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00:00:04,950 --> 00:00:02,710  
well good afternoon everybody and

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00:00:07,110 --> 00:00:04,960  
welcome to nasa's johnson space center

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00:00:09,509 --> 00:00:07,120  
i'm dan hewitt and we are of course here

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00:00:12,150 --> 00:00:09,519  
to talk about the one-year mission

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00:00:13,509 --> 00:00:12,160  
scott's home after 340 days in space he

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00:00:15,430 --> 00:00:13,519  
was doing a lot of really important

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00:00:16,950 --> 00:00:15,440  
science on board which is continuing now

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00:00:18,470 --> 00:00:16,960  
that he's back on the ground so we're

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00:00:19,349 --> 00:00:18,480  
here to talk a little bit more about

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00:00:21,750 --> 00:00:19,359  
that

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00:00:25,269 --> 00:00:21,760  
i'm joined today by dr julie robinson

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00:00:26,870 --> 00:00:25,279  
the chief iss program scientist i'm also

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00:00:28,470 --> 00:00:26,880

joined by dr john charles the chief

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00:00:30,550 --> 00:00:28,480

scientist from nasa's human research

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00:00:32,470 --> 00:00:30,560

program and then of course mark kelly

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:32,480

there on the end you might recognize him

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00:00:36,709 --> 00:00:34,320

he's scott's twin brother and was a

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00:00:38,630 --> 00:00:36,719

participant in this twin study that took

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00:00:40,069 --> 00:00:38,640

place down here on the ground we have a

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00:00:41,750 --> 00:00:40,079

lot of folks here in the room and a lot

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00:00:42,950 --> 00:00:41,760

on the phone so i won't waste too much

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00:00:45,430 --> 00:00:42,960

time but

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00:00:47,350 --> 00:00:45,440

just to give our participants a a quick

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00:00:49,510 --> 00:00:47,360

moment to start off julie

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00:00:51,830 --> 00:00:49,520

i'll start with you now scott was up

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00:00:53,830 --> 00:00:51,840

there for 340 days obviously human

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00:00:55,670 --> 00:00:53,840

research was a big part but there was a

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00:00:57,430 --> 00:00:55,680

lot of research taking place onboard the

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00:00:59,910 --> 00:00:57,440

station give us just a quick idea of

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00:01:01,670 --> 00:00:59,920

just the breadth of studies that he was

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00:01:04,149 --> 00:01:01,680

involved in during the year in space

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00:01:05,830 --> 00:01:04,159

yeah there were over 450 investigations

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00:01:08,230 --> 00:01:05,840

that were done on iss while scott was

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00:01:10,149 --> 00:01:08,240

there and the breadth covers almost the

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00:01:12,630 --> 00:01:10,159

entire breadth of science there were

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00:01:14,870 --> 00:01:12,640

life sciences investigations with stem

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00:01:16,630 --> 00:01:14,880

cells and worms and other kinds of

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00:01:19,510 --> 00:01:16,640

organisms helping us to understand the

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00:01:20,710 --> 00:01:19,520

mechanisms of how life responds to space

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00:01:22,469 --> 00:01:20,720

there were physical sciences

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00:01:24,070 --> 00:01:22,479

investigations with

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00:01:25,190 --> 00:01:24,080

fuels burning in a controlled

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00:01:27,190 --> 00:01:25,200

environment

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00:01:29,429 --> 00:01:27,200

fluids like colloids being tested for

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00:01:30,550 --> 00:01:29,439

their self-assembly processes

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00:01:32,630 --> 00:01:30,560

and then there were technology

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00:01:35,990 --> 00:01:32,640

demonstrations where we were evaluating

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00:01:38,390 --> 00:01:36,000

future technologies for life support

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autonomous rendezvous and docking there

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were education activities that

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00:01:44,149 --> 00:01:41,840  
accompanied some of these like we had

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00:01:45,830 --> 00:01:44,159  
these spheres on iss floating around

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00:01:47,910 --> 00:01:45,840  
they were testing autonomous rendezvous

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00:01:49,510 --> 00:01:47,920  
and docking and structure of fuel tanks

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00:01:50,950 --> 00:01:49,520  
but students also got the opportunity to

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00:01:53,030 --> 00:01:50,960  
program those as part of the zero

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00:01:55,350 --> 00:01:53,040  
robotics competition so there were great

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00:01:56,709 --> 00:01:55,360  
things that that were added to some of

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00:01:58,950 --> 00:01:56,719  
our investigations to make them

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00:02:00,310 --> 00:01:58,960  
important to students on earth and then

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00:02:02,389 --> 00:02:00,320  
outside the space station there are

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00:02:04,389 --> 00:02:02,399  
really important instruments attached

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00:02:06,389 --> 00:02:04,399

the alpha magnetic spectrometer is

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00:02:08,070 --> 00:02:06,399

measuring the nature of dark matter and

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00:02:09,430 --> 00:02:08,080

dark energy by looking at galactic

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00:02:10,550 --> 00:02:09,440

cosmic rays

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00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:10,560

and

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00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:15,360

are looking at the earth so rapidscat

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00:02:19,190 --> 00:02:17,440

was really key data for modeling the

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00:02:22,790 --> 00:02:19,200

intensification of hurricanes throughout

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00:02:24,470 --> 00:02:22,800

the entire last season all based on iss

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00:02:27,270 --> 00:02:24,480

commercial companies are doing a lot of

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00:02:28,949 --> 00:02:27,280

research on iss there were

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00:02:31,430 --> 00:02:28,959

both cubesats that were deployed for

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00:02:33,990 --> 00:02:31,440

different commercial companies and also

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00:02:35,990 --> 00:02:34,000

a lot of experiments done inside the iss

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00:02:37,670 --> 00:02:36,000

for research and development efforts so

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00:02:39,110 --> 00:02:37,680

this huge amount of research was going

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on of course people are going to want to

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00:02:43,509 --> 00:02:41,920

know all about the experiments with the

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00:02:45,190 --> 00:02:43,519

twin study and the experiments on human

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physiology but it's just good to have

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00:02:50,309 --> 00:02:47,280

that context of what an amazing research

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00:02:51,910 --> 00:02:50,319

laboratory the iss is today okay and

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00:02:53,750 --> 00:02:51,920

john charles again our chief scientist

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00:02:55,430 --> 00:02:53,760

for the human research program now at

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00:02:57,030 --> 00:02:55,440

the core of the year in space a lot of

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00:02:59,030 --> 00:02:57,040

it was that human research what were

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00:03:00,869 --> 00:02:59,040

some of the different studies you guys

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00:03:02,390 --> 00:03:00,879

were doing the different bodily systems

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00:03:05,990 --> 00:03:02,400

that you were looking at during scott's

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year in space julie mentioned 450

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00:03:10,869 --> 00:03:08,720

investigations on this mission only 18

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00:03:13,190 --> 00:03:10,879

were human research program missions but

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we seem to be few a number but take lots

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of crew time and lots of effort and of

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course fairly highly visible

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of there are 18 including the twins

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study which is one of our investigations

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00:03:25,509 --> 00:03:23,440

where scott was also doing

101  
00:03:26,869 --> 00:03:25,519  
two investigations from the russians and

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00:03:29,430 --> 00:03:26,879  
two from the japanese as part of our

103  
00:03:31,990 --> 00:03:29,440  
truly multinational collaborative effort

104  
00:03:33,830 --> 00:03:32,000  
and the studies were typical of space

105  
00:03:36,550 --> 00:03:33,840  
station kinds of studies

106  
00:03:38,229 --> 00:03:36,560  
some of them were carryovers from his

107  
00:03:40,710 --> 00:03:38,239  
previous six-month flight so we would

108  
00:03:42,470 --> 00:03:40,720  
have some basis of comparison between

109  
00:03:44,470 --> 00:03:42,480  
his time and space for six months and

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00:03:46,470 --> 00:03:44,480  
his time and space for one year

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00:03:48,390 --> 00:03:46,480  
and some were new for this

112  
00:03:49,750 --> 00:03:48,400  
this mission and they are continuing on

113  
00:03:52,550 --> 00:03:49,760

other missions

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00:03:55,670 --> 00:03:52,560

the two flagship investigations were the

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00:03:58,149 --> 00:03:55,680

in in flight fluid shift study which

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00:03:59,990 --> 00:03:58,159

was a truly international investigation

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00:04:01,429 --> 00:04:00,000

that required moving a lot of american

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00:04:03,429 --> 00:04:01,439

monitoring hardware into the russian

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00:04:05,830 --> 00:04:03,439

segment and using the russian

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00:04:08,070 --> 00:04:05,840

medical system including a device that

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00:04:09,990 --> 00:04:08,080

relocates body fluids

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00:04:11,830 --> 00:04:10,000

as a way to investigate the changes in

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00:04:14,229 --> 00:04:11,840

fluid distribution in the body and see

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00:04:15,910 --> 00:04:14,239

how they might or might not impact the

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00:04:18,710 --> 00:04:15,920

changes in visual acuity that occur in

126  
00:04:20,629 --> 00:04:18,720  
space flight and another one of is the

127  
00:04:22,390 --> 00:04:20,639  
post landing field test

128  
00:04:26,390 --> 00:04:22,400  
which was done immediately after landing

129  
00:04:28,469 --> 00:04:26,400  
when when both scott and mikhail were

130  
00:04:29,990 --> 00:04:28,479  
escorted from the soyuz into the medical

131  
00:04:33,030 --> 00:04:30,000  
tent and in the medical tent they were

132  
00:04:35,030 --> 00:04:33,040  
both asked to do a say or a series of of

133  
00:04:37,350 --> 00:04:35,040  
activities that mimic those an astronaut

134  
00:04:39,830 --> 00:04:37,360  
newly landed on mars might be asked to

135  
00:04:41,590 --> 00:04:39,840  
do standing up recovering from a fall

136  
00:04:43,749 --> 00:04:41,600  
walking

137  
00:04:45,749 --> 00:04:43,759  
bending lifting things like that as well

138  
00:04:47,909 --> 00:04:45,759

as some additional vestibular and

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00:04:49,350 --> 00:04:47,919

sensory motor tests so those are the

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00:04:50,390 --> 00:04:49,360

those are the flagship investigations

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00:04:53,510 --> 00:04:50,400

but otherwise we did other

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00:04:55,909 --> 00:04:53,520

investigations on uh cognitive function

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00:04:57,909 --> 00:04:55,919

in flight to be followed up post with uh

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00:04:58,870 --> 00:04:57,919

with cognitive testing that involves

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00:05:00,870 --> 00:04:58,880

actually

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00:05:02,870 --> 00:05:00,880

doing tasks while the brains are being

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00:05:04,790 --> 00:05:02,880

scanned inside of an mri

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00:05:07,110 --> 00:05:04,800

a lot of metabolic studies lots of blood

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00:05:09,029 --> 00:05:07,120

draws over almost a half a liter of

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00:05:11,350 --> 00:05:09,039

blood was drawn from scott during his

151  
00:05:12,950 --> 00:05:11,360  
time in flight in a series of blood

152  
00:05:15,029 --> 00:05:12,960  
draws periodically throughout the flight

153  
00:05:16,870 --> 00:05:15,039  
and other bodily fluids were collected

154  
00:05:19,670 --> 00:05:16,880  
as well

155  
00:05:21,909 --> 00:05:19,680  
and generally just assessing his uh his

156  
00:05:23,430 --> 00:05:21,919  
ongoing capabilities as a functioning

157  
00:05:24,390 --> 00:05:23,440  
crew member on the international space

158  
00:05:26,710 --> 00:05:24,400  
station

159  
00:05:28,790 --> 00:05:26,720  
as a model for people moving in uh

160  
00:05:30,070 --> 00:05:28,800  
beyond low earth orbit on expiration

161  
00:05:32,629 --> 00:05:30,080  
missions beyond

162  
00:05:34,150 --> 00:05:32,639  
low earth orbit of say to mars so i

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00:05:36,469 --> 00:05:34,160

essentially expand the gamut of

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00:05:37,350 --> 00:05:36,479

physiological and psychological systems

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00:05:39,270 --> 00:05:37,360

and

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00:05:40,870 --> 00:05:39,280

now we're in the phase of of collecting

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00:05:42,550 --> 00:05:40,880

the data and starting to analyze the

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00:05:43,990 --> 00:05:42,560

data and uh seeing what we really

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00:05:45,830 --> 00:05:44,000

learned from this mission

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00:05:47,670 --> 00:05:45,840

all right and then mark kelly former

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00:05:49,830 --> 00:05:47,680

nasa astronaut space shuttle commander

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00:05:52,070 --> 00:05:49,840

you were no stranger to doing science

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00:05:53,510 --> 00:05:52,080

and other things in space but you took a

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00:05:55,430 --> 00:05:53,520

different role for the last year what

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00:05:56,710 --> 00:05:55,440

was the urine space like for you down

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00:05:59,670 --> 00:05:56,720

here on the ground

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00:06:01,430 --> 00:05:59,680

you know my first flight we had some

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rodents on board where they were the

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00:06:04,390 --> 00:06:02,639

subject

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00:06:06,710 --> 00:06:04,400

and now on this flight

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00:06:09,189 --> 00:06:06,720

for this last year i've been the subject

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00:06:10,629 --> 00:06:09,199

at least the control on the ground so a

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00:06:12,550 --> 00:06:10,639

little bit different role than actually

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00:06:14,309 --> 00:06:12,560

flying the spacecraft but it's uh you

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00:06:15,830 --> 00:06:14,319

know it's it's it's been an interesting

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00:06:17,029 --> 00:06:15,840

experience i've made

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probably

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00:06:20,230 --> 00:06:18,400

maybe four

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trips or so here to the johnson space

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center where i'll spend some time in a

