

A photograph of an astronaut in a white flight suit working inside a space station module. The astronaut is seen from the side, looking towards the left. The background is filled with various pieces of equipment, cables, and structural elements of the station. The lighting is bright and even.

**SPACE FLIGHT
POSES MANY
CHALLENGES
TO THE HUMAN
BODY IN SPACE**

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00:00:06,309 --> 00:00:03,990
space flight poses many challenges to

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00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:06,319
the human body in space so the long-term

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00:00:11,509 --> 00:00:09,120
goal of our research is to get to a

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00:00:18,390 --> 00:00:11,519
place where we can maintain the health

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00:00:21,670 --> 00:00:20,870
oxidative stress is when we have too

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00:00:24,790 --> 00:00:21,680
much

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00:00:27,269 --> 00:00:24,800
of reactive forms of oxygen in the body

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00:00:29,910 --> 00:00:27,279
there are studies being done

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00:00:31,029 --> 00:00:29,920
on astronauts collecting samples to

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00:00:34,150 --> 00:00:31,039
measure

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00:00:37,270 --> 00:00:34,160
changes in molecules that reflect

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00:00:39,030 --> 00:00:37,280
oxidative damage the benefits of working

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00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:39,040

with animals is that we're able to

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00:00:43,830 --> 00:00:40,480

really get at

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00:00:47,110 --> 00:00:43,840

test mechanisms for disease processes so

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00:00:50,229 --> 00:00:47,120

by mechanisms what i mean is how it is

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00:00:53,910 --> 00:00:50,239

we go from step a to step b to step c to

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00:00:56,310 --> 00:00:53,920

end up with an adverse state when going

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00:00:58,709 --> 00:00:56,320

into space when weightless

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00:01:02,150 --> 00:00:58,719

there's bone loss muscle loss and the

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00:01:04,310 --> 00:01:02,160

cardiovascular system deconditions

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00:01:06,149 --> 00:01:04,320

having too much oxidative stress

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00:01:07,510 --> 00:01:06,159

can lead to disease

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00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:07,520

oxidative stress is thought to be

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00:01:11,350 --> 00:01:09,360

involved in things like alzheimer's and

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00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:11,360

cardiovascular disease

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00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:14,080

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00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:16,240

there's a lot of interest

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00:01:21,590 --> 00:01:18,960

in understanding what role oxidative

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00:01:23,270 --> 00:01:21,600

stress has in some of the changes that

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00:01:29,270 --> 00:01:23,280

occur

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00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:29,280

we work with mice doing studies to get a

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00:01:34,630 --> 00:01:32,400

better understanding of how

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00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:34,640

those bone changes and other changes in

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00:01:39,270 --> 00:01:37,520

the body occur in the space environment

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00:01:41,830 --> 00:01:39,280

experiments that are done on earth to

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00:01:45,590 --> 00:01:41,840

develop drugs or to understand disease

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00:01:48,230 --> 00:01:45,600

processes on earth mice or rats are

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00:01:51,830 --> 00:01:48,240

exposed to changes in their environment

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00:01:53,990 --> 00:01:51,840

that simulate rodent research is is

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00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:54,000

beneficial all these things can be

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00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:56,000

studied in animals

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00:02:02,230 --> 00:01:59,119

to get a better understanding of how the

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00:02:04,550 --> 00:02:02,240

deficits occur in astronauts

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00:02:07,030 --> 00:02:04,560

by studying these things like bone loss

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00:02:09,510 --> 00:02:07,040

and muscle loss we gain further insight

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00:02:11,190 --> 00:02:09,520

into how it's happening and also how to

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00:02:14,470 --> 00:02:11,200

treat it and the way we treat it in