On Feb 19, 2018, the Washington Post published an article titled, "One day, a serious athlete couldn't walk straight - Doctors were stumped." As I read that article, it struck me that this is exactly one of those cases we hear about in which the solutions (and often the problems we will encounter in the future) are not yet known. Science is about using data to investigate issues and then testing solutions using scientific properties, content-specific processes, and engineering practices. Our current science standards are not robust enough to prepare students for the types of analytical thinking needed to make sense of issues in life, physical, or earth and space science.

I encourage you to support Maine schools in the process of preparing future science thinkers by adopting the Next Generation Science Standards.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/one-day-a-serious-athlete-couldnt-walk-straight-doctors-were-stumped/2018/02/16/6b413956-ee50-11e7-b3bf-ab90a706e175_story.html?utm_term=.b09a4b9d7e7b

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