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00:06:25,430 --> 00:06:23,280

laboratory

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00:06:27,670 --> 00:06:25,440

hooked up to all kinds of equipment

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00:06:29,909 --> 00:06:27,680

might be an ultrasound machine

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00:06:32,309 --> 00:06:29,919

or this lower

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00:06:34,950 --> 00:06:32,319

body negative pressure garment

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00:06:36,469 --> 00:06:34,960

given a lot of blood and urine and other

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00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:36,479

samples

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00:06:42,309 --> 00:06:38,800

yesterday i was over doing a stand-up

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mri i have a two and a half hour mri

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00:06:46,950 --> 00:06:44,560

tomorrow if there's anybody in here that

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00:06:48,629 --> 00:06:46,960  
doesn't like being in an mri machine

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00:06:50,230 --> 00:06:48,639  
just think of uh

203  
00:06:52,150 --> 00:06:50,240  
think of me sitting there for two and a

204  
00:06:53,110 --> 00:06:52,160  
half hours or laying there tomorrow as i

205  
00:06:55,029 --> 00:06:53,120  
do this

206  
00:06:56,790 --> 00:06:55,039  
but it's been a good experience working

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00:06:58,309 --> 00:06:56,800  
with the with the researchers here at

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00:06:59,270 --> 00:06:58,319  
nasa some really

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00:07:01,830 --> 00:06:59,280  
smart

210  
00:07:03,830 --> 00:07:01,840  
and top-notch people

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00:07:05,749 --> 00:07:03,840  
who are trying to collect data not

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00:07:07,749 --> 00:07:05,759  
necessarily for themselves but data that

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00:07:10,469 --> 00:07:07,759

they're going to be sharing with the 10

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00:07:12,550 --> 00:07:10,479

research universities

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00:07:14,629 --> 00:07:12,560

around the world if you count at the one

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00:07:17,510 --> 00:07:14,639

university in europe

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00:07:20,469 --> 00:07:17,520

so it's been a good experience uh at a

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00:07:21,510 --> 00:07:20,479

number of times uh nasa came to me

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to take

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arizona or in some other city in the

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00:07:28,469 --> 00:07:25,919

country

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00:07:30,390 --> 00:07:28,479

um so it's been a positive experience

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but what i'm really looking forward to

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is seeing the results of all this

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research and that's going to take a

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little bit of time i get the impression

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that some of these studies are going to

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start to have you know some initial

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findings

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but others i imagine would take

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you know maybe up to six months or a

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year before they you know start writing

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00:07:53,029 --> 00:07:48,800

the research papers

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00:07:54,790 --> 00:07:53,039

and making conclusions on this longer

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00:07:56,390 --> 00:07:54,800

trip into space

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00:07:57,909 --> 00:07:56,400

all right well now we want to start

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00:08:00,070 --> 00:07:57,919

taking questions from everybody gathered

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here everybody on the phone and also on

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social media a reminder for those on the

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phone if you have a question you need to

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press star 1 to get into our queue and

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00:08:10,710 --> 00:08:08,879

you can press star 2 to withdraw and if

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00:08:13,589 --> 00:08:10,720

you're following on social media use the

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00:08:15,430 --> 00:08:13,599

hashtag asknasa so for those in the room

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just raise your hand state your name

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affiliation and who's it for

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okay hi tom costello with nbc news um dr

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charles you know mark just mentioned it

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is early you still have to disseminate

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the raw data to the universities you

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00:08:32,469 --> 00:08:29,440  
look for some sort of

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00:08:34,870 --> 00:08:32,479  
um result is there anything early are

253  
00:08:36,630 --> 00:08:34,880  
there any early uh

254  
00:08:38,310 --> 00:08:36,640  
interesting findings that you've already

255  
00:08:39,589 --> 00:08:38,320  
come up with no

256  
00:08:41,190 --> 00:08:39,599  
nothing at all

257  
00:08:43,589 --> 00:08:41,200  
nothing i can tell you about but the

258  
00:08:45,269 --> 00:08:43,599  
point is the point is we the the data

259  
00:08:47,269 --> 00:08:45,279  
analysis is only now beginning in

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00:08:49,190 --> 00:08:47,279  
earnest we have especially for the the

261  
00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:49,200  
twin study the the metabolic data that

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00:08:52,470 --> 00:08:50,480  
required they're going to be batch

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analyzed which means that all the

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samples or most of the samples will be

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analyzed by the same technician and the

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same hardware at the same time in the

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same place so any differences we see are

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not related to variations between the

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technician or the location or the time

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or how long they're in the freezer and

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so forth

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and don't forget some of those samples

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00:09:10,550 --> 00:09:08,800

are still on the station right now

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00:09:12,870 --> 00:09:10,560

they're not coming back until may on

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00:09:14,550 --> 00:09:12,880

spacex the next landing which carries a

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00:09:15,829 --> 00:09:14,560  
freezer the soyuz doesn't have a freezer

277  
00:09:17,110 --> 00:09:15,839  
on board so it can't bring back the

278  
00:09:19,750 --> 00:09:17,120  
frozen samples

279  
00:09:21,430 --> 00:09:19,760  
so literally no not yet

280  
00:09:23,590 --> 00:09:21,440  
scott did mention something about his

281  
00:09:25,910 --> 00:09:23,600  
vision change

282  
00:09:27,430 --> 00:09:25,920  
yes he did

283  
00:09:28,870 --> 00:09:27,440  
his vision changed after his first

284  
00:09:30,230 --> 00:09:28,880  
flight he's made that

285  
00:09:32,310 --> 00:09:30,240  
you know clear

286  
00:09:34,550 --> 00:09:32,320  
which is a

287  
00:09:36,630 --> 00:09:34,560  
you know not an uncommon thing to happen

288  
00:09:38,070 --> 00:09:36,640

for long duration crew members so it's

289

00:09:40,550 --> 00:09:38,080

happened in the past it happened on his

290

00:09:42,630 --> 00:09:40,560

last flight and uh you know i think he's

291

00:09:45,030 --> 00:09:42,640

just starting to get a sense of

292

00:09:46,389 --> 00:09:45,040

of the impact on his vision from this

293

00:09:48,389 --> 00:09:46,399

year-long mission i don't know if he's

294

00:09:50,710 --> 00:09:48,399

done a vision test yet but just

295

00:09:53,670 --> 00:09:50,720

anecdotally i think there there

296

00:09:58,670 --> 00:09:53,680

was an observation that he had there

297

00:10:05,190 --> 00:10:02,470

um before the launch there was talk of

298

00:10:07,110 --> 00:10:05,200

doing one of these long-term flights

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00:10:09,110 --> 00:10:07,120

so-called one-year flights

300

00:10:10,630 --> 00:10:09,120

a couple things have changed

301  
00:10:12,389 --> 00:10:10,640  
since then

302  
00:10:14,710 --> 00:10:12,399  
one

303  
00:10:16,150 --> 00:10:14,720  
you legislatively have more time on the

304  
00:10:18,790 --> 00:10:16,160  
space station

305  
00:10:21,030 --> 00:10:18,800  
and two you begin to talk about in-space

306  
00:10:22,470 --> 00:10:21,040  
habitat that also might be a setting for

307  
00:10:24,550 --> 00:10:22,480  
this kind of

308  
00:10:28,230 --> 00:10:24,560  
research i wonder are there going to be

309  
00:10:29,430 --> 00:10:28,240  
more and if there are will it be soon

310  
00:10:31,430 --> 00:10:29,440  
and where

311  
00:10:33,590 --> 00:10:31,440  
yeah well of course scientifically the

312  
00:10:35,030 --> 00:10:33,600  
question is very clear and and john and

313  
00:10:37,350 --> 00:10:35,040

his colleagues have done the analysis

314

00:10:39,750 --> 00:10:37,360

and we really would like to see 10 or 12

315

00:10:42,150 --> 00:10:39,760

crew members with long duration data in

316

00:10:43,670 --> 00:10:42,160

order to be confident that sometime when

317

00:10:45,750 --> 00:10:43,680

we go around the table and health and

318

00:10:47,190 --> 00:10:45,760

medical says they're go for mars that we

319

00:10:49,110 --> 00:10:47,200

know what all the risks are and we've

320

00:10:51,670 --> 00:10:49,120

alleviated them all so at its core

321

00:10:53,750 --> 00:10:51,680

scientifically we need more subjects now

322

00:10:55,990 --> 00:10:53,760

there are a lot of partnership issues

323

00:10:58,150 --> 00:10:56,000

that we have to work out in deciding who

324

00:10:59,910 --> 00:10:58,160

those subjects would be when those such

325

00:11:01,670 --> 00:10:59,920

subjects would fly and we're still

326

00:11:03,190 --> 00:11:01,680

working on that with our partners and

327

00:11:05,910 --> 00:11:03,200

one thing that's really important is

328

00:11:07,829 --> 00:11:05,920

having this first set of data back as we

329

00:11:09,670 --> 00:11:07,839

get some of the early results over the

330

00:11:11,350 --> 00:11:09,680

next year to two years

331

00:11:13,030 --> 00:11:11,360

and as we work with our russian

332

00:11:14,870 --> 00:11:13,040

colleagues and the data because it's not

333

00:11:16,790 --> 00:11:14,880

just the data on scott it's also the

334

00:11:18,790 --> 00:11:16,800

data on misha and as that data gets

335

00:11:20,069 --> 00:11:18,800

together we're going to start seeing if

336

00:11:21,990 --> 00:11:20,079

it is

337

00:11:23,590 --> 00:11:22,000

absolutely urgent that we get some more

338

00:11:25,190 --> 00:11:23,600

crew members right away or is it

339

00:11:26,870 --> 00:11:25,200

something we could backload maybe at the

340

00:11:31,030 --> 00:11:26,880

end of iss so we still don't have that

341

00:11:34,790 --> 00:11:32,710

so i just want to make sure that you

342

00:11:37,030 --> 00:11:34,800

want to have a representative oh

343

00:11:38,630 --> 00:11:37,040

absolutely nasa never distinguishes

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00:11:40,630 --> 00:11:38,640

