# LINKED: Breathing & Postural Control (Part-1 of Mary Massery's full 3-day "LINKED" COURSE)



Dr. Mary Massery, PT, DPT, DSC

## **Faculty**

Dr. Massery received her BS in Physical Therapy from Northwestern University in 1977, her DPT from the University of the Pacific in 2004 and her DSc from Rocky Mountain University in 2011. Her publications and interests focus on linking motor behaviors to breathing and/or postural mechanics in both pediatric and adult patient populations. Dr. Massery has been invited to give over 900 professional presentations in all 50 US states and in 18 countries worldwide, including more than 100 presentations for the American Physical Therapy Association. Mary's research pioneered the concept of managing trunk pressures as a new way to visualize core stabilization. She has delivered keynote and major addresses on topics such as cystic fibrosis and posture, pectus excavatum (chest deformities), connections between posture & breathing, and PNF (proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation). Mary has received national awards from the APTA, including its highest clinical award, The Florence Kendall Practice Award, honoring "one's outstanding and enduring contributions to the practice of physical therapy." She has been honored as Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by each of her 3 universities. She was also awarded Northwestern University's Alumnae Research Achievement Award. Mary continues to maintain a private practice in Chicago, specializing in breathing and postural dysfunction.

Financial Disclosures: Mary Massery receives a speaking fee from Education Resources and from the sale of her DVD's. Non-Financial: She has no non-financial relationships to declare.

#### **About this Course**

This course, developed by Mary Massery, proposes a new definition of "core stability;" redefining it as the dynamic control of trunk pressures to optimize postural stability (balance). Dr. Massery's novel "soda pop can model" links breathing mechanics (including the vocal folds), to postural control using multi-system interactions. Part-1 lays foundational information and presents numerous quick interventions utilizing positioning and ventilatory strategies. Clinical cases will be used throughout the day to illustrate concepts. The course is applicable and for any pediatric or adult patient (or therapist) who breathes! Participants are encouraged to follow up later with "LINKED Part-2," a two-day in-person lab course, assessing "normal" breathing patterns, and learning neuromotor breathing retraining techniques, and manual assistive cough techniques

## **Objectives**

- Describe how trunk pressures link breathing and postural control using the Soda Pop Can Model.
- Describe the multiple, simultaneous roles of the diaphragm as related to breathing, postural control, gastroesophageal reflux, constipation, and venous return.
- Demonstrate the role of the vocal folds in normal postural stability responses (balance) and make the case for using speaking valves for patients with tracheostomies.
- Position patients for optimal physiological and biomechanical support of breathing with simple equipment (towels, pillows, etc.).
- Use a ventilatory strategy algorithm presented in class to optimally match breathing with movements from bed mobility to athletic endeavors.
- Apply concepts to a wide variety of patient populations from infancy to geriatrics.

### **Audience**

Designed for PTs, PTAs, OTs, OTAs, COTA, SLPs



#### **Schedule Day 1** 9:10 am to 2:20 pm EST (US)

9:10 - 9:30Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens

9:30 - 10:00Discussion

Class starts: Overview of course topics &

logistics

10:00 - 11:30 Lecture

Breathing and Posture: Part 1 - Pressure

control (Soda pop model)

11:30 - 11:40 Break

11:40 - 1:10 **LAB:** Positioning strategies: What can you

do in 90 Seconds or less that has a

profound and lasting effect?

1:10 - 1:20 Break

1:20 - 2:15Lecture

Breathing: Part 2 - The Diaphragm

2:15 - 2:20 Discussion and Q&A

2:20 Class Ends – Instructor will stay to answer

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#### **Schedule Day 2**

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9:10 - 9:30Webinar Registration/Zoom Course

Opens

9:30 - 9:50Pearls, sleep homework, Q&A

9:50 - 11:00Breathing:

Part 3 - The Vocal Folds

11:00 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:45 LAB: Ventilatory or movement

strategies: Integrating neuromuscular,

musculoskeletal, respiratory and

sensory systems

12:45 - 1:00 Clinical Applications and Q&A

1:05 - 1:15Summary, next week's homework,

further studies, Q&A

1:15 Class Ends – Instructor will stay to

answer questions

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