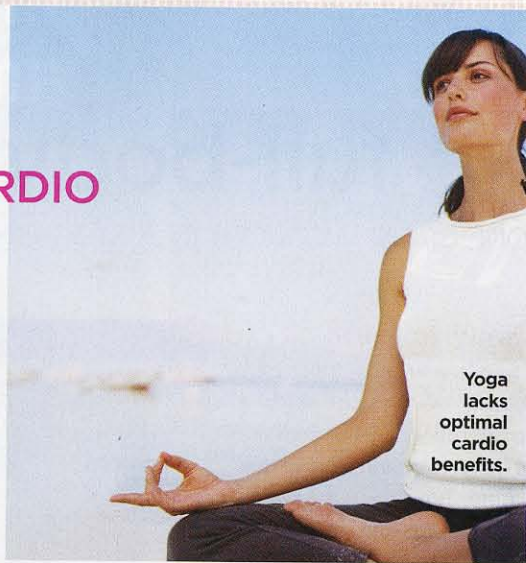


# HATHA YOGA GREAT FOR STRENGTH, NOT CARDIO

▶ While hatha yoga can improve overall strength and flexibility, don't count on it for optimal aerobic conditioning. Fitness experts at Texas State University-San Marcos measured hatha yoga's effect on the heart rate of 26 women (19–40 years old) during a 30-minute class of sun salutations. To condition the cardiovascular system, “**people should exercise at 65–90 percent of heart rate maximum [HRmax],**” says study co-author Lisa Lloyd, Ph.D. However, the average yoga HRmax was only 57 percent, compared with 72 percent for moderate walking (3.5 mph); that's not enough to improve aerobic fitness. —CAROL POTERA



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