

About the Educator

Laura Morris, PT, NCS is a physical therapist and lecturer with over 25 years of experience in the management of adults with neurologic disorders. Her clinical work focuses on vestibular disorders and mild traumatic brain injury at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital in the Chicago area. She is the Director of Communications for the Academy of Neurologic PT of the APTA. She teaches continuing education in concussion and vestibular rehabilitation both nationally and internationally. Her experience includes inpatient and outpatient care, clinical research and program development, including the launch of the fourth credentialed Neurologic PT Residency Program in Pittsburgh. Clinical practice also included vestibular and concussion rehabilitation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Mild Brain Injury Program in Baltimore, Maryland and neurologic private practice in Alexandria, Virginia. She was re-credentialed for her Neurologic Clinical Specialist in 2013. She has been involved in the Academy of Neurologic PT and the Vestibular special interest group, primarily in positions involving website support. In 2005 she received the Award for Clinical Excellence in Neurology by the Neurology Section of the APTA, and in 2015 received the Service Award from the Vestibular Special Interest Group. Her contributions to the literature include book chapters and journal articles in the area of vestibular disorders and mild brain injury rehabilitation.



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Why You Should Attend This Course

This two-day advanced course is designed for physical therapists and occupational therapists, who have prior experience in vestibular rehabilitation and are seeking to refine their clinical evaluation and treatment skills beyond the basics. Therapists who are comfortable with their fundamental skills will find this course helpful at adding more treatment options to successfully treat the complex dizzy patient. Patient diagnoses discussed will include cervicogenic dizziness, atypical BPPV, Persistent Postural-Perceptual Dizziness (PPPD), Vestibular migraine, Acoustic schwannoma, superior canal dehiscence and concussion. Focus will be placed on case study applications with careful analysis of history, diagnostic clinical findings and classification of dysfunctions to allow optimal customized treatment protocols. Clinical skills to be taught will include fistula screening, cervicogenic screening, BPPV treatments beyond the posterior canal (anterior/ horizontal canals), acoustic neuroma management including exposure to facial rehabilitation techniques, migraine screening and treatments, and identification/management of PPPD. All testing and treatment protocols presented will be evidence-based and clinically relevant to more effectively manage the dizzy patient. Lectures will intersperse the refining of clinical testing protocols with specific intervention strategies for a wide range of diagnoses. Instruction will be provided via lecture, video, lab, detailed demonstrations, small group discussion and case studies. Each participant will receive a comprehensive manual that will include sample documentation.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Perform canalith repositioning maneuvers to treat canalithiasis and cupulolithiasis for all semicircular canals.
- Recognize positional vertigo that has central etiology.
- Differentiate psychological problems that can affect the management of vestibular problems and learn how to modify treatment interventions, plans and goals.
- Discuss the role of Migraine as both primary (causing of distinct vertiginous episodes) and secondary (traditional migraines leading to more persistent motion intolerance) contributor to dizziness and its impact on rehabilitation.
- Determine the appropriate patients for rehabilitation and appropriate referrals to other medical practitioners.
- Perform a comprehensive oculomotor exam and interpret findings for clinical management of vestibular dysfunction.
- Develop improved management skills for patients with stable peripheral vestibular hypofunction including basic facial rehabilitation, expected outcomes, and treatment progressions.
- Justify the clinical presentation of patients with superior canal dehiscence (fistula) and current management strategies.

Complexities of Vestibular

Dysfunction

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