# The Frail Elderly: Realistic Strategies to Improve Function

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# **Faculty**

Jennifer Bottomley, PhD, MS, PT is a dynamic instructor specializing in geriatric rehabilitation. Dr. Bottomley served on advisory boards for the Office of the Surgeon General, and Office on Women's Health, and appointed to the White House Health Care Reform Panel for Home & Long-Term Care issues in the Elderly. She was a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging and appointed to the White House Interdisciplinary Medicare Reform Advisory Board. She serves on an AARP panel addressing elder isolation and is the President of the International Physical Therapists working with Older People (IPTOP). She holds a BS in PT from the University of Wisconsin, a PhD in Gerontology (U of Massachusetts) and Health Science and Service Administration (Union Institute), and a PhD from The Union Institute in Health Service Administration, Legislation, and Policy Management with a specialty in Gerontology.

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### **About this Course**

This course will examine the frailest of frail elderly providing the course participants with the most advanced and up to date information on the evaluation and treatment of the elderly individual with multisystem involvement. Practice in integrating evaluative information in medically complicated patients towards a comprehensive intervention program will follow critical pathways of care. Recent research in strength and flexibility training using hands-on and video-guided exercise protocols will be presented. The use of complementary therapies in improving function will be presented with substantiating research provided. All care settings will be discussed from acute care, sub-acute, nursing home, outpatient, assisted living, home, senior and community centers, to fitness facilities. Critical pathways are presented for therapeutic involvement in the rehabilitation therapies across this spectrum of care and include reimbursement issues and current legislative initiatives involving health maintenance and promotion. Exercise strategies for preventing falls and improving balance will be highlighted.

## **Objectives**

- Incorporate screening and therapeutic interventions that address prevention of frailty in the elderly in all levels of care.
- Evaluate and prescribe exercise and activities that enhance functional capabilities in the frailest of frail elderly patient.
- Describe how polypharmacy and poor nutrition impact functional outcomes in the elderly.
- Integrate outcome research studies for individual and group exercise programs.
- Describe critical pathways in the frail elderly for therapeutic involvement in the rehabilitation therapies across this spectrum of care.

## **Audience**

Designed for PTs, PTAs, OTs, OTAs



# Schedule – Day 1

8:00-8:30

3:00-3:15

3:15-4:30

8:30-10:30	Defining Frailty in the Elderly: Pathophysiological Manifestations Predisposing the Elderly to Frailty		
10:30-10:45	Break		
10:45-12:00	Medications, Nutrition and the Risk of Frailty		
12:00-1:00	Lunch (on your own)		
1:00-2:00	Screening of Risk Factors for Frailty		
2:00-3:00	Critical Pathways of Interventions for Frailty: Evidence Based Practice (EBP) - a practical approach to finding, evaluating and using the evidence to		

Registration - Continental breakfast

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LAB: Case Studies in Risk Assessment

# Schedule - Day 2

7:30-8:00	Continental Breakfast		
8:00-10:00	Functional Evaluation and Physical Assessment in the Frail Elderly Selecting the most appropriate assessment tools Setting priorities for older Adults		
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-12:00	Exercise Strategies for Preventing and Managing Frailty - What evidence shows about intensity, frequency and outcomes		
12:00-1:00	Lunch (on your own)		
1:00-3:00	Case Studies: People are encouraged to bring a write-up of a difficult case study with them for evaluation, discussion, and clinical decision making in small groups.		
3:00- 3:15	Break		
3:15- 4:30	Setting Up and Managing Prevention & Risk Management Programs for Frailty in a PPS and Managed Care Arena		

The focus of this course will be an interdisciplinary approach to gaining strength, flexibility, and function in the inactive and frail elderly.

Reimbursement Issues



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