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Course Objectives

1. All participants will determine neurological level and classification from provided International Standards for Neurological Classification of Spinal Cord Injury (ISNCSCI) exam data using ASIA Guidelines as well as be able to develop treatment strategies, and project functional outcomes for all diagnoses.

2. All participants will be able to describe medical complications associated with spinal cord injury and how they affect patient care and treatments.

3. All participants will be able to analyze basic and advanced functional mobility progression with individuals with paraplegia and tetraplegia.

4. All participants will be able to compare adaptive equipment including DME, wheelchair seating systems, wheelchair cushions and to describe reimbursement information.

5. Physical Therapy participants will be able to evaluate orthoses and gait requirements for clients with incomplete SCI.

6. Physical and Occupational Therapy participants will be able to progress clients through beginning to advanced wheelchair skills.

8. Occupational Therapy participants will be able to identify and use appropriate splinting techniques.

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Course Schedule*

SATURDAY (Continental Breakfast open at 7:30 am)

8:00 - 8:15 am Introduction: Goals and objectives
8:15 - 9:15 Treatment progression and functional outcomes by level of injury: Summary of functional progression by level of injury, equipment suggestions, functional outcomes
9:15 - 10:50 ISNCSCI classifications and definitions: Proper testing, classification clarity, patient examples
10:45 - 11:30 Medical complications: Pressure ulcers, orthostatic hypotension, autonomic dysreflexia, heterotrophic ossification, DVTs/PEs, bariatric considerations
11:30 - 12:30 pm Lunch
12:30 - 1:15 Mobility progression (video demonstration): Specific treatment progression for C7 level of injury and below, emphasis on key elements of mobility skills from balance skills to more advanced transfer skills
1:15 - 2:15 Lab break-out session:
  OT — Advanced wheelchair skills
  PT — Mobility progression
3:00 - 4:00 Bowel and bladder management: Anatomy and physiology review, current bowel and bladder techniques, treatment and equipment suggestions
4:00 - 4:30 Management of shoulder dysfunction
4:30 - 5:00 Sexual function after SCI

SUNDAY (Continental Breakfast opens at 7:30 am)

8:00 - 9:00 am DME and home modification: Review of simple to complex medical equipment for clients with SCI, home assessment recommendations
9:00 - 10:30 Treatment progression specifics for the C6/7 level tetraplegic: Specific treatment progression strategies, treatment suggestions (video demonstration)
10:45 - 11:45 Wheelchair seating and positioning: Overview of seating and positioning equipment recommendations, tips on common positioning issues, case study
11:45 - 12:45 pm Lunch
12:45 - 1:15 Advanced transfers and wheelchair skills (video demonstration): High level transfer techniques to multiple surfaces

Note: Afternoon sessions will be separate for OTs/COTAs and PTs/PTAs until 3:45 pm. (Attendees are welcome to attend the sessions of their choice.)

OT Sessions
1:15 - 2:30 pm OT intervention
  ADLs and assistive technology, mobility for LE dressing, bed mobility, U.E progression
2:30 - 3:30 U.E and hand splinting for position and function (including functional application)
3:30 - 4:30 Splinting lab session
  Hands on lab

All disciplines
4:30 - 5:00 Psychosocial considerations and discussion Questions and wrap-up

PT Sessions
Gait progression (1:15 - 2:30)
  for incomplete injuries (Lecture)
Mobility progression lab (2:30 - 3:30)
  Advanced wheelchair skills lab (3:30 - 4:30)
  Advanced WC progression, basic to advanced skills

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Laura Wehrli, PT, DPT, ATP graduated from Temple University with a Masters Degree and later with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. She began her career in spinal cord injury rehabilitation at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, NY. She is currently the Physical Therapy Supervisor in SCI at Craig Hospital in Englewood, CO. Laura has more than 12 years of experience working with patients with spinal cord injuries in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. Laura has presented at the APTA SCI SIG at Combined Sections, Contemporary Forums, and the American Spinal Cord Injury Association (ASIA). She has presented on the topic of Assistive Technology and SCI at Kean University. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), Academy of SCI Professionals (ASCP), and the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA).

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