between men and women in anything

345

00:11:42,630 --> 00:11:40,640

regarding employment it's true my career

346

00:11:43,990 --> 00:11:42,640

and it's true for astronauts as well

347

00:11:45,829 --> 00:11:44,000

there might be other diversity of

348

00:11:47,750 --> 00:11:45,839

factors and i'll be quiet for that but i

349

00:11:51,269 --> 00:11:47,760

just wonder you know what would be the

350

00:11:53,190 --> 00:11:51,279

ideal makeup of the additional example

351

00:11:54,710 --> 00:11:53,200

i think primarily what we're going to

352

00:11:56,310 --> 00:11:54,720

look at is we're always going to look at

353

00:11:58,230 --> 00:11:56,320

the training profile of the crew and

354

00:11:59,190 --> 00:11:58,240

their radiation profile and those two

355

00:12:01,110 --> 00:11:59,200

things

356

00:12:02,710 --> 00:12:01,120

with one year crew members if you're

357

00:12:04,550 --> 00:12:02,720

naming them to a mission that's coming

358

00:12:05,990 --> 00:12:04,560

pretty soon and this happened when we

359

00:12:08,150 --> 00:12:06,000

chose scott you have to make sure they

360

00:12:10,150 --> 00:12:08,160

have enough training that they don't

361

00:12:11,990 --> 00:12:10,160

need all the extra training so they can

362

00:12:13,509 --> 00:12:12,000

actually slot into the flow the mission

363

00:12:15,910 --> 00:12:13,519

flow so it's going to be those kinds of

364

00:12:17,509 --> 00:12:15,920

practical things that determine uh which

365

00:12:18,949 --> 00:12:17,519

crew members would be selected should we

366

00:12:20,790 --> 00:12:18,959

get an agreement to go forward with

367

00:12:23,590 --> 00:12:20,800

future one-year missions probably

368

00:12:25,350 --> 00:12:23,600

wouldn't want to send somebody who has

369

00:12:27,509 --> 00:12:25,360

not flown in space before

370

00:12:28,870 --> 00:12:27,519

right i would think that that would

371

00:12:31,990 --> 00:12:28,880

likely be

372

00:12:34,629 --> 00:12:32,710

yeah

373

00:12:36,949 --> 00:12:34,639

in the back here hi i'm natalie heath

374

00:12:39,509 --> 00:12:36,959

with fox 26 news and i'm wondering if

375

00:12:41,670 --> 00:12:39,519

there were any really big surprises from

376

00:12:43,509 --> 00:12:41,680

this trip or what's what do you think

377

00:12:47,829 --> 00:12:43,519

the biggest thing is that you learn from

378

00:12:51,670 --> 00:12:49,509

biggest thing i've learned is a year is

379

00:12:53,190 --> 00:12:51,680

a long time

380

00:12:54,949 --> 00:12:53,200

you know what i every time i would say

381

00:13:01,430 --> 00:12:54,959

to my brother hey this is going by

382

00:13:04,389 --> 00:13:02,470

i would say

383

00:13:05,269 --> 00:13:04,399

one thing that was honestly surprising

384

00:13:09,269 --> 00:13:05,279

to me

385

00:13:10,710 --> 00:13:09,279

is um is the focus that everybody had on

386

00:13:12,550 --> 00:13:10,720

this particular crew member in this

387

00:13:15,110 --> 00:13:12,560

particular mission it's kind of funny

388

00:13:16,310 --> 00:13:15,120

how we can be doing the same important

389

00:13:18,230 --> 00:13:16,320

research all the way through and we're

390

00:13:20,550 --> 00:13:18,240

making discoveries all the way along but

391

00:13:22,389 --> 00:13:20,560

boy if you get a first um then everybody

392

00:13:24,069 --> 00:13:22,399

pays more attention so so that was a

393

00:13:25,990 --> 00:13:24,079

surprise to me just as a scientist to

394

00:13:28,389 --> 00:13:26,000

see that it takes one of these first to

395

00:13:30,949 --> 00:13:28,399

get folks to pay attention to but at the

396

00:13:32,710 --> 00:13:30,959

same time we're improving people's life

397

00:13:34,069 --> 00:13:32,720

on earth improving people's health and

398

00:13:36,470 --> 00:13:34,079

it's harder to get that kind of out

399

00:13:38,069 --> 00:13:36,480

there in the news

400

00:13:40,310 --> 00:13:38,079

to learn the effects

401  
00:13:42,470 --> 00:13:40,320  
that this trip had on his body i mean

402  
00:13:44,949 --> 00:13:42,480  
how much longer would you study him and

403  
00:13:45,910 --> 00:13:44,959  
really know what that trip did to his

404  
00:13:48,550 --> 00:13:45,920  
body

405  
00:13:51,509 --> 00:13:48,560  
um we're we have plans for data

406  
00:13:53,189 --> 00:13:51,519  
collection on both scott and mark up to

407  
00:13:55,750 --> 00:13:53,199  
nine months after this landing and

408  
00:13:57,430 --> 00:13:55,760  
that's that's just data collection

409  
00:13:58,949 --> 00:13:57,440  
not even including the analysis time

410  
00:14:00,550 --> 00:13:58,959  
obviously you can't analyze data that's

411  
00:14:02,389 --> 00:14:00,560  
collected collected nine months from now

412  
00:14:03,990 --> 00:14:02,399  
until after you've collected it and i

413  
00:14:06,069 --> 00:14:04,000

already mentioned the the data coming or

414

00:14:07,110 --> 00:14:06,079

the samples coming down via spacex in

415

00:14:09,189 --> 00:14:07,120

may

416

00:14:10,230 --> 00:14:09,199

but the just because the flight's over

417

00:14:12,069 --> 00:14:10,240

doesn't mean the mission's over and

418

00:14:14,069 --> 00:14:12,079

we've got lots of other

419

00:14:15,910 --> 00:14:14,079

investigations lots of other

420

00:14:17,910 --> 00:14:15,920

little surprises to spring on scott and

421

00:14:20,470 --> 00:14:17,920

mark as we continue on and this and this

422

00:14:22,150 --> 00:14:20,480

process of collecting the data on them

423

00:14:24,230 --> 00:14:22,160

and then nasa likes to give the

424

00:14:25,910 --> 00:14:24,240

investigators a good solid year to

425

00:14:27,509 --> 00:14:25,920

analyze their data and then to write it

426

00:14:28,870 --> 00:14:27,519

up for publication so i can go into the

427

00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:28,880

publication into the scientific

428

00:14:32,629 --> 00:14:30,959

literature and be peer reviewed by

429

00:14:33,990 --> 00:14:32,639

people that know as much about the the

430

00:14:35,990 --> 00:14:34,000

data and what it should like as the

431

00:14:38,230 --> 00:14:36,000

investigators to see whether it really

432

00:14:40,310 --> 00:14:38,240

does hold together so this time next

433

00:14:42,150 --> 00:14:40,320

year i'm hopeful we'll start seeing the

434

00:14:44,389 --> 00:14:42,160

initial results come out from the

435

00:14:46,310 --> 00:14:44,399

investigations that were fairly quickly

436

00:14:47,990 --> 00:14:46,320

completed and fairly

437

00:14:50,310 --> 00:14:48,000

quickly analyzed

438

00:14:52,550 --> 00:14:50,320

and then i looked for a constant stream

439

00:14:53,990 --> 00:14:52,560

of insights and

440

00:14:55,590 --> 00:14:54,000

results from this mission for at least

441

00:14:57,430 --> 00:14:55,600

another year after that

442

00:14:59,269 --> 00:14:57,440

but you know every astronaut that flies

443

00:15:01,110 --> 00:14:59,279

essentially is part of a broader

444

00:15:03,269 --> 00:15:01,120

experiment so astronauts that have left

445

00:15:04,870 --> 00:15:03,279

the agency come back year after year

446

00:15:06,550 --> 00:15:04,880

they participate in something we call

447

00:15:08,389 --> 00:15:06,560

the long story long-term study of

448

00:15:10,470 --> 00:15:08,399

astronaut health because not every

449

00:15:11,750 --> 00:15:10,480

effect is going to happen right away

450

00:15:13,110 --> 00:15:11,760

there have been interesting there's been

451

00:15:14,870 --> 00:15:13,120

interesting work done in the past on

452

00:15:16,470 --> 00:15:14,880

things like cataract and cataract

453

00:15:18,470 --> 00:15:16,480

incidents other kinds of long-term

454

00:15:20,230 --> 00:15:18,480

cancer risks those things happen over

455

00:15:21,910 --> 00:15:20,240

very long-term studies so the the

456

00:15:23,829 --> 00:15:21,920

research investigation in some senses

457

00:15:27,110 --> 00:15:23,839

never ends

458

00:15:31,189 --> 00:15:28,150

what were you and the rest of your

459

00:15:33,030 --> 00:15:31,199

family able to do to help scott

460

00:15:35,189 --> 00:15:33,040

through this year psychologically and

461

00:15:37,509 --> 00:15:35,199

what kind of family support were you

462

00:15:39,269 --> 00:15:37,519

able to apply

463

00:15:40,710 --> 00:15:39,279

you know when he's on earth i'd often

464

00:15:43,189 --> 00:15:40,720

you know he might call me i might be in

465

00:15:44,870 --> 00:15:43,199

the middle of something and i might go

466

00:15:46,870 --> 00:15:44,880

straight to voicemail

467

00:15:49,269 --> 00:15:46,880

when he's in space i don't do that you

468

00:15:51,030 --> 00:15:49,279

know i'll always take his call

469

00:15:53,269 --> 00:15:51,040

you know as you know obviously sometimes

470

00:15:55,509 --> 00:15:53,279

i would just miss them but by accident

471

00:15:58,069 --> 00:15:55,519

but not intentionally so i'd always try

472

00:16:00,230 --> 00:15:58,079

to have my ringer on be available there

473

00:16:02,230 --> 00:16:00,240

you know to talk to him when he wants to

474

00:16:05,110 --> 00:16:02,240

wants to talk you can't call up to the

475

00:16:06,790 --> 00:16:05,120

space station you can only call down

476  
00:16:08,710 --> 00:16:06,800  
so there's no really calling somebody

477  
00:16:10,150 --> 00:16:08,720  
back when you missed the call so i think

478  
00:16:10,949 --> 00:16:10,160  
you know it might seem like a small

479  
00:16:14,230 --> 00:16:10,959  
thing

480  
00:16:17,350 --> 00:16:14,240  
but i think to him and also you know

481  
00:16:19,829 --> 00:16:17,360  
having that experience myself at a much

482  
00:16:21,910 --> 00:16:19,839  
reduced period of time i think that's

483  
00:16:23,430 --> 00:16:21,920  
that's that's really important so just

484  
00:16:26,550 --> 00:16:23,440  
to try to keep that

485  
00:16:28,069 --> 00:16:26,560  
communication with people on earth and

486  
00:16:29,910 --> 00:16:28,079  
that connection

487  
00:16:32,790 --> 00:16:29,920  
is is something that's really critical

488  
00:16:34,949 --> 00:16:32,800

for a long-duration crew member

489

00:16:36,949 --> 00:16:34,959

uh kevin reese with khau here in houston

490

00:16:39,350 --> 00:16:36,959

um while we're waiting on the science of

491

00:16:41,269 --> 00:16:39,360

mr kelly anecdotally between you and

492

00:16:43,430 --> 00:16:41,279

your brother you've met you've talked

493

00:16:44,870 --> 00:16:43,440

all of these things um are there things

494

00:16:46,790 --> 00:16:44,880

that you have

495

00:16:48,710 --> 00:16:46,800

noticed about each other other than he's

496

00:16:50,230 --> 00:16:48,720

probably taller than you now

497

00:16:51,670 --> 00:16:50,240

are there other things that that would

498

00:16:54,550 --> 00:16:51,680

not taint the science that you could

499

00:16:55,910 --> 00:16:54,560

share that you guys are already noticing

500

00:16:57,990 --> 00:16:55,920

well i saw him last night when he got

501  
00:17:00,550 --> 00:16:58,000  
off the airplane we had dinner last

502  
00:17:02,710 --> 00:17:00,560  
night but he was pretty tired

503  
00:17:04,949 --> 00:17:02,720  
you know it's uh

504  
00:17:06,789 --> 00:17:04,959  
you know there's the jet lag from space

505  
00:17:08,789 --> 00:17:06,799  
is pretty serious so

506  
00:17:10,710 --> 00:17:08,799  
so he was kind of tired so we haven't

507  
00:17:13,510 --> 00:17:10,720  
talked a lot about it you know there's

508  
00:17:15,110 --> 00:17:13,520  
some things that he pointed out

509  
00:17:16,870 --> 00:17:15,120  
and but i'll let him

510  
00:17:20,069 --> 00:17:16,880  
share that with all of you

511  
00:17:22,230 --> 00:17:20,079  
um and how he feels he did say he feels

512  
00:17:25,270 --> 00:17:22,240  
different now than he did after spending

513  
00:17:28,309 --> 00:17:26,710

he'll talk about that

514

00:17:29,590 --> 00:17:28,319

i think he will

515

00:17:31,669 --> 00:17:29,600

what's that you can't elaborate on

516

00:17:33,830 --> 00:17:31,679

different that's i could but i think

517

00:17:35,590 --> 00:17:33,840

that's that should be for him to talk

518

00:17:36,630 --> 00:17:35,600

about because that's his you know

519

00:17:39,270 --> 00:17:36,640

personal

520

00:17:41,590 --> 00:17:39,280

health situation and and how he feels

521

00:17:46,710 --> 00:17:44,310

with cbs news um he probably now holds

522

00:17:48,710 --> 00:17:46,720

the record for social media presence

523

00:17:51,510 --> 00:17:48,720

while in space too he was tweeting and

524

00:17:53,430 --> 00:17:51,520

instagramming so much uh how important

525

00:17:55,510 --> 00:17:53,440

was that for this mission

526

00:17:57,190 --> 00:17:55,520

and what was it like to be able to just

527

00:17:59,029 --> 00:17:57,200

at least get a daily update of what he's

528

00:18:02,070 --> 00:17:59,039

doing out there i think it's important

529

00:18:04,390 --> 00:18:02,080

for nasa you know i i mean nasa relies

530

00:18:05,669 --> 00:18:04,400

on congressional support which means

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00:18:08,230 --> 00:18:05,679

that you have to have strong public

532

00:18:10,310 --> 00:18:08,240

support and any opportunity to engage

533

00:18:12,870 --> 00:18:10,320

with the public on a positive

534

00:18:14,870 --> 00:18:12,880

uh you know in a positive way i think is

535

00:18:16,950 --> 00:18:14,880

really important to the agency you know

536

00:18:19,270 --> 00:18:16,960

the agency needs to

537

00:18:23,110 --> 00:18:19,280

you know tell the story of human space

538

00:18:25,190 --> 00:18:23,120

flight and science in general so the

539

00:18:26,390 --> 00:18:25,200

you know so he took that very seriously

540

00:18:29,350 --> 00:18:26,400

i mean that he was going to try to

541

00:18:31,830 --> 00:18:29,360

engage with the public on a very regular

542

00:18:35,669 --> 00:18:31,840

basis i think he went over a million

543

00:18:38,789 --> 00:18:35,679

twitter followers yesterday um so

544

00:18:40,950 --> 00:18:38,799

uh you know it's it's it's

545

00:18:44,070 --> 00:18:40,960

in my opinion it is uh you know the

546

00:18:45,590 --> 00:18:44,080

public outreach and engagement and

547

00:18:48,310 --> 00:18:45,600

sharing the story

548

00:18:50,150 --> 00:18:48,320

is a really important aspect of these

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00:18:51,830 --> 00:18:50,160

missions was it also reassuring to see

550

00:18:53,909 --> 00:18:51,840

him smiling and goofing off and having a

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00:18:56,630 --> 00:18:53,919

good time up there yeah i think that's p

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00:19:01,510 --> 00:18:56,640

people people like that i mean nasa can

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00:19:03,590 --> 00:19:01,520

be a very obviously a very technical

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00:19:05,669 --> 00:19:03,600

very sterile the space station could be

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00:19:07,510 --> 00:19:05,679

very sterile environment and very

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00:19:11,190 --> 00:19:07,520

technical and some people just aren't

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00:19:13,430 --> 00:19:11,200

technical you know some people you know

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00:19:15,750 --> 00:19:13,440

connect to things in a different way

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00:19:17,510 --> 00:19:15,760

so sure i mean seeing somebody who's

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00:19:20,470 --> 00:19:17,520

living in space for a year having a good

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00:19:24,230 --> 00:19:20,480

time and and enjoying it is a way he can

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00:19:25,270 --> 00:19:24,240

connect with uh certain people in the

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00:19:27,510 --> 00:19:25,280

back there

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00:19:29,029 --> 00:19:27,520

jake reiner with kprc channel 2 in

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00:19:30,789 --> 00:19:29,039

houston

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00:19:32,950 --> 00:19:30,799

what i know you guys can't talk about

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00:19:35,270 --> 00:19:32,960

the the twin study in terms of the data

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00:19:37,190 --> 00:19:35,280

that you guys collected but what are

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00:19:40,070 --> 00:19:37,200

some things that you guys were looking

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00:19:41,750 --> 00:19:40,080

for before doing the twin study what are

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00:19:45,190 --> 00:19:41,760

what are some things you you wanted to

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00:19:46,710 --> 00:19:45,200

