

# Management of Persistent Post Concussive Symptoms: What's the Latest Evidence?

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## About this Live Webinar

In this course, updates from the 6th International Conference on Concussion in Sport will be discussed including Recommendations for Return to Learn and Return to Play. This course will include information on how these guidelines can be interpreted for best clinical practice related to rehabilitation assessment and treatment for individuals who have sustained concussions.

This course will provide updates on the latest research related to diagnosis and management of concussion and persistent post-concussive symptoms. This course will focus on the latest relevant and evidence-based assessment and treatment strategies for adults and children with prolonged visual, vestibular, and sensory complaints as a result of concussion. Effective treatment strategies to improve visual skills, balance, and sensory integration for optimal return to all daily tasks will be highlighted. Best practice guidelines for return to learn, return to play, and return to work will be highlighted. Participants will engage in clinical problem solving via group case analysis and discussion.

## Learning Objectives

- Apply current research to diagnosis and treatment of concussion and persistent post-concussion syndrome
- Determine when referral is indicated to address co-morbidities
- Assess visual function, balance and ability to participate in daily tasks (including cognitive)
- Implement treatments to remediate oculomotor dysfunction, sensory integrative dysfunction and visual motor skills impairment
- Implement training techniques and compensatory strategies including cognitive strategies to help the patient transition back to work, school and daily tasks

## Requirements

Items needed to demo a few activities at home: straw, golf tee or toothpick, post- its, flashlight or laser light.

## Audience

This course is relevant for therapists working with individuals of all ages including school-aged children, young adults and older adults who may have sustained a concussion as a result of fall, MVA, sports injury or other accident.

## Schedule—Day 1 10:10 am - 4:15 pm EST (US)

<b>10:10–10:30</b>	<b>Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens</b>
<b>10:30–10:45</b>	The Concussion Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population: athletes, students, wounded warriors, accident victims.</li> <li>• Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy: What are the implications for repetitive head injury? An update on the latest evidence.</li> </ul>
<b>10:45–11:00</b>	Policy Updates and Changes as a Result of Concussion Awareness
<b>11:00–11:30</b>	Diagnosis of Concussion: Understanding Multimodal Assessment and Best Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current diagnostic tools: imaging, lab profile, clinical presentation, implications for therapy intervention</li> </ul>
<b>11:30–12:00</b>	Concussion with Persistent Symptoms: Understanding Persistent Post Concussive Symptoms
<b>12:00–12:15</b>	Break
<b>12:15–12:30</b>	Management of Persistent Post Concussive Symptoms: What are the current recommendations? An examination of the literature related to medication, rest and rehabilitation
<b>12:30–1:00</b>	The Role of Rehabilitation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happens when symptoms do not resolve with rest alone?</li> <li>• Services that can help manage post concussive symptoms: Occupational Therapy, Neuropsychology, Vocