and position for optimal work
- Monitor Placement
- Sit stand workstations
- > Your workstation on the go
  - Laptop stands
  - Portable mice and keyboards
- > Common physical ailments from computer work
  - Common potential ailments
  - When to take Action

# **Workstation Set Up**

### **Work Station Set up**



- > If your workstation is height adjustable, adjust your chair first to optimize sitting posture
- > If your workstation is not adjustable, you have to adjust you chair to meet your workstation
  - Foot rests so feet can rest flat on the floor
  - Keyboard drawer to lower the height of your worksurface
- > Adjust your keyboard, pointing device and monitors

#### **Adjustable Workstation**

5) Monitors at or just below eye level

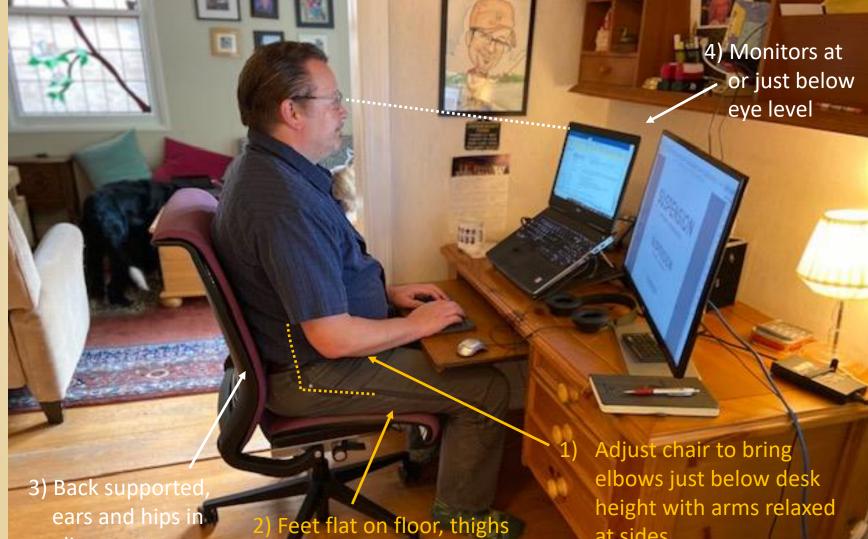
> 3) Back support ears and hig alignment

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 Table adjusted to just below elbow height when arms relaxed at sides 2) Thighs ~parallel
 floor and open
 angle at the hips

1) Feet resting firmly and flat on the floor

#### **Non-Adjustable Workstation**



barallel floor and open angle at the hips (add a footrest if needed)

alignment

at sides (keyboard drawer to lower desk height)

# Monitors

- > Monitor and keyboard need to be in line
- Monitor Distance: 18" 32" eyes to screen (arms distance)
- Monitor Height: in general, eyes near the top of the screen. Actual position will depend on size of monitor and vision issues for user (low monitor height lower for bifocal wearers)
- > Laptops: Use laptop holder and peripherals for extended use



# **Keyboard Trays**

- > Adjustable height and angle
- > Sturdy
- > Room to accommodate mouse







### **Keyboard Trays**



Stand Up Desk Store Large Clamp-On Retractable Adjustable Keyboard Tray/Under Desk Keyboard Tray | Improve Comfort While Increasing Usable Desk Space (27.5" W x 12.25" D) (Black) (Large)

4.3 out of 5 stars





Mount-It! Under Desk Computer Keyboard and Mouse Tray, Ergonomic Keyboard Drawer with Gel Wrist Pad, Black

3.9 out of 5 stars





VIVO Adjustable Computer Keyboard and Mouse Platform Tray | Ergonomic Under Table Desk Mount Drawer (MOUNT-KB01)

4.3 out of 5 stars



## **Chairs**

- > Invest in a good chair, you use it all the time
- > Two types of chairs, personal preference
  - Static chairs, lock you in a position
  - Dynamic chairs, allow you to move
- Not a fan or arm rest (can't get close to your desk), should be adjustable to gently support your elbows
- > Casters to match flooring (hard floor or carpet)



Herman Miller Aeron Ergonomic Office Chair with Tilt Limiter | Adjustable PostureFit SL and Arms | Large Size C with Graphite Finish

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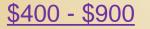