find out and would help you in the

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00:19:48,390 --> 00:19:46,720

research mission

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00:19:49,669 --> 00:19:48,400

well the purpose of the twin study was

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00:19:52,390 --> 00:19:49,679

was

576  
00:19:53,190 --> 00:19:52,400  
really to understand what can be learned

577  
00:19:55,830 --> 00:19:53,200  
from

578  
00:19:57,830 --> 00:19:55,840  
doing a new class of investigations a

579  
00:20:01,029 --> 00:19:57,840  
new class of work at the literally at

580  
00:20:02,950 --> 00:20:01,039  
the genetic level that nasa is is not

581  
00:20:04,870 --> 00:20:02,960  
doing a lot of at least in terms of of

582  
00:20:06,549 --> 00:20:04,880  
the astronauts at least not in in a

583  
00:20:08,470 --> 00:20:06,559  
widespread sense

584  
00:20:10,789 --> 00:20:08,480  
and so we're really trying to understand

585  
00:20:12,390 --> 00:20:10,799  
what the advantages are of doing this

586  
00:20:14,549 --> 00:20:12,400  
kind of work and what better way to do

587  
00:20:16,710 --> 00:20:14,559  
it than to compare two individuals who

588  
00:20:19,270 --> 00:20:16,720

at least at birth were fairly identical

589

00:20:20,870 --> 00:20:19,280

genetically so by looking at mark's

590

00:20:22,149 --> 00:20:20,880

results collected over the course of the

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00:20:23,990 --> 00:20:22,159

year we can see what the normal

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00:20:25,510 --> 00:20:24,000

variations might be and then by looking

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00:20:26,470 --> 00:20:25,520

at scott's collected over the course of

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00:20:28,470 --> 00:20:26,480

the year

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00:20:31,110 --> 00:20:28,480

we can see where his

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00:20:33,430 --> 00:20:31,120

his variations are greater than marks

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00:20:35,270 --> 00:20:33,440

have been and those will tell us what

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00:20:36,870 --> 00:20:35,280

areas to investigate in the future not

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00:20:39,029 --> 00:20:36,880

on twins because there's no more twins

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00:20:41,430 --> 00:20:39,039

in the pipeline but but on astronauts in

601  
00:20:43,990 --> 00:20:41,440  
general uh using this new set of what i

602  
00:20:45,830 --> 00:20:44,000  
call 21st century medical techniques and

603  
00:20:47,669 --> 00:20:45,840  
technologies to supplement the ongoing

604  
00:20:50,149 --> 00:20:47,679  
research we're already doing in fact of

605  
00:20:52,549 --> 00:20:50,159  
the 10 investigations five were already

606  
00:20:55,110 --> 00:20:52,559  
planned for for scott for his one-year

607  
00:20:57,590 --> 00:20:55,120  
mission they were simply reapplied

608  
00:20:59,669 --> 00:20:57,600  
to the the twins study as well but five

609  
00:21:01,750 --> 00:20:59,679  
are brand new investigations from brand

610  
00:21:03,510 --> 00:21:01,760  
new investigators who had never thought

611  
00:21:05,350 --> 00:21:03,520  
they they had anything in common with

612  
00:21:07,350 --> 00:21:05,360  
space flight and space flight research

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00:21:09,909 --> 00:21:07,360

which essentially opens up an entire new

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00:21:12,070 --> 00:21:09,919

community of research and researchers to

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00:21:13,830 --> 00:21:12,080

help us solve the problems we have we

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00:21:15,270 --> 00:21:13,840

have to address so we can send

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00:21:17,510 --> 00:21:15,280

astronauts safely to mars so that's a

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00:21:20,630 --> 00:21:17,520

very exciting benefit right there is

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00:21:22,390 --> 00:21:20,640

just just access to a new set of of eyes

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00:21:24,390 --> 00:21:22,400

a new set of brains that can think about

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00:21:25,830 --> 00:21:24,400

this kind of stuff and also they've

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00:21:27,669 --> 00:21:25,840

enjoyed immensely being part of the

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00:21:30,630 --> 00:21:27,679

space show because it's it's a lot of

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00:21:31,990 --> 00:21:30,640

fun they enjoy seeing uh

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00:21:33,270 --> 00:21:32,000

coming and interacting with mark when

626  
00:21:34,630 --> 00:21:33,280  
they do their their data collections

627  
00:21:36,310 --> 00:21:34,640  
during the course of the year they enjoy

628  
00:21:38,149 --> 00:21:36,320  
seeing scott in flight and knowing that

629  
00:21:39,270 --> 00:21:38,159  
they have a a role to play in that so

630  
00:21:40,630 --> 00:21:39,280  
there's there's a lot of these

631  
00:21:42,310 --> 00:21:40,640  
interconnections that mark was just

632  
00:21:44,390 --> 00:21:42,320  
talking about about making sure that

633  
00:21:45,990 --> 00:21:44,400  
everybody feels part of the program

634  
00:21:48,230 --> 00:21:46,000  
as well as some very

635  
00:21:49,669 --> 00:21:48,240  
very tangible benefits i think in the

636  
00:21:52,390 --> 00:21:49,679  
outcome of these studies

637  
00:21:55,270 --> 00:21:52,400  
but it can't be understated i think what

638  
00:21:56,950 --> 00:21:55,280

mark and scott gave to science by coming

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00:21:58,149 --> 00:21:56,960

to nasa and saying we'd like to why

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00:21:59,990 --> 00:21:58,159

don't you take advantage of the fact

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00:22:01,830 --> 00:22:00,000

that we're twins because the reason that

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00:22:03,750 --> 00:22:01,840

we hadn't really gone down this genetic

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00:22:06,549 --> 00:22:03,760

route is because of all the medical

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00:22:08,549 --> 00:22:06,559

privacy concerns and you know issues

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00:22:10,310 --> 00:22:08,559

with genetic information non-disclosure

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00:22:12,070 --> 00:22:10,320

act and other things that made it really

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00:22:13,510 --> 00:22:12,080

challenging for nasa to come to them to

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00:22:15,510 --> 00:22:13,520

ask for something like that so because

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00:22:18,149 --> 00:22:15,520

they came to us we were able to work out

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00:22:19,830 --> 00:22:18,159

a policy and approach and really open up

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00:22:21,270 --> 00:22:19,840

this area which you'll hear this

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00:22:22,710 --> 00:22:21,280

mentioned by your doctor too it's called

653

00:22:24,230 --> 00:22:22,720

personalized medicine you know looking

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00:22:26,149 --> 00:22:24,240

at your genes and understanding how

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00:22:27,909 --> 00:22:26,159

they're going to react to whatever

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00:22:29,430 --> 00:22:27,919

experience or whatever medical problem

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00:22:31,430 --> 00:22:29,440

you have so this is really an important

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00:22:34,149 --> 00:22:31,440

advance for nasa that they made possible

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00:22:36,710 --> 00:22:34,159

by coming to us with that offer

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00:22:39,270 --> 00:22:36,720

thanks mark

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00:22:40,630 --> 00:22:39,280

eric eric berger with arts technica a

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00:22:42,470 --> 00:22:40,640

question maybe for john if you can't

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00:22:44,950 --> 00:22:42,480

talk quantitatively maybe you can talk

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00:22:46,630 --> 00:22:44,960

qualitatively about how scott did in his

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00:22:48,870 --> 00:22:46,640

initial performance tests in the medical

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00:22:50,870 --> 00:22:48,880

tent in kazakhstan

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00:22:52,149 --> 00:22:50,880

either sort of generally or compared to

668

00:22:53,990 --> 00:22:52,159

the last six month

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00:22:55,510 --> 00:22:54,000

mission he did well what i've been told

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00:22:57,990 --> 00:22:55,520

is that he completed all the testing

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00:22:59,270 --> 00:22:58,000

which is in itself a real accomplishment

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00:23:00,950 --> 00:22:59,280

because

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00:23:03,669 --> 00:23:00,960

it's it's a lot of work to do

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00:23:05,590 --> 00:23:03,679

immediately after a very strenuous and i

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00:23:07,430 --> 00:23:05,600

think harrowing episode you know when

676  
00:23:09,830 --> 00:23:07,440  
you land in the soyuz

677  
00:23:11,430 --> 00:23:09,840  
so he is he has

678  
00:23:12,789 --> 00:23:11,440  
continued to

679  
00:23:14,230 --> 00:23:12,799  
to perform

680  
00:23:16,149 --> 00:23:14,240  
at that

681  
00:23:18,470 --> 00:23:16,159  
very significant levels he's he's been

682  
00:23:20,230 --> 00:23:18,480  
there for all the studies he's been a

683  
00:23:22,630 --> 00:23:20,240  
full participant and

684  
00:23:24,149 --> 00:23:22,640  
and uh and seems to be doing it uh by

685  
00:23:25,990 --> 00:23:24,159  
taking it in stride he said when i see

686  
00:23:27,909 --> 00:23:26,000  
him on tv he seems to be looking like he

687  
00:23:29,430 --> 00:23:27,919  
is he's just fine doing it all and

688  
00:23:30,390 --> 00:23:29,440

doesn't seem to slow him down did you

689

00:23:31,750 --> 00:23:30,400

get a sense that he could have put a

690

00:23:33,270 --> 00:23:31,760

space suit on and walked out onto the

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00:23:34,870 --> 00:23:33,280

surface of mars

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00:23:37,430 --> 00:23:34,880

i get a sense that he could have that's

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00:23:39,110 --> 00:23:37,440

my strictly qualitative non-professional

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00:23:41,110 --> 00:23:39,120

assessment having never interacted with

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00:23:42,950 --> 00:23:41,120

the space suits myself but but he sure

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00:23:46,390 --> 00:23:42,960

if if he couldn't i can't imagine

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00:23:49,830 --> 00:23:48,070

robert perelman with collectsbases.com

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00:23:51,110 --> 00:23:49,840

and space.com

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00:23:54,230 --> 00:23:51,120

off the earlier question that there are

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00:23:56,549 --> 00:23:54,240

no more twins in the pipeline nasa is in

701  
00:23:58,149 --> 00:23:56,559  
a recruitment right now of astronauts is

702  
00:24:00,549 --> 00:23:58,159  
there a scientific

703  
00:24:03,190 --> 00:24:00,559  
basis or desire to

704  
00:24:04,870 --> 00:24:03,200  
see more twins as a control sample and

705  
00:24:07,669 --> 00:24:04,880  
space sample

706  
00:24:09,110 --> 00:24:07,679  
recruit for the program as a specific

707  
00:24:10,310 --> 00:24:09,120  
goal

708  
00:24:13,430 --> 00:24:10,320  
i don't think

709  
00:24:15,510 --> 00:24:13,440  
of the selection committee to look for

710  
00:24:17,029 --> 00:24:15,520  
twins but i think if twins do show up

711  
00:24:18,630 --> 00:24:17,039  
we'll certainly

712  
00:24:20,549 --> 00:24:18,640  
will certainly be interested in their

713  
00:24:22,470 --> 00:24:20,559

their success as astronauts and be

714

00:24:23,750 --> 00:24:22,480

thinking of ways subtly to suggest to

715

00:24:31,269 --> 00:24:23,760

them perhaps they might like to be

716

00:24:36,149 --> 00:24:34,310

in studies we talked bigger picture

717

00:24:37,990 --> 00:24:36,159

down the road

718

00:24:40,070 --> 00:24:38,000

human space flight long duration

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00:24:42,630 --> 00:24:40,080

duration space flight top three things

720

00:24:44,950 --> 00:24:42,640

you're concerned about how this

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00:24:46,630 --> 00:24:44,960

specifically will address those top

722

00:24:48,390 --> 00:24:46,640

three things

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00:24:50,070 --> 00:24:48,400

well from the perspective of the human

724

00:24:51,669 --> 00:24:50,080

research program that the top things

725

00:24:53,590 --> 00:24:51,679

we're worried about are

726

00:24:55,510 --> 00:24:53,600

are the psychological psychosocial

727

00:24:58,149 --> 00:24:55,520

aspects of space flight being confined

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00:25:00,710 --> 00:24:58,159

in a small vehicle if you're on your way

729

00:25:03,669 --> 00:25:00,720

to mars you're remote from earth by

730

00:25:05,510 --> 00:25:03,679

minutes to tens of minutes by radio

731

00:25:07,990 --> 00:25:05,520

same faces all the time small

732

00:25:10,070 --> 00:25:08,000

environment things like that so there's

733

00:25:11,590 --> 00:25:10,080

in the different circadian rhythm

734

00:25:13,750 --> 00:25:11,600

impacts or

735

00:25:16,230 --> 00:25:13,760

sleep wake cycles

736

00:25:18,630 --> 00:25:16,240

we have concerns about continuous or

737

00:25:20,950 --> 00:25:18,640

autonomous medical care how do you take

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00:25:21,990 --> 00:25:20,960

care of of astronauts

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00:25:23,990 --> 00:25:22,000

who are

740

00:25:25,830 --> 00:25:24,000

off of the earth and

741

00:25:27,510 --> 00:25:25,840

too far away even for a radio or a

742

00:25:28,789 --> 00:25:27,520

telephone house call

743

00:25:30,870 --> 00:25:28,799

clearly they have to have all of the

744

00:25:33,110 --> 00:25:30,880

skills and all the all the wherewithal

745

00:25:35,029 --> 00:25:33,120

on board and nowhere to find it if they

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00:25:36,549 --> 00:25:35,039

need it we're concerned about space

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00:25:38,390 --> 00:25:36,559

radiation and a lot of that space

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00:25:39,269 --> 00:25:38,400

radiation work is being done on the

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00:25:41,590 --> 00:25:39,279

