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Leon Straker is a John Curtin Distinguished Professor at the School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science, Curtin University. He has held a National Health and Medical Research Council Senior Research Fellowship for 10 years and published more than 200 scientific journal papers which have been cited over 4000 times.

Leon is the leading international researcher on how technology use affects children's physical development, with over 30 years' experience in this area. He has examined aspects such as neck and back pain, movement coordination, energy expenditure, physical activity and sedentary behaviour. His research has included large surveys, intervention studies, laboratory studies and qualitative studies.

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