**Passive Chair** 

Herman Miller Classic Aeron Chair - Fully Adjustable, Adjustable PostureFit,

4.3 out of 5 stars





**Static Chair** 

Steelcase Amia Ergonomic Office Chair with Adjustable Back Tension and Arms | Flexible Lumbar with Sliding Seat | Black Frame and Buzz2 Blue Fabric

4.1 out of 5 stars





Static or Dynamic Chair

Office Star High Back ProGrid Back FreeFlex Seat with Adjustable Arms and Multi-Function and Seat Slider, Black Managers Chair

4.0 out of 5 stars





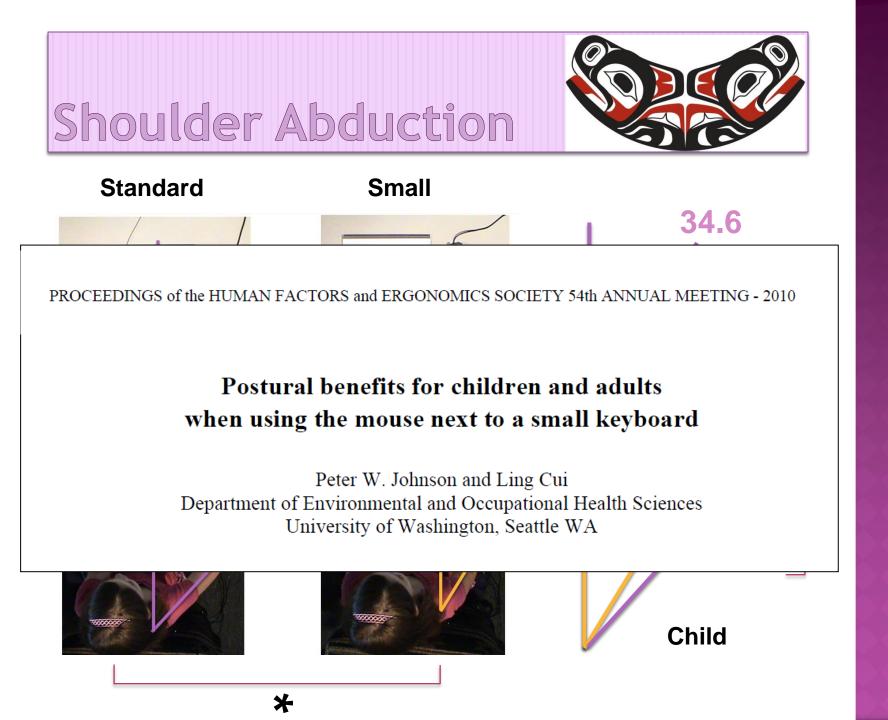
#### **Dynamic Chair**

Office Factor Executive Ergonomic Office Chair Back Mesh Bonded Leather Seat Flipup Arms Molded Seat with a 55kg Foam Density Double Handle Mechanism You Can Lock The Back in Any Position (Black)

3.9 out of 5 stars

<u>\$194.90 - 249.00</u>





# **Keyboards and Mice**

- > Like small footprint keyboards
- > Use your more 2 to 4 times more than keyboard



## **Keyboards**



Microsoft Sculpt Ergonomic Wireless Desktop Keyboard and Mouse (L5V-00001) (with Mouse)

4.2 out of 5 stars

#### <u>\$179.99</u> (\$79.99 without mouse)

Perixx PERIDUO-406, Wired Mini Ergonomic Split Keyboard and Portable Vertical Mouse Combo, Adjustable Palm Rest, Tilt Scroll Wheel, and Membrane Low Profile Keys

3.9 out of 5 stars





Arteck 2.4G Wireless Keyboard Stainless Steel Ultra Slim Keyboard for Computer/Desktop/PC/Laptop/Surface/Smart TV and Windows 10/8 / 7 / Vista/XP Built in Rechargeable Battery

4.5 out of 5 stars

<u>\$29.99</u>



Macally Slim USB Wired Small Compact Mini Computer Keyboard for Apple Mac, iMac, MacBook Pro/Air, Mac Mini, Windows PC Desktops, Laptop (Space Gray)

4.3 out of 5 stars





Kinesis DXT2 Ergonomic Vertical Mouse (RF Wireless)