earth

750

00:25:43,750 --> 00:25:41,600

because the the space station itself is

751

00:25:45,830 --> 00:25:43,760

orbiting within uh below earth's

752

00:25:47,430 --> 00:25:45,840

magnetic field and is not exposed to the

753

00:25:49,909 --> 00:25:47,440

deep space radiation that astronauts

754

00:25:51,750 --> 00:25:49,919

will experience on trips to mars just

755

00:25:53,350 --> 00:25:51,760

hours after leaving earth and then

756

00:25:55,110 --> 00:25:53,360

continuously for the remainder of the

757

00:25:56,470 --> 00:25:55,120

say two and a half year

758

00:25:58,630 --> 00:25:56,480

round trip

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00:26:00,549 --> 00:25:58,640

we're we're concerned about those

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00:26:01,669 --> 00:26:00,559

factors

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00:26:03,190 --> 00:26:01,679

but we're also concerned about

762

00:26:04,630 --> 00:26:03,200

everything else that's required how do

763

00:26:05,830 --> 00:26:04,640

you provide the right kind of food and i

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00:26:08,710 --> 00:26:05,840

don't just mean

765

00:26:10,310 --> 00:26:08,720

mres or frozen dinners but the food that

766

00:26:11,510 --> 00:26:10,320

maintains its freshness and its

767

00:26:14,870 --> 00:26:11,520

nutrition

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00:26:17,190 --> 00:26:14,880

for long periods of time stored in

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00:26:18,630 --> 00:26:17,200

less than perfect conditions and remains

770

00:26:20,549 --> 00:26:18,640

appealing and palatable so the

771

00:26:22,549 --> 00:26:20,559

astronauts don't lose interest in eating

772

00:26:23,750 --> 00:26:22,559

i personally cannot imagine losing

773

00:26:24,549 --> 00:26:23,760

interest in eating but i think some

774

00:26:26,230 --> 00:26:24,559

people

775

00:26:28,630 --> 00:26:26,240

have experienced that

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00:26:31,350 --> 00:26:28,640

we're we're interested in things like

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00:26:32,789 --> 00:26:31,360

mark described scott's uh report of

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00:26:34,789 --> 00:26:32,799

visual changes that occur in space

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00:26:35,830 --> 00:26:34,799

flight this is a fairly recent

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00:26:38,390 --> 00:26:35,840

finding

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00:26:40,789 --> 00:26:38,400

amongst space station crew members

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00:26:42,789 --> 00:26:40,799

and uh in retrospect we sort of knew it

783

00:26:44,630 --> 00:26:42,799

was coming but we didn't realize the

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00:26:46,630 --> 00:26:44,640

significance of it and we haven't as far

785

00:26:47,750 --> 00:26:46,640

as i know seen the seen it plateau

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00:26:49,110 --> 00:26:47,760

really

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00:26:50,310 --> 00:26:49,120

so maybe the one-year mission will tell

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00:26:52,789 --> 00:26:50,320

us a little bit about whether the visual

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00:26:55,029 --> 00:26:52,799

acuity changes are the same after one

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00:26:57,430 --> 00:26:55,039

year as they were after six months

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00:26:58,789 --> 00:26:57,440

but essentially every every kind of body

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00:27:00,470 --> 00:26:58,799

system that you can imagine is

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00:27:01,909 --> 00:27:00,480

influenced by the factors of space

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00:27:03,350 --> 00:27:01,919

flight including especially

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00:27:05,269 --> 00:27:03,360

weightlessness

796

00:27:07,750 --> 00:27:05,279

we're worried about things like bone

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00:27:10,149 --> 00:27:07,760

integrity bone loss not just bone not

798

00:27:12,390 --> 00:27:10,159

just calcium loss but where the calcium

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00:27:14,230 --> 00:27:12,400

came from and from and how the bone

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00:27:16,390 --> 00:27:14,240

that's left behind is able to withstand

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00:27:18,389 --> 00:27:16,400

the stresses that will be imposed on it

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00:27:20,070 --> 00:27:18,399

not just on a mission to mars but in the

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00:27:22,310 --> 00:27:20,080

remainder of the astronauts life back on

804

00:27:24,070 --> 00:27:22,320

the earth muscle function cardiovascular

805

00:27:26,230 --> 00:27:24,080

function you name it we're interested in

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00:27:28,070 --> 00:27:26,240

all of it and missions like this help us

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00:27:30,149 --> 00:27:28,080

to answer the questions that we have in

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00:27:33,110 --> 00:27:30,159

front of us so at the end of the space

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00:27:35,029 --> 00:27:33,120

station era or thereafter we can give a

810

00:27:37,110 --> 00:27:35,039

go to the program manager of the mars

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00:27:38,789 --> 00:27:37,120

program and says and say that yes we we

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00:27:40,230 --> 00:27:38,799

think we understand what

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00:27:42,630 --> 00:27:40,240

needs to be done to keep astronauts

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00:27:45,110 --> 00:27:42,640

healthy happy and performing at a high

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00:27:47,110 --> 00:27:45,120

level not just alive but performing at a

816

00:27:48,630 --> 00:27:47,120

high level for the duration of the mars

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00:27:50,389 --> 00:27:48,640

missions

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00:27:52,149 --> 00:27:50,399

okay we're gonna go to our phone bridge

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00:27:54,149 --> 00:27:52,159

now to take a few questions and just a

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00:27:56,789 --> 00:27:54,159

reminder if you have a question you need

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00:27:58,870 --> 00:27:56,799

to press star one to get into the queue

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00:28:02,149 --> 00:27:58,880

let's go ahead and start off with marcia

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00:28:05,350 --> 00:28:02,159

dunn and the associated press

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00:28:08,149 --> 00:28:05,360

hi um my questions for you mark i'm just

825

00:28:10,230 --> 00:28:08,159

wondering what your impressions

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00:28:13,190 --> 00:28:10,240

were when you were finally reunited with

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00:28:14,149 --> 00:28:13,200

