

Orthopaedic Clinical Practice Guidelines: Low Back and Neck Pain with Implications for Physical Therapist Practice

Course Description:

Presently the country is locked in a heated debate over healthcare reform. No matter what side of the debate you are on, all involved parties agree that something has to be done in order to control costs. It is generally accepted that healthcare reform will focus on clinical outcomes, patient satisfaction, and value. Third party payers will no longer reimburse for services for which no proof of efficacy is reported and the efficacy of treatments will be constantly monitored and updated. As physical therapists we are not immune to these new practice guidelines and must ensure we are delivering appropriate and cost-effective treatments.

Clinical practice guidelines are a common way of summarizing the evidence based recommendations for the management of disorders and conditions. The evidence is mounting and each year more and more guidelines come into existence. Most healthcare practitioners as well as 3rd party payers think these well researched guidelines are an excellent idea.

This program will focus on the value of evidence based treatment guidelines and present the guidelines for the management of low back and neck pain. Utilizing multimedia and lecture the guidelines will be described in detail with accompanying relevance to the practice of physical therapy. By the conclusion of this course the participant will be able to implement a physical therapy plan of care for patients with low back and neck pain based on the best available evidence.

Course Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course the participant will:

- Understand the etiology, prevalence, risk factors, and healthcare utilization related to low back pain.
- Understand the American College of Radiology indications for imaging studies in cases of low back pain.
- Understand the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health Impairment Categories (ICF) for low back pain, and be able to classify patients as such.
- Understand the current clinical practice guidelines developed by the orthopaedic section of the APTA for the management of low back pain with rationale and implications for physical therapist practice.
- Be able to implement a physical therapy plan of care for patients with low back pain based on the best available evidence.
- Understand the etiology, prevalence, risk factors, and healthcare utilization related to neck pain.
- Understand indications and common imaging studies of the neck.
- Understand the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health Impairment Categories (ICF) for neck pain, and be able to classify patients as such.

- Understand the current clinical practice guidelines developed by the orthopaedic section of the APTA for the management of neck pain with rationale and implications for physical therapist practice.
- Be able to implement a physical therapy plan of care for patients with neck based on the best available evidence.

Course Outline: 8 CEUs (8AM – 4PM)

8:00-8:20	Introduction, Healthcare Reform, Clinical Practice Guidelines
8:20-8:35	Low Back Pain Background, Imaging Indications
8:35-9:30	ICF Categories, Symptoms, and Useful Physical Examination Measures
9:30-9:40	Break
9:40-10:00	Group Discussion
10:00-11:30	Presentation of the Low Back Pain Guidelines with Detailed Analysis and Implications for the Practice of Physical Therapy.
11:30-11:45	Surgical Options
11:45-12:00	Q&A, Low Back Pain Wrap Up
12:00-1:00	Lunch on Your Own
1:00-1:30	Neck Pain Background, Indications and Common Imaging Studies
1:30-2:00	ICF Categories, Symptoms, and Useful Physical Examination Measures
2:00-2:10	Break
2:10-2:30	Group Discussion/Activity
2:30-3:30	Presentation of the Neck Pain Guidelines with Detailed Analysis and Implications for the Practice of Physical Therapy.
3:30-3:45	Surgical Options
3:45-4:00	Q&A Neck Pain Wrap Up

Teaching Methods: Lecture, Interactive Discussion, Video (Require Audio Support)

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