**Presentation by Dr. Nicol van Dyk Webinar 90 min.**   
  
  
How do we protect our athletes from injury? Why do our current injury prevention approaches work – or don’t they? What is true for the team vs the individual?   
  
These questions face clinicians every day, when they look to better understand how to manage and interpret the risk of injury vs the benefits to performance.  
  
In this webinar, we cover some practical guidelines in how you can apply risk management strategies in your day-to-day practice.  
  
Nicol van Dyk is a clinical researcher and physiotherapist. He currently occupies the role of Injury surveillance and medical research officer with the Irish Rugby Football Union.  
  
He graduated with a BSc in Physiotherapy from Stellenbosch University in 2005 and completed his MSc in Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapy in 2010.  
  
Having worked in a number of different sporting environments, including athletics, rugby, and football, he was a physiotherapist at the Sport Science Institute of South Africa before moving to Qatar in 2013. While continuing to provide clinical care for athletes he formed part of ASPREV, the Aspetar Injury and Illness Prevention programme at the Aspetar Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital.  
  
In 2018 Nicol completed his PhD in Health Sciences at Ghent University, Belgium titled “Risk factors for hamstring injuries in professional football players.”   
  
Nicol is a deputy editor and editorial board member of British journal of sports medicine (BJSM), and enthusiastic about the role of social media in the dissemination of scientific evidence and research knowledge.  
  
As a clinical researcher with a special interest in muscle injuries and injury prevention, he has great appreciation for integrated healthcare and evidence based medicine.  
  
**Duration**  
90 minutes

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Since 2020 Nicol has been appointed by the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) as Injury Surveillance & Medical Research Officer.

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