3.8 out of 5 stars

\$99.00



Standard size Vertical Wireless Mouse, Jelly Comb Ergonomic Mouse Reduces Wrist Strain, Easy Switch Between 3 Computers with Bluetooth, USB or Type C Connection, Rechargeable -MV09D

4.5 out of 5 stars





NORMIA RITA Foldable Arc Wireless Mouse Silent Click Bluetooth 2.4GHz Dual Modes Portable Curved Mouse for Home, Office, Travel

4.3 out of 5 stars

<u>\$38.99</u>



<u>Wired Vertical Mouse, Jelly Comb Small Ergonomic Mouse</u> <u>High Precision Optical Mice with Adjustable Sensitivity</u> 800/1200 /1600 DPI, 6 Buttons, - Black

4.5 out of 5 stars

<u>\$19.99</u>



> Working in different places for brief periods of time







### **Laptop Stands**



OMOTON Laptop Stand, Adjustable Aluminum Laptop Tablet Stand, Foldable Portable Desktop Holder Compatible with All Laptops (Up to 14 inch)

4.7 out of 5 stars





Laptop Stand - JUBOR Adjustable Laptop Stand Portable Foldable Ergonomic Desktop Stand Holder Mount for MacBook Notebook Computer PC iPad Tablet

4.5 out of 5 stars





Nexstand Laptop Stand – Portable Laptop Stand – PC and MacBook Laptop Stand

4.5 out of 5 stars



# **Sit Stand Workstations**

# Occupational Sitting and Standing and Cardiovascular Disease

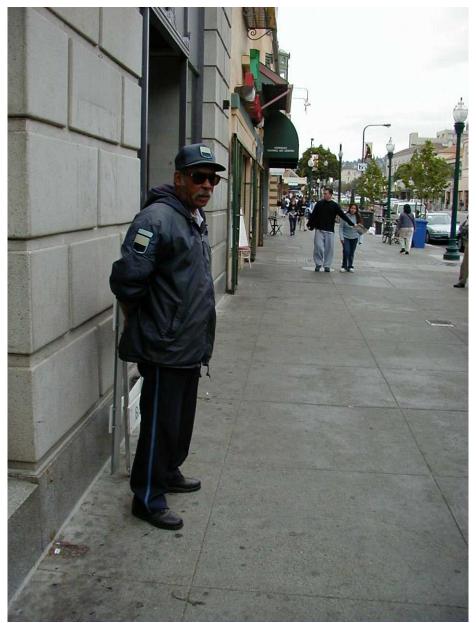
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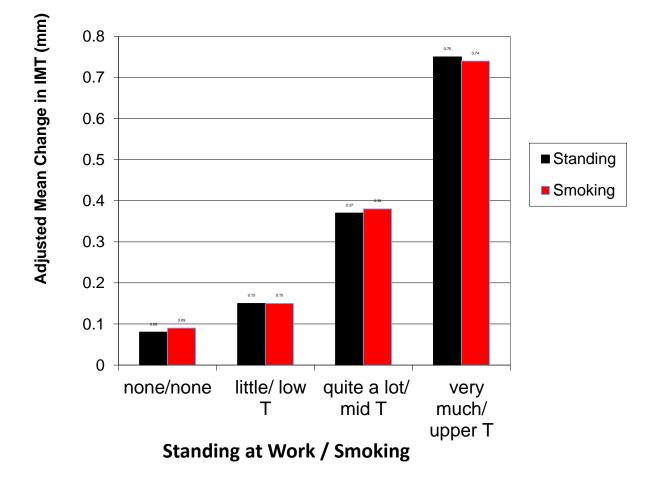
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# Standing at <u>Work Increases CVD</u>



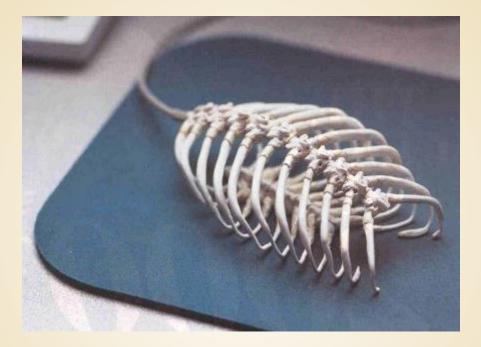
# Standing compared to Smoking



Krause et al., Scand J Work Environ Health, 2000

# **Common Computer Ailments**

# The End



# Questions?

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