your brother even now any surprises

828

00:28:17,029 --> 00:28:14,159

about

829

00:28:18,950 --> 00:28:17,039

physically mentally behaviorally um any

830

00:28:21,190 --> 00:28:18,960

worry seeing him jump through his pull

831

00:28:22,710 --> 00:28:21,200

and whatever else he might be up to

832

00:28:24,950 --> 00:28:22,720

adjust to his what

833

00:28:26,470 --> 00:28:24,960

jumped in his pool oh he jumped in his

834

00:28:27,590 --> 00:28:26,480

pool yeah i wasn't there for that i was

835

00:28:29,110 --> 00:28:27,600

it was a

836

00:28:31,269 --> 00:28:29,120

very late night i think that was about

837

00:28:33,750 --> 00:28:31,279

four in the morning um you know any

838

00:28:35,350 --> 00:28:33,760

concerns no i mean he's

839

00:28:37,750 --> 00:28:35,360

you know he's a professional he's done

840

00:28:40,470 --> 00:28:37,760

this before he's even done as you know a

841

00:28:42,230 --> 00:28:40,480

long duration mission for six months um

842

00:28:45,269 --> 00:28:42,240

i think he will tell you that this is

843

00:28:46,310 --> 00:28:45,279

different you know he feels different

844

00:28:48,950 --> 00:28:46,320

and

845

00:28:50,789 --> 00:28:48,960

uh you know one year is a really uh long

846

00:28:52,870 --> 00:28:50,799

period of time but you know i haven't

847

00:28:54,630 --> 00:28:52,880

noticed anything you know specifically

848

00:28:55,350 --> 00:28:54,640

that makes me think that it's going to

849

00:28:57,830 --> 00:28:55,360

be

850

00:29:00,070 --> 00:28:57,840

you know a long time for him to you know

851  
00:29:01,430 --> 00:29:00,080  
get back to normal physically or recover

852  
00:29:02,549 --> 00:29:01,440  
from this

853  
00:29:04,310 --> 00:29:02,559  
so he's

854  
00:29:06,149 --> 00:29:04,320  
i think a lot of people saw him get out

855  
00:29:08,230 --> 00:29:06,159  
of the soyuz and how good he looked and

856  
00:29:11,190 --> 00:29:08,240  
i imagine if if

857  
00:29:13,350 --> 00:29:11,200  
rose cosmos if the medical folks around

858  
00:29:14,470 --> 00:29:13,360  
him and the nasa folks that were there

859  
00:29:15,830 --> 00:29:14,480  
would have allowed him he would have

860  
00:29:17,029 --> 00:29:15,840  
loved to have been able to walk from the

861  
00:29:18,789 --> 00:29:17,039  
soyuz

862  
00:29:21,110 --> 00:29:18,799  
but that's not permitted

863  
00:29:23,190 --> 00:29:21,120

but i think he'd be uh you know a good

864

00:29:25,110 --> 00:29:23,200

example of somebody who could probably

865

00:29:27,269 --> 00:29:25,120

you know make that trip to mars you know

866

00:29:28,950 --> 00:29:27,279

for six months and then you know in a

867

00:29:31,590 --> 00:29:28,960

short period of time do some reasonable

868

00:29:37,190 --> 00:29:34,310

all right next we will go to irene klotz

869

00:29:38,470 --> 00:29:37,200

with reuters

870

00:29:41,190 --> 00:29:38,480

thanks man

871

00:29:43,750 --> 00:29:41,200

i have two questions uh the first for dr

872

00:29:47,669 --> 00:29:43,760

charles um just from a radiation

873

00:29:51,430 --> 00:29:47,679

exposure perspective is scott kelly now

874

00:29:54,310 --> 00:29:51,440

at or beyond his uh lifetime um

875

00:29:55,990 --> 00:29:54,320

exposure you know from a nasa government

876  
00:29:58,070 --> 00:29:56,000  
employee perspective

877  
00:30:00,070 --> 00:29:58,080  
and for mark aside from that really fun

878  
00:30:02,630 --> 00:30:00,080  
sounding mri can you talk a little bit

879  
00:30:04,549 --> 00:30:02,640  
about some of the other um

880  
00:30:06,389 --> 00:30:04,559  
protocols and things that you've done

881  
00:30:07,990 --> 00:30:06,399  
this past year

882  
00:30:10,310 --> 00:30:08,000  
you've matched

883  
00:30:12,470 --> 00:30:10,320  
your brother's exercise regime for

884  
00:30:14,630 --> 00:30:12,480  
example and also if you have

885  
00:30:16,870 --> 00:30:14,640  
participated in the cognitive tests and

886  
00:30:19,269 --> 00:30:16,880  
things like that thank you

887  
00:30:21,590 --> 00:30:19,279  
in terms of the radiation i don't know

888  
00:30:22,710 --> 00:30:21,600

those numbers and sadly if i knew him i

889

00:30:24,470 --> 00:30:22,720

couldn't tell you because that's

890

00:30:26,149 --> 00:30:24,480

protected by medical privacy but i guess

891

00:30:28,630 --> 00:30:26,159

we could infer

892

00:30:29,830 --> 00:30:28,640

that he had enough radiation tolerance

893

00:30:31,110 --> 00:30:29,840

left at the beginning of the one-year

894

00:30:32,549 --> 00:30:31,120

mission and he certainly picked up

895

00:30:34,789 --> 00:30:32,559

radiation during the one-year mission

896

00:30:37,350 --> 00:30:34,799

but i cannot tell you how close he came

897

00:30:39,029 --> 00:30:37,360

to his lifetime limit

898

00:30:40,470 --> 00:30:39,039

uh knowing how close other people have

899

00:30:42,470 --> 00:30:40,480

come to the limit i would imagine that

900

00:30:45,430 --> 00:30:42,480

he's probably getting pretty close you

901  
00:30:47,510 --> 00:30:45,440  
know after spending uh over 500 days in

902  
00:30:50,630 --> 00:30:47,520  
space now i mean he's got to be up there

903  
00:30:52,549 --> 00:30:50,640  
by the upper limit would be my guess

904  
00:30:53,990 --> 00:30:52,559  
the other things that i've been doing

905  
00:30:56,070 --> 00:30:54,000  
you know personally

906  
00:30:57,509 --> 00:30:56,080  
you know during this year is you know i

907  
00:31:00,230 --> 00:30:57,519  
come here i do

908  
00:31:03,350 --> 00:31:00,240  
ultrasounds on certain body parts

909  
00:31:07,269 --> 00:31:03,360  
you know my eye my carotid artery

910  
00:31:11,590 --> 00:31:08,710  
part of my

911  
00:31:13,029 --> 00:31:11,600  
arterial system in my lower leg i'm not

912  
00:31:14,070 --> 00:31:13,039  
sure exactly what they're looking for

913  
00:31:21,190 --> 00:31:14,080

there

914

00:31:23,990 --> 00:31:21,200

30 tubes of blood and i don't keep track

915

00:31:25,830 --> 00:31:24,000

of what each tube of blood is for or

916

00:31:30,230 --> 00:31:25,840

where it's going you know there are

917

00:31:33,029 --> 00:31:30,240

urine samples saliva samples

918

00:31:35,750 --> 00:31:33,039

and other things that you know go off to

919

00:31:37,830 --> 00:31:35,760

to researchers you know the mris i did

920

00:31:40,389 --> 00:31:37,840

an mri yesterday i have another one

921

00:31:43,110 --> 00:31:40,399

tomorrow uh there's a test where they

922

00:31:44,470 --> 00:31:43,120

reduce the pressure around your lower

923

00:31:47,350 --> 00:31:44,480

extremities

924

00:31:49,350 --> 00:31:47,360

to look at your the function of your

925

00:31:52,470 --> 00:31:49,360

circulatory system

926

00:31:55,350 --> 00:31:52,480

and i suppose you know i could have gone

927

00:31:56,389 --> 00:31:55,360

and figured out exactly what each of

928

00:32:00,549 --> 00:31:56,399

these

929

00:32:02,470 --> 00:32:00,559

tests you know which research it is for

930

00:32:05,350 --> 00:32:02,480

but in you know my opinion what i'm

931

00:32:07,029 --> 00:32:05,360

really interested in is the results and

932

00:32:09,830 --> 00:32:07,039

you know where that tube of blood goes

933

00:32:11,590 --> 00:32:09,840

to or what that mri is used for you know

934

00:32:13,509 --> 00:32:11,600

i think i'll let the researchers deal

935

00:32:14,549 --> 00:32:13,519

with that you asked about the cognitive

936

00:32:16,710 --> 00:32:14,559

testing

937

00:32:18,789 --> 00:32:16,720

and during my brother's mission he was

938

00:32:20,950 --> 00:32:18,799

doing these cognitive tests it's on a

939

00:32:22,149 --> 00:32:20,960

nasal laptop there's about 10 different

940

00:32:23,990 --> 00:32:22,159

tests

941

00:32:26,149 --> 00:32:24,000

and i was doing them around the same

942

00:32:28,630 --> 00:32:26,159

time that he was i think he probably did

943

00:32:31,430 --> 00:32:28,640

one last night and i did one last night

944

00:32:33,350 --> 00:32:31,440

as well and it takes about uh 30 minutes

945

00:32:35,669 --> 00:32:33,360

it's pretty interesting over a period of

946

00:32:37,110 --> 00:32:35,679

time i've noticed that just with time

947

00:32:38,149 --> 00:32:37,120

because you're doing the same test over

948

00:32:39,990 --> 00:32:38,159

and over again you are getting a little

949

00:32:41,029 --> 00:32:40,000

bit better at some of these things

950

00:32:43,830 --> 00:32:41,039

um

951  
00:32:46,149 --> 00:32:43,840  
but uh you know it's been a overall a

952  
00:32:49,590 --> 00:32:46,159  
really positive experience for me it's

953  
00:32:51,269 --> 00:32:49,600  
pr as an astronaut having flown four

954  
00:32:53,750 --> 00:32:51,279  
uh missions

955  
00:32:56,549 --> 00:32:53,760  
you know while i was at nasa i would

956  
00:32:58,070 --> 00:32:56,559  
have to say as far as human research

957  
00:33:00,710 --> 00:32:58,080  
goes on me

958  
00:33:04,549 --> 00:33:00,720  
this is probably by far the most

959  
00:33:10,230 --> 00:33:06,789  
all right next we'll go to brian resnick

960  
00:33:15,110 --> 00:33:12,710  
hey thanks for taking my question it's

961  
00:33:17,590 --> 00:33:15,120  
for probably either john or julie i'm

962  
00:33:19,669 --> 00:33:17,600  
wondering is there an upper limit with

963  
00:33:21,830 --> 00:33:19,679

the amount of time a person can stay in

964

00:33:24,070 --> 00:33:21,840

space like did you potentially do a

965

00:33:26,230 --> 00:33:24,080

two-year mission a three-year mission

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00:33:28,149 --> 00:33:26,240

and in those cases what do you suspect

967

00:33:29,909 --> 00:33:28,159

would be the limiting factor that would

968

00:33:31,990 --> 00:33:29,919

determine

969

00:33:34,310 --> 00:33:32,000

you can't stay in space after a certain

970

00:33:36,549 --> 00:33:34,320

amount of time

971

00:33:38,549 --> 00:33:36,559

well um you know the goal isn't just to

972

00:33:40,710 --> 00:33:38,559

set a record the goal here is to really

973

00:33:42,389 --> 00:33:40,720

be applied to the practical things that

974

00:33:43,830 --> 00:33:42,399

we need humans to be in space for that

975

00:33:46,230 --> 00:33:43,840

period of time and so that's the

976  
00:33:48,310 --> 00:33:46,240  
one-year mission helps us model

977  
00:33:49,830 --> 00:33:48,320  
basically a transit to mars and a return

978  
00:33:51,990 --> 00:33:49,840  
and so that's why we're focused on

979  
00:33:53,830 --> 00:33:52,000  
extending out beyond six months to make

980  
00:33:55,990 --> 00:33:53,840  
sure that we've got all of those risks

981  
00:33:58,230 --> 00:33:56,000  
understood and covered

982  
00:34:00,710 --> 00:33:58,240  
there's no inherent limit if we have the

983  
00:34:01,830 --> 00:34:00,720  
right countermeasures in place

984  
00:34:03,830 --> 00:34:01,840  
as long as the crew member is doing

985  
00:34:05,590 --> 00:34:03,840  
enough exercise we're getting a much

986  
00:34:07,110 --> 00:34:05,600  
better idea say of how to protect their

987  
00:34:10,629 --> 00:34:07,120  
bone how to protect their heart with

988  
00:34:13,750 --> 00:34:10,639

exercise and diet and so forth but um

989

00:34:15,030 --> 00:34:13,760

it's it's hard to see what other than um

990

00:34:16,629 --> 00:34:15,040

you know then but you have other

991

00:34:18,230 --> 00:34:16,639

cumulative risks that come together like

992

00:34:20,470 --> 00:34:18,240

radiation and so forth so i don't think

993

00:34:21,589 --> 00:34:20,480

we would really push or extend we

994

00:34:22,950 --> 00:34:21,599

certainly wouldn't want crew members

995

00:34:25,349 --> 00:34:22,960

going beyond their occupational

996

00:34:27,030 --> 00:34:25,359

radiation safety limits and

997

00:34:30,869 --> 00:34:27,040

and there's really not a reason to just

998

00:34:34,149 --> 00:34:31,909

okay

999

00:34:40,470 --> 00:34:34,159

next we'll go to ann ball voice of

1000

00:34:47,349 --> 00:34:42,389

okay she might have dropped off let's go

1001

00:34:51,669 --> 00:34:50,149

yeah thank you um this is uh for mark

1002

00:34:53,190 --> 00:34:51,679

and the scientists uh could you talk a

1003

00:34:55,109 --> 00:34:53,200

little bit about what you expect uh the

1004

00:34:56,869 --> 00:34:55,119

twin study could teach us about cancer

1005

00:34:59,030 --> 00:34:56,879

because uh scott was up in the space

1006

00:35:00,710 --> 00:34:59,040

station uh outside to protect the

1007

00:35:02,390 --> 00:35:00,720

protection of earth's atmosphere and i

1008

00:35:03,670 --> 00:35:02,400

know that um there's a various amounts

1009

00:35:05,030 --> 00:35:03,680

of uh

1010

00:35:06,310 --> 00:35:05,040

medical

1011

00:35:07,589 --> 00:35:06,320

treatment you know you we expect to

1012

00:35:08,550 --> 00:35:07,599

learn a lot about the human body but

1013

00:35:10,310 --> 00:35:08,560

what do you think we can learn about

1014

00:35:12,150 --> 00:35:10,320

cancer from him uh being exposed to

1015

00:35:13,670 --> 00:35:12,160

radiation for so long and you're taking

1016

00:35:14,710 --> 00:35:13,680

a very close look closer look at that

1017

00:35:16,069 --> 00:35:14,720

than ever

1018

00:35:18,230 --> 00:35:16,079

and after astronauts have gotten back

1019

00:35:19,829 --> 00:35:18,240

from space

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00:35:21,829 --> 00:35:19,839

well i think john would be better as a

1021

00:35:23,670 --> 00:35:21,839

scientist in in answering this question

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00:35:24,870 --> 00:35:23,680

but certainly there's there is i mean i

1023

00:35:28,069 --> 00:35:24,880

think we all know there's a connection

1024

00:35:29,670 --> 00:35:28,079

between radiation and cancer uh but i'll

1025

00:35:30,790 --> 00:35:29,680

leave it up to him to explain that

1026

00:35:31,990 --> 00:35:30,800

further

1027

00:35:34,150 --> 00:35:32,000

i was kind of hoping you'd answer that

1028

00:35:37,190 --> 00:35:34,160

one

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00:35:39,190 --> 00:35:37,200

clearly the the cancer is induced by

1030

00:35:40,950 --> 00:35:39,200

changes at the mutations that occur at

1031

00:35:42,310 --> 00:35:40,960

the at the genetic level and i think

1032

00:35:43,109 --> 00:35:42,320

we're going to be learning things about

1033

00:35:47,270 --> 00:35:43,119

the

1034

00:35:48,710 --> 00:35:47,280

gentlemen's genes from this

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00:35:51,270 --> 00:35:48,720

investigation

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00:35:53,349 --> 00:35:51,280

and some of those things may well be the

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00:35:55,349 --> 00:35:53,359

rate of of mutations that occur in those

1038

00:35:56,870 --> 00:35:55,359

genes especially in in scott in the

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00:35:58,790 --> 00:35:56,880

flight environment with all of the the

1040

00:36:00,150 --> 00:35:58,800

various stressors that he was

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00:36:03,030 --> 00:36:00,160

confronting

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00:36:04,710 --> 00:36:03,040

i i would be uh foolish i think to try

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00:36:07,190 --> 00:36:04,720

and predict how that's gonna

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00:36:08,470 --> 00:36:07,200

change how we understand cancer

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00:36:10,310 --> 00:36:08,480

but i am confident in saying that it

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00:36:11,510 --> 00:36:10,320

will influence how we understand cancer

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00:36:13,829 --> 00:36:11,520

and i'm looking forward to seeing the

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00:36:15,430 --> 00:36:13,839

results myself after the investigators

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00:36:16,950 --> 00:36:15,440

have analyzed the data so they can they

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00:36:19,349 --> 00:36:16,960

can perhaps answer that question for

1051  
00:36:21,510 --> 00:36:19,359  
both of us

1052  
00:36:26,069 --> 00:36:21,520  
okay we got two more on the phone let's

1053  
00:36:28,390 --> 00:36:26,079  
go to michelle fitzsimmons tech radar

1054  
00:36:30,470 --> 00:36:28,400  
yes hi um my question is for uh john and

1055  
00:36:32,630 --> 00:36:30,480  
julie um you had mentioned i think julie

1056  
00:36:34,950 --> 00:36:32,640  
earlier um from the technology

1057  
00:36:37,109 --> 00:36:34,960  
experiments so are there any preliminary

1058  
00:36:37,829 --> 00:36:37,119  
findings on the technology front as far

1059  
00:36:42,230 --> 00:36:37,839  
as

1060  
00:36:43,670 --> 00:36:42,240  
needed in future long term space

1061  
00:36:44,390 --> 00:36:43,680  
missions

1062  
00:36:45,990 --> 00:36:44,400  
uh

1063  
00:36:47,510 --> 00:36:46,000

there definitely are

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00:36:50,630 --> 00:36:47,520

just to pull a couple off the top of my

1065

00:36:52,550 --> 00:36:50,640

head of course we did 3d printing on iss

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00:36:54,870 --> 00:36:52,560

and looked at assembling some simple

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00:36:57,190 --> 00:36:54,880

tools and parts together

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00:36:59,990 --> 00:36:57,200

it was a successful demonstration of a

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00:37:01,910 --> 00:37:00,000

new approach but i would say that we um

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00:37:03,349 --> 00:37:01,920

and and we will be looking in in

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00:37:05,270 --> 00:37:03,359

actually dissecting and taking apart

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00:37:06,069 --> 00:37:05,280

some of those parts to see

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00:37:07,270 --> 00:37:06,079

whether

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00:37:08,550 --> 00:37:07,280

there are certain flaws in their

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00:37:10,550 --> 00:37:08,560

construction that might make them weaker

1076  
00:37:12,710 --> 00:37:10,560  
than we expected

1077  
00:37:15,030 --> 00:37:12,720  
but we also found that we're not fully

1078  
00:37:16,630 --> 00:37:15,040  
satisfied with the technologies as it

1079  
00:37:17,910 --> 00:37:16,640  
exists today we need to look at other

1080  
00:37:19,190 --> 00:37:17,920  
materials

1081  
00:37:21,270 --> 00:37:19,200  
maybe even improving some of those

1082  
00:37:24,069 --> 00:37:21,280  
processes so it's a stepwise

1083  
00:37:25,510 --> 00:37:24,079  
process of of improving technologies as

1084  
00:37:27,990 --> 00:37:25,520  
we go so that's just one example that

1085  
00:37:31,270 --> 00:37:28,000  
came to mind

1086  
00:37:33,589 --> 00:37:31,280  
okay let's do colleen mccarthy optometry

1087  
00:37:36,550 --> 00:37:33,599  
times

1088  
00:37:37,670 --> 00:37:36,560

hi my new question is for julie and john

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00:37:40,150 --> 00:37:37,680

i was wondering if you might be able to

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00:37:41,990 --> 00:37:40,160

discuss how the use of the lower body

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00:37:43,829 --> 00:37:42,000

negative pressure suit differed on this

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00:37:46,150 --> 00:37:43,839

mission and whether or not you believe

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00:37:47,270 --> 00:37:46,160

that had any positive impact on scott's

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00:37:48,630 --> 00:37:47,280

