RED LIGHT SAUNA

Biohacking in Boston: Cryotherapy, Sauna, Cold Plunge, Float, Red Light and DEXA — Academic-Medicine City Guide and What to Ask Before You Book

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Why Boston clients ask for the study, not the slogan

Boston clients often already have a specialist, a primary-care doctor or a friend in research. That makes it easier to check whether a wellness session conflicts with heart disease, diabetes medicines, pregnancy or recent surgery. Red light panels in these studios have been studied mainly for skin and wound outcomes, with variable study quality ([Avci et al., 2013](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24049929/)), so treat fat-loss or longevity claims with caution.

Whole-body cryotherapy

What the evidence says. FDA has said it has not cleared or approved any whole-body cryotherapy device for medical treatment, and has listed risks including oxygen deficiency when liquid nitrogen is used, frostbite, burns and eye injury ([FDA consumer update, archived](https://web.archive.org/web/20240213033124/https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/whole-body-cry
What to ask. Nitrogen-cooled or electric? Is your head outside the chamber? Is an attendant present the whole time? What is the maximum session length? **Boston options (cryotherapy / recovery):** - [Degree Wellness — Newton](https://degreewellness.com/locations/newton-ma/): cryotherapy, red light, infrared sauna and cold plunge. - [Degree Wellness — Wellesley](https://degreewellness.com/locations/wellesley-ma/): cryotherapy, red light, infrared sauna and cold plunge. - [Pause Studio — South End](https://pausestudio.com/locations/south-end): cryotherapy, float, infrared sauna, cold plunge and red light; it also lists IV services. - [Pause Studio — Hanover](https://pausestudio.com/locations/hanover): cryotherapy, float, infrared sauna, cold plunge and red light. - [Remedy Place — Boston Seaport](https://www.remedyplace.com/clubs/boston): cryotherapy, sauna/cold plunge, red light and other

recovery and diagnostics services. - [Restore Hyper Wellness — Somerville](https://www.restore.com/locations/ma-somerville-ma014): cryotherapy, red light and infrared sauna; the chain also offers IV services.

Sauna and cold plunge in New England winters

What the evidence says. The best-known sauna data is from a Finnish observational study of 2,315 middle-aged men: more frequent traditional sauna use was associated with lower rates of fatal cardiovascular events and all-cause mortality ([Laukkanen et al., JAMA Internal Medicine, 2015](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25705824/)). That is an association in one population, not proof of cause. Infrared saunas run cooler and have been studied less. Cold-water immersion has some evidence for reducing post-exercise soreness, but a Cochrane review rated the evidence low quality ([Bleakley et al., Cochrane, 2012](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/22336838/)). Winter contrast therapy is popular after runs along the Charles, but sudden cold places extra demand on the heart. If you take regular medicines or have a heart condition, ask your doctor before starting. **What to ask.** Temperature and time limits? Staff on the floor? Grab rails and non-slip steps into the plunge? Screening for heart conditions, blood pressure, pregnancy, medicines and alcohol? **Boston options (sauna / cold plunge):** - [SWEATHOUZ — South Boston](https://sweathouz.com/): infrared sauna and cold plunge (confirm current Boston location page). - [Degree Wellness — Newton](https://degreewellness.com/locations/newton-ma/) and [Wellesley](https://degreewellness.com/locations/wellesley-ma/): infrared sauna and cold plunge alongside cryotherapy. - [Remedy Place — Boston Seaport](https://www.remedyplace.com/clubs/boston): sauna and cold plunge among other modalities.

Float tanks

What the evidence says. Floating in warm, salt-saturated water with reduced light and sound has been studied in small trials for short-term stress and anxiety. One trial reported short-term reductions in anxiety after a single session ([Feinstein et al., PLOS ONE, 2018](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29394251/)). That is early evidence about how people feel afterwards, not proof of lasting health effects. **What to ask.** Water filtration between clients? Option to leave lights on or the door ajar? Advice against floating with open cuts, recent skin procedures or uncontrolled epilepsy? **Boston option (float):** - [Float Boston](https://floatboston.com/): dedicated float centre. - [Pause Studio — South End](https://pausestudio.com/locations/south-end) and [Hanover](https://pausestudio.com/locations/hanover): float among other recovery services.

IV lounges (described neutrally)

Several studios above also list IV menus. An IV is a medical procedure. Ask who places the line, who reviews your health history and medicines, what is in the bag and why, and what happens if you react. People with heart or kidney conditions should ask their own doctor first. Healthy people usually meet hydration needs by drinking. We list businesses for their other services and do not recommend IV therapy.

DEXA, VO2 and strength

What they measure. A DEXA scan uses low-dose X-ray to estimate fat, lean mass and bone, so it should be done when the result will change what you do ([FDA, medical X-ray imaging](https://www.fda.gov/radiation-emitting-products/medical-imaging/medical-x-ray-imaging)). VO2 max testing measures cardiorespiratory fitness; in observational data, higher fitness is associated with lower long-term mortality ([Mandsager et al., JAMA Network Open, 2018](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30646252/)). A meta-analysis of cohort studies found muscle-strengthening activity associated with lower all-cause mortality ([Momma et al., BJSM,

2022](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35228201/)). For many adults, a strength programme is a better first spend than a gadget. **Boston options (DEXA / diagnostics):** - [BodySpec — Boston](https://www.bodyspec.com/booking?region=boston): DEXA body composition (city listed on BodySpec booking). - [DexaFit — Boston](https://www.dexafit.com/): DEXA and fitness testing (confirm current Boston location page). - [Remedy Place — Boston Seaport](https://www.remedyplace.com/clubs/boston): lists diagnostics among club services (confirm current offerings).

A five-question checklist for any Boston studio

1. **Purpose:** Medical treatment or wellness session — and what is it meant to do for me? 2. **Supervision:** Who is on site, and what are their credentials? 3. **Screening:** What health and medicine questions do you ask before the first session? 4. **Evidence:** Can you point me to the study or FDA clearance behind this claim? 5. **Exit:** What happens if I feel unwell, and when should I see my own doctor? If a provider promises to cure a disease, reverse ageing or replace your medical care, treat it as a red flag. FDA's [health fraud page](https://www.fda.gov/consumers/health-fraud-scams) explains how to spot these claims.

Where coaches fit

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Are you a Boston provider?

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