Ambulation, Activity and AFOs: Addressing the Ankle to Improve Gait and Function



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Faculty

Amanda Hall is an engaging speaker and experienced therapist who developed a framework for pediatric and neuro ankle intervention. Her area of expertise includes therapeutic casting and orthotic design based on kinesiopathology, differential diagnosis, manual therapy, and alignment for therapeutic gait with individualized intervention and patient-centered designs. She currently provides casting as well as orthotic and assistive technology interventions at HSC Pediatric Center in Washington, D.C. Amanda is a Pediatric Clinical Specialist. She has presented internationally, with special emphasis on serving patients with complex presentations and "outliers", including at the Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association, the APTA Pediatrics Annual Conference, and at the National Institutes of Health.

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About this Live Webinar

Would you like to increase your skill with orthotic recommendations? Are you interested in increasing your treatment repertoire for the foot and ankle for pediatric and adult patients with neurological, developmental and/or orthopedic diagnoses? This course presents a movement systems approach to management of the foot and ankle. Using a kinesiopathologic lens, participants examine the effect of repeated movements, sustained alignments, cumulative micro-trauma, and altered relative flexibility on the function of the ankle. This course presents a comprehensive approach to care based on differential diagnosis, while examining the evidence for interventions which maximize the resiliency of the ankle complex through skeletal maturation and into adult-hood. Participants learn hands-on skills for an integrated approach including mobilizations to promote adaptive relative flexibility; improving intrinsic stability through strengthening of the "foot core"; and interventions to positively impact neuroplasticity. Participants also actively use the ICF model to guide recommendations for targeted use of the external support of orthoses and casts to guide adaptive tissue-specific stresses.

Learning Objectives

- Recognize the interplay of musculoskeletal and neuromuscular influences on foot and ankle dysfunction
- Interpret a detailed foot and ankle examination including gait dynamic, neuromotor function, and musculoskeletal findings.
- Develop a comprehensive plan of care for the foot and ankle to improve gait in the context of supporting best structural outcome
- Select treatment techniques to address relative flexibility and promote progressive strengthening in foot and ankle for function
- Recommend orthotic interventions to maximize short- and long-term functional gait skills

Patient Population & Audience

This course is designed for novice to advanced PTs, PTAs, OTs, OTAs, and ATCs working with patients with pediatric or neurological health conditions



Schedule	- Day 1 9:40 am - 5:30 pm EST (US)	Schedule -	- Day 2 9:40 am - 5:00 pm EST (US)	
9:40-10:00	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens			
10:00-10:20	Lecture: Introduction and Terminology (with polls)	9:40-10:00	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens	
10:20-10:30	ACTIVITY: Terminology Worksheets	10:00-10:20	LAB: Hindfoot mobilizations	
10:30-11:15	Building a Model of Foot and Ankle Function	10:20-10:35	LAB: Supination and pronation progressions	
	Requisites for therapeutic gait	10:35-11:00	Improving Motor Control and Strength of the foot	
	Functional anatomy of the foot and ankle		and ankle	
	Kinesiopathologic model		Strategies to improve motor learning	
	The ankle as a movement system	11:00-11:45	LAB: resistance, taping, novel task for motor	
	 Impact of pediatric, neurologic, orthopedic 		learning	
	health conditions	11:45-12:00	Break	
	 Function of Foot Intrinsics: The "Foot Core" 	12:00-12:30	Retraining patterns of recruitment and tonic	
11:15-12:00	Do We Need to Intervene?		contraction: emphasis on stability in the "foot core"	
	Cultures of intervention		and eccentric gastrocsoleus	
	Review of relevant evidence	12:30-1:00	LAB: Skill building: Progressive Resistive Exercises	
12:00-12:15	Break		for the foot core for foot core and eccentric control	
12:15-12:30	Impact on developing systems: The Developmental	1:00-1:30	The Role of Neuroplasticity in Foot and Ankle	
	Movement System Model (DMSM)		Function	
12:30-1:00	ACTIVITY: Developing goals at multiple ICF levels,	1:30-2:00	Lunch	
	Developing DMSM Goals	2:00-2:30	Interventions to address neuroplastic changes	
1:00-1:30	LAB: Musculoskeletal Key Tests: Dorsiflexion Stress		Pain neuroscience education for the foot and ankle	
	Test and Talo-crural Axis Test	2:30-3:00	Use of orthoses to support neuromotor and	
1:30-2:00	Lunch		musculoskeletal rehabilitation and development	
2:00-3:00	Lecture: Movement System Analysis for the Foot and		 Goals of orthotic intervention 	
	Ankle		 Orthotic prescription versus design 	
	Musculoskeletal Exam		• Orthotic prescription based on musculoskeletal	
3:00-3:15	Break		exam	
3:15-3:45	Lecture: Movement System Analysis for the Foot and	3:00-3:15	Break	
	Ankle	3:15-4:00	Orthotic design based on Movement System	
	Neuromotor Exam		Analysis findings	
	 Sensory/Perceptual and Pain Exam 		 Orthotic groups 	
	 Relevant Systems and Individual Qualities 		 Gait diagnosis groups 	
3:45-4:30	Movement System Analysis for the Foot and Ankle:		 Designing support: Coronal, Sagittal, and 	
	Gait		Transverse Planes	
	 Gait Diagnosis Groups 	4:00-5:00	ACTIVITY: Video case studies to apply course	
4:30-4:45	ACTIVITY: Case Examples Using the Movement		concepts, presentation to group for discussion	
	System Analysis for the Foot and Ankle			
4:45-5:30	Interventions and Evidence: Maximizing the resiliency and resources of the foot and ankle complex			
	 Joint Mobilizations to improve ankle mobility and 			
	relative flexibility			
	Soft tissue mobilizations to improve ankle			
	mobility and relative flexibility			



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