vision

1095

00:37:51,109 --> 00:37:48,640

let me do that one

1096

00:37:52,790 --> 00:37:51,119

i'll do that one you get that

1097

00:37:54,390 --> 00:37:52,800

the lower body negative pressure suit is

1098

00:37:55,510 --> 00:37:54,400

a russian device it's used by the

1099

00:37:58,470 --> 00:37:55,520

russians

1100

00:37:59,910 --> 00:37:58,480

uh specifically in preparation for the

1101  
00:38:03,750 --> 00:37:59,920  
end of the mission they they go through

1102  
00:38:05,990 --> 00:38:03,760  
a protocol of of decompressions and uh

1103  
00:38:07,190 --> 00:38:06,000  
oral fluid loading fluid and salt tablet

1104  
00:38:08,150 --> 00:38:07,200  
ingestion

1105  
00:38:10,870 --> 00:38:08,160  
for

1106  
00:38:12,790 --> 00:38:10,880  
several tens of minutes at a time

1107  
00:38:14,790 --> 00:38:12,800  
several times a week for the last month

1108  
00:38:16,630 --> 00:38:14,800  
in flight the american astronauts are

1109  
00:38:18,550 --> 00:38:16,640  
not required to do that it's a decision

1110  
00:38:20,230 --> 00:38:18,560  
by the american space medicine community

1111  
00:38:21,750 --> 00:38:20,240  
that that the benefit is

1112  
00:38:23,030 --> 00:38:21,760  
is not uh

1113  
00:38:24,550 --> 00:38:23,040

is not something that they're worried

1114

00:38:26,710 --> 00:38:24,560

about because astronauts are landing

1115

00:38:28,870 --> 00:38:26,720

recumbent in the soyuz and and there's a

1116

00:38:30,630 --> 00:38:28,880

lot of support immediately after landing

1117

00:38:32,550 --> 00:38:30,640

but it is a traditional part of the

1118

00:38:34,390 --> 00:38:32,560

russian program

1119

00:38:36,150 --> 00:38:34,400

the last time that

1120

00:38:37,990 --> 00:38:36,160

anybody has done

1121

00:38:40,470 --> 00:38:38,000

lbnp lower body negative pressure for

1122

00:38:42,470 --> 00:38:40,480

research purposes was just about 20

1123

00:38:44,310 --> 00:38:42,480

years ago on the the neural lab space

1124

00:38:46,150 --> 00:38:44,320

lab mission and then before that

1125

00:38:47,829 --> 00:38:46,160

there were several uh investigations

1126  
00:38:49,910 --> 00:38:47,839  
using lower body negative pressure as a

1127  
00:38:51,430 --> 00:38:49,920  
potential counter measure on several

1128  
00:38:54,390 --> 00:38:51,440  
shuttle missions

1129  
00:38:56,230 --> 00:38:54,400  
so the the difference is that this was

1130  
00:38:58,150 --> 00:38:56,240  
one of the first times in recent memory

1131  
00:39:00,230 --> 00:38:58,160  
that lbnp has been done for research

1132  
00:39:02,550 --> 00:39:00,240  
purposes we had to get clearance from

1133  
00:39:05,030 --> 00:39:02,560  
the russian medical community because

1134  
00:39:07,829 --> 00:39:05,040  
using this piece of of end-of-mission

1135  
00:39:10,310 --> 00:39:07,839  
medical hardware for research purposes

1136  
00:39:12,069 --> 00:39:10,320  
necessarily reduces its lifetime it's

1137  
00:39:14,230 --> 00:39:12,079  
its continued usefulness the number of

1138  
00:39:17,190 --> 00:39:14,240

times you can decompress on it for

1139

00:39:18,550 --> 00:39:17,200

future end of mission preparations

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00:39:19,670 --> 00:39:18,560

but the the

1141

00:39:21,349 --> 00:39:19,680

they agreed with us that the

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00:39:23,510 --> 00:39:21,359

investigation was

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00:39:25,430 --> 00:39:23,520

interesting enough and uh potentially

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00:39:28,310 --> 00:39:25,440

significant enough that it was worth the

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00:39:30,310 --> 00:39:28,320

the expenditure of a limited number of

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00:39:33,190 --> 00:39:30,320

of runs in the the chibis device and

1147

00:39:35,510 --> 00:39:33,200

that's c-h-i-b-i-s it's russian for a

1148

00:39:38,230 --> 00:39:35,520

kind of a sparrow

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00:39:40,390 --> 00:39:38,240

but it's it was used specifically to

1150

00:39:43,030 --> 00:39:40,400

reverse the fluid shifting that occurs

1151  
00:39:45,589 --> 00:39:43,040  
in all astronauts and space flight the

1152  
00:39:46,950 --> 00:39:45,599  
the interest is to understand how that

1153  
00:39:48,390 --> 00:39:46,960  
fluid shifting and it goes from the

1154  
00:39:50,790 --> 00:39:48,400  
lower body into the upper part of the

1155  
00:39:52,870 --> 00:39:50,800  
body uh in weightlessness and sort of

1156  
00:39:54,790 --> 00:39:52,880  
sort of stays there until you come back

1157  
00:39:56,790 --> 00:39:54,800  
uh to the earth after spaceflight and

1158  
00:39:58,710 --> 00:39:56,800  
gravity relocates some of the fluids

1159  
00:39:59,670 --> 00:39:58,720  
back in the lower part of the body

1160  
00:40:01,510 --> 00:39:59,680  
it was

1161  
00:40:02,950 --> 00:40:01,520  
intended to understand how the fluid

1162  
00:40:05,030 --> 00:40:02,960  
shifting that occurs

1163  
00:40:07,430 --> 00:40:05,040

may influence the changes that occur in

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00:40:09,829 --> 00:40:07,440

the ocular system especially in the the

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00:40:11,910 --> 00:40:09,839

shape of the the globe of the eye as

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00:40:13,430 --> 00:40:11,920

well as the pressure inside of the head

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00:40:14,790 --> 00:40:13,440

the intracranial pressure and the

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00:40:15,670 --> 00:40:14,800

distribution of fluids throughout the

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00:40:17,910 --> 00:40:15,680

body

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00:40:21,030 --> 00:40:17,920

the the hypothesis several hypotheses

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00:40:21,910 --> 00:40:21,040

but one of the hypothesis hypotheses was

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00:40:23,510 --> 00:40:21,920

that

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00:40:24,470 --> 00:40:23,520

shifting of fluid out of the upper part

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00:40:26,069 --> 00:40:24,480

of the body

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00:40:28,150 --> 00:40:26,079

might have an effect on the shape of the

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00:40:30,390 --> 00:40:28,160

eyeball if the if

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00:40:32,230 --> 00:40:30,400

scott or mikhail's eyes had

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00:40:34,630 --> 00:40:32,240

become a little bit flattened because of

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00:40:36,390 --> 00:40:34,640

their time and space flight and if fluid

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00:40:38,630 --> 00:40:36,400

shifting is involved in that then

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00:40:41,109 --> 00:40:38,640

perhaps transiently removing some of

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00:40:42,870 --> 00:40:41,119

that fluid would have caused some sort

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00:40:44,710 --> 00:40:42,880

of rebound in the shape of the eye and

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00:40:46,230 --> 00:40:44,720

as i said i have not yet seen the

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00:40:48,470 --> 00:40:46,240

results from this investigation so i'm

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00:40:51,030 --> 00:40:48,480

looking forward to seeing that as well

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00:40:52,390 --> 00:40:51,040

i do not think that the brief

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00:40:54,790 --> 00:40:52,400

interventions that they

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00:40:56,470 --> 00:40:54,800

both experienced over the course of 340

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00:40:59,349 --> 00:40:56,480

days and it was one hour

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00:41:01,910 --> 00:40:59,359

on two two continuous days three times

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00:41:03,270 --> 00:41:01,920

in flight so a total of six hours per

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00:41:04,710 --> 00:41:03,280

person i really don't think that's going

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00:41:07,750 --> 00:41:04,720

to reverse the fluid shift that has

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00:41:09,910 --> 00:41:07,760

occurred over 340 days in space flight

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00:41:12,790 --> 00:41:09,920

so i'm thinking more of thinking of it

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00:41:14,950 --> 00:41:12,800

more as an intervention uh an acute

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00:41:16,550 --> 00:41:14,960

brief transient intervention to answer a

1199

00:41:18,390 --> 00:41:16,560

specific question relating to

1200

00:41:20,550 --> 00:41:18,400

intracranial pressure and

1201

00:41:22,390 --> 00:41:20,560

shape of the eye but uh

1202

00:41:24,150 --> 00:41:22,400

the results that come back from that

1203

00:41:26,630 --> 00:41:24,160

should be very illuminating and and uh

1204

00:41:28,470 --> 00:41:26,640

enlightening in that regard

1205

00:41:30,230 --> 00:41:28,480

okay we'll bring it back here in the

1206

00:41:31,750 --> 00:41:30,240

room for follow-ups in just a moment i

1207

00:41:33,349 --> 00:41:31,760

wanted to take some social media

1208

00:41:34,950 --> 00:41:33,359

questions real quick i know we have a

1209

00:41:36,790 --> 00:41:34,960

couple

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00:41:39,030 --> 00:41:36,800

so this question is for john and julie

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00:41:41,190 --> 00:41:39,040

and it's coming to us from lis collins

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00:41:42,790 --> 00:41:41,200

on behalf of her fifth grade class she's

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00:41:44,470 --> 00:41:42,800

wondering what experiment do you think

1214

00:41:46,790 --> 00:41:44,480

was most beneficial for the year in

1215

00:41:49,430 --> 00:41:46,800

space

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00:41:51,190 --> 00:41:49,440

who most beneficial

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00:41:53,750 --> 00:41:51,200

i would uh

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00:41:54,710 --> 00:41:53,760

have to say that um

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00:41:57,349 --> 00:41:54,720

there were

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00:42:00,230 --> 00:41:57,359

a number of studies that were going on

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00:42:03,190 --> 00:42:00,240

uh looking at cell division and cell

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00:42:05,510 --> 00:42:03,200

types and i think if you look at the

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00:42:07,589 --> 00:42:05,520

core of medical care going on right now

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00:42:09,510 --> 00:42:07,599

and understanding how cells divide and

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00:42:10,950 --> 00:42:09,520

how cells become

1226  
00:42:12,390 --> 00:42:10,960  
differentiated which means become the

1227  
00:42:13,829 --> 00:42:12,400  
kind of cells in our bodies that do

1228  
00:42:15,270 --> 00:42:13,839  
different things we really don't

1229  
00:42:17,270 --> 00:42:15,280  
understand that very well and that's the

1230  
00:42:19,589 --> 00:42:17,280  
core of research on how we could prevent

1231  
00:42:21,270 --> 00:42:19,599  
aging how we can solve all kinds of

1232  
00:42:23,030 --> 00:42:21,280  
medical problems and the fact that you

1233  
00:42:24,150 --> 00:42:23,040  
see those different patterns in space i

1234  
00:42:27,430 --> 00:42:24,160  
actually think that's some of the most

1235  
00:42:32,630 --> 00:42:29,030  
so we have another one most likely for

1236  
00:42:34,790 --> 00:42:32,640  
john jason sexton is wondering did he

1237  
00:42:37,750 --> 00:42:34,800  
really grow two inches while in space

1238  
00:42:42,069 --> 00:42:39,990

i don't know if anybody knows that i'm

1239

00:42:44,870 --> 00:42:42,079

not sure when that measurement was made

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00:42:47,109 --> 00:42:44,880

but as much as he did grow in height it

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00:42:49,190 --> 00:42:47,119

probably went away very quickly because

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00:42:51,510 --> 00:42:49,200

it's a it's a function of

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00:42:53,829 --> 00:42:51,520

of essentially fluid accumulation in the

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00:42:55,670 --> 00:42:53,839

discs in the between the bones in our in

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00:42:57,510 --> 00:42:55,680

our spinal column and our

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00:42:59,910 --> 00:42:57,520

in our back so

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00:43:01,670 --> 00:42:59,920

as as we all sit here on the ground or

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00:43:03,109 --> 00:43:01,680

stand here on the ground our backs are

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00:43:04,470 --> 00:43:03,119

being compressed you can often feel that

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00:43:07,510 --> 00:43:04,480

especially at the end of a long day you

1251  
00:43:09,510 --> 00:43:07,520  
know your back is is tight and sore and

1252  
00:43:11,349 --> 00:43:09,520  
a lot part of that is uh

1253  
00:43:12,710 --> 00:43:11,359  
signaling the fact that the the discs

1254  
00:43:15,030 --> 00:43:12,720  
that cushion

1255  
00:43:16,950 --> 00:43:15,040  
between each of the the vertebral bones

1256  
00:43:18,790 --> 00:43:16,960  
in your back get compressed by the

1257  
00:43:19,510 --> 00:43:18,800  
weight of the body above them

1258  
00:43:21,349 --> 00:43:19,520  
now

1259  
00:43:22,790 --> 00:43:21,359  
in the absence of gravity they have a

1260  
00:43:24,950 --> 00:43:22,800  
certain natural resilience and they

1261  
00:43:28,150 --> 00:43:24,960  
bounce back they spring up and they

1262  
00:43:29,750 --> 00:43:28,160  
absorb body fluids so they stay hydrated

1263  
00:43:31,349 --> 00:43:29,760

uh so during the period of time that

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00:43:33,510 --> 00:43:31,359

astronauts are in space they do get a

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00:43:35,670 --> 00:43:33,520

little bit taller tall enough to make a

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00:43:38,470 --> 00:43:35,680

difference in space suit fit and also to

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00:43:39,910 --> 00:43:38,480

make a difference in the and the the

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00:43:41,510 --> 00:43:39,920

seats that the cosmonauts and the

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00:43:42,870 --> 00:43:41,520

astronauts sit in in the soyuz vehicle

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00:43:44,309 --> 00:43:42,880

they have to be

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00:43:46,150 --> 00:43:44,319

specially designed to accommodate a

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00:43:48,150 --> 00:43:46,160

slight increase in height

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00:43:49,589 --> 00:43:48,160

but unfortunately that height this

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00:43:51,510 --> 00:43:49,599

difference goes away as soon as they

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00:43:53,990 --> 00:43:51,520

come back to the ground and stand up for

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00:43:55,910 --> 00:43:54,000

the first time the gravity affects that

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00:43:58,309 --> 00:43:55,920

those uh intervertebral discs and

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00:44:00,630 --> 00:43:58,319

squishes the the fluid out of them and

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00:44:02,150 --> 00:44:00,640

before too long astronauts are the same

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00:44:06,309 --> 00:44:02,160

height they were before

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00:44:10,470 --> 00:44:08,230

let's do one more from social um this

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00:44:12,230 --> 00:44:10,480

one is most likely for julie um

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00:44:14,390 --> 00:44:12,240

commander aristotle on twitter is

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00:44:16,069 --> 00:44:14,400

wondering is there any possibilities

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00:44:17,430 --> 00:44:16,079

that other veggies will be grown on the

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00:44:19,750 --> 00:44:17,440

space station

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00:44:21,270 --> 00:44:19,760

uh yeah so veggies an interesting study

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00:44:23,109 --> 00:44:21,280

because what we're doing with that is

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00:44:25,270 --> 00:44:23,119

we're really testing our ability to take

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00:44:26,630 --> 00:44:25,280

a a small greenhouse with us to mars

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00:44:29,430 --> 00:44:26,640

it's very small

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00:44:31,910 --> 00:44:29,440

space and and low power low low energy

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00:44:33,190 --> 00:44:31,920

and so forth and on the way to mars

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00:44:34,630 --> 00:44:33,200

there are a couple reasons we'd like to

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00:44:37,030 --> 00:44:34,640

have a greenhouse one is for the

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00:44:39,430 --> 00:44:37,040

psychological benefits of having some

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00:44:42,150 --> 00:44:39,440

living organisms to go along with you

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00:44:44,069 --> 00:44:42,160

but another is to be able to grow fresh

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00:44:46,230 --> 00:44:44,079

food for some of the vitamins and

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00:44:48,950 --> 00:44:46,240

especially antioxidants that break down

1301  
00:44:50,790 --> 00:44:48,960  
in space so it'd be nice to have some

1302  
00:44:52,630 --> 00:44:50,800  
things like maybe spinach or some fresh

1303  
00:44:55,750 --> 00:44:52,640  
berries

1304  
00:44:58,069 --> 00:44:55,760  
sources of vitamin c and so we as you

1305  
00:44:59,670 --> 00:44:58,079  
know while while scott was up we grew

1306  
00:45:01,829 --> 00:44:59,680  
a red romaine lettuce which is a very

1307  
00:45:03,829 --> 00:45:01,839  
nutritional form of romaine lettuce and

1308  
00:45:05,750 --> 00:45:03,839  
we also had the zinnias

1309  
00:45:07,589 --> 00:45:05,760  
personally i'd like to see a fruit come

1310  
00:45:10,230 --> 00:45:07,599  
up in the future our russian colleagues

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00:45:12,630 --> 00:45:10,240  
in their larger heavier greenhouse have

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00:45:15,109 --> 00:45:12,640  
grown things like peas and other plants

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00:45:16,710 --> 00:45:15,119

so we have some work to go still

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00:45:18,390 --> 00:45:16,720

but it was a big advantage just to get

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00:45:20,309 --> 00:45:18,400

to the point where we were comfortable

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00:45:21,430 --> 00:45:20,319

that the food was safe to eat that had

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00:45:24,150 --> 00:45:21,440

been grown in space and that was an

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00:45:25,750 --> 00:45:24,160

important accomplishment this mission

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00:45:27,109 --> 00:45:25,760

okay we'll take a couple of follow-ups

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00:45:28,150 --> 00:45:27,119

here in the room all the way on the end

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00:45:30,069 --> 00:45:28,160

here

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00:45:32,550 --> 00:45:30,079

hi alexandra becker with texas medical

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00:45:34,470 --> 00:45:32,560

center news um could you speak a little

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00:45:36,630 --> 00:45:34,480

bit more about how data from the twin

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00:45:39,270 --> 00:45:36,640

study and maybe the research process

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00:45:42,230 --> 00:45:39,280

itself might benefit human health here

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00:45:46,150 --> 00:45:43,750

that's always a difficult kind of

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00:45:47,990 --> 00:45:46,160

question to answer because it requires a

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00:45:49,670 --> 00:45:48,000

sort of a direct mapping of the results

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00:45:51,190 --> 00:45:49,680

from space flight to

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00:45:52,870 --> 00:45:51,200

life here on earth

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00:45:54,309 --> 00:45:52,880

but i don't think it's an exaggeration

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00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:54,319

to say that everything we learn about

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00:45:57,589 --> 00:45:56,400

the human body whether it's in space or

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00:45:59,349 --> 00:45:57,599

on the ground

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00:46:01,030 --> 00:45:59,359

benefits all of us here on the earth

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00:46:03,430 --> 00:46:01,040

there's the

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00:46:06,150 --> 00:46:03,440

guys like like mark and scott

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00:46:08,630 --> 00:46:06,160

while very fit and unique they have the

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00:46:10,390 --> 00:46:08,640

same basic physiology the same basic

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00:46:11,670 --> 00:46:10,400

anatomy as the rest of us do

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00:46:13,670 --> 00:46:11,680

and by allowing us to make the

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00:46:15,750 --> 00:46:13,680

measurements on them in an

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00:46:17,750 --> 00:46:15,760

in-depth and detailed manner

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00:46:20,470 --> 00:46:17,760

uh repeatedly in

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00:46:22,470 --> 00:46:20,480

the most novel circumstance that i can

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00:46:24,870 --> 00:46:22,480

envision which is weightlessness

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00:46:26,309 --> 00:46:24,880

that tells us things about how the how

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00:46:28,550 --> 00:46:26,319

all of our bodies

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00:46:30,470 --> 00:46:28,560

respond to stresses

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00:46:31,349 --> 00:46:30,480

and eliminate some of the

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00:46:32,710 --> 00:46:31,359

some of the noise some of the

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00:46:34,470 --> 00:46:32,720

variability some of the uncertainty

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00:46:36,069 --> 00:46:34,480

because they are

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00:46:39,190 --> 00:46:36,079

in this case they're twins and so we

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00:46:40,470 --> 00:46:39,200

have some very clear comparisons between

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00:46:42,230 --> 00:46:40,480

one person in space and one on the

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00:46:43,990 --> 00:46:42,240

ground but also because they're very

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00:46:46,470 --> 00:46:44,000

healthy so that eliminates a lot of the

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00:46:47,910 --> 00:46:46,480

the complications of of not quite so

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00:46:50,069 --> 00:46:47,920

healthy bodies

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00:46:51,829 --> 00:46:50,079

but very brief it's too late to be brief

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00:46:53,990 --> 00:46:51,839

but very briefly

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00:46:56,069 --> 00:46:54,000

anything we learn about people any place

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00:46:57,990 --> 00:46:56,079

is going to benefit life on earth well

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00:46:59,990 --> 00:46:58,000

we've already had examples where the

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00:47:01,910 --> 00:47:00,000

research in space led to follow-on

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00:47:03,750 --> 00:47:01,920

research by say pharmaceutical companies

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00:47:05,670 --> 00:47:03,760

and others there's already a drug on the

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00:47:07,430 --> 00:47:05,680

market that was tested

1371

00:47:10,710 --> 00:47:07,440

on the space station basically to

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00:47:13,190 --> 00:47:10,720

evaluate its mechanism of function merck

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00:47:15,510 --> 00:47:13,200

eli lilly other companies are using iss

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00:47:17,349 --> 00:47:15,520

to take it that second step so the basic

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00:47:19,030 --> 00:47:17,359

information it takes another couple sets

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00:47:21,109 --> 00:47:19,040

of research to to get it to a health

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00:47:23,510 --> 00:47:21,119

benefit but you know if you look at all

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00:47:25,670 --> 00:47:23,520

the effects overall on on crew member

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00:47:27,910 --> 00:47:25,680

health the bone loss cardiac

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00:47:29,750 --> 00:47:27,920

deconditioning they all start looking a

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00:47:31,670 --> 00:47:29,760

lot like aging and that's those are the

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00:47:39,589 --> 00:47:31,680

medical things that we care about most

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00:47:43,990 --> 00:47:41,030

you mentioned that there's still some

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00:47:45,829 --> 00:47:44,000

medical specimens i guess especially

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00:47:47,750 --> 00:47:45,839

various types on the space station can

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00:47:50,230 --> 00:47:47,760

you describe

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00:47:55,430 --> 00:47:53,349

i guess it's blood but what it is and

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00:47:57,990 --> 00:47:55,440

is there a certain period

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00:48:00,230 --> 00:47:58,000

of the time that something is faced that

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00:48:01,030 --> 00:48:00,240

that those samples cover that's critical

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00:48:03,430 --> 00:48:01,040

to

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00:48:05,430 --> 00:48:03,440

the overall project

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00:48:07,030 --> 00:48:05,440

it's primarily the most recent blood

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00:48:09,430 --> 00:48:07,040

specimens that were collected on on

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00:48:10,390 --> 00:48:09,440

scott the earlier specimens came back on

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00:48:14,309 --> 00:48:10,400

earlier

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00:48:16,630 --> 00:48:14,319

down mass vehicles like spacex's before

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00:48:18,470 --> 00:48:16,640

but uh yeah we are we have a big freezer

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00:48:20,710 --> 00:48:18,480

on iss called melfi

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00:48:23,109 --> 00:48:20,720

the minus 80 degree laboratory freezers

1401  
00:48:26,150 --> 00:48:23,119  
for iss and then we have small freezers

1402  
00:48:27,430 --> 00:48:26,160  
on our spacex return vehicles that bring

1403  
00:48:29,109 --> 00:48:27,440  
those samples home we want to keep them

1404  
00:48:30,950 --> 00:48:29,119  
frozen the whole time we also have some

1405  
00:48:33,670 --> 00:48:30,960  
cold bags we can bring home on a spacex

1406  
00:48:35,910 --> 00:48:33,680  
to have extra capacity and we just ha we

1407  
00:48:37,430 --> 00:48:35,920  
try to get a block of samples together

1408  
00:48:39,910 --> 00:48:37,440  
from a single experiment and bring them

1409  
00:48:41,030 --> 00:48:39,920  
home all at once so the next spacex is

1410  
00:48:43,750 --> 00:48:41,040  
going to be a really important one for

1411  
00:48:44,950 --> 00:48:43,760  
having a lot of these samples

1412  
00:48:46,549 --> 00:48:44,960  
eric

1413  
00:48:49,829 --> 00:48:46,559

berger again with uh

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00:48:51,910 --> 00:48:49,839

a question for for john um

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00:48:54,630 --> 00:48:51,920

so obviously the you know mark and scott

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00:48:56,470 --> 00:48:54,640

are you know talented intelligent

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00:48:57,829 --> 00:48:56,480

you know guys

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00:48:59,750 --> 00:48:57,839

i want to know about the psychology of

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00:49:01,030 --> 00:48:59,760

this so being up in space away from

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00:49:03,589 --> 00:49:01,040

loved ones for a year now you get to

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00:49:05,270 --> 00:49:03,599

calm at any time but you know it's hard

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00:49:06,549 --> 00:49:05,280

it's isolating

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00:49:07,910 --> 00:49:06,559

you know what percentage the general

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00:49:09,990 --> 00:49:07,920

population you think has the

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00:49:12,390 --> 00:49:10,000

psychological makeup to handle this kind

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00:49:15,030 --> 00:49:12,400

of a situation where you're you know

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00:49:18,790 --> 00:49:15,040

you're staying on task every day

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00:49:22,710 --> 00:49:21,190

i would be scared to guess how many what

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00:49:24,870 --> 00:49:22,720

fraction of the general population can

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00:49:27,430 --> 00:49:24,880

do that i suspect it's more than one in

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00:49:28,630 --> 00:49:27,440

a thousand because and i say one in a

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00:49:29,990 --> 00:49:28,640

thousand because that's the number of

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00:49:31,670 --> 00:49:30,000

people we're going to select in the next

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00:49:32,950 --> 00:49:31,680

next astronaut selection out of the ones

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00:49:35,270 --> 00:49:32,960

that applied

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00:49:36,390 --> 00:49:35,280

but it's it's we i think we can all

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00:49:38,230 --> 00:49:36,400

probably answer that question for

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00:49:41,190 --> 00:49:38,240

ourselves just imagine who

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00:49:43,670 --> 00:49:41,200

who amongst all of your acquaintances

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00:49:46,710 --> 00:49:43,680

could maintain that kind of uh focus on

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00:49:48,630 --> 00:49:46,720

task in a fairly confined environment

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00:49:50,230 --> 00:49:48,640

with the same faces to look at all the

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00:49:52,710 --> 00:49:50,240

time and under

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00:49:54,069 --> 00:49:52,720

no kidding life and death death stresses

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00:49:55,670 --> 00:49:54,079

the entire time

1446

00:49:57,190 --> 00:49:55,680

who among us could do that i'm not sure

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00:50:00,150 --> 00:49:57,200

i would be really one of the one of the

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00:50:01,349 --> 00:50:00,160

chosen ones in that regard

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00:50:03,030 --> 00:50:01,359

all right well that's going to be all

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00:50:04,710 --> 00:50:03,040

the time we have for this press

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00:50:06,309 --> 00:50:04,720

conference today you can of course

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00:50:07,670 --> 00:50:06,319

continue to follow the mission on

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00:50:09,430 --> 00:50:07,680

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00:50:11,349 --> 00:50:09,440

one year i want to thank all of my

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00:50:12,950 --> 00:50:11,359

guests here today for their time and for

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00:50:14,870 --> 00:50:12,960

all of their work to make this mission

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00:50:17,270 --> 00:50:14,880

the success that it was dr julie

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00:50:18,470 --> 00:50:17,280

robinson dr john charles and mark kelly

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00:50:19,750 --> 00:50:18,480

of course

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00:50:21,270 --> 00:50:19,760

so we're going to break away for now

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00:50:23,670 --> 00:50:21,280

stick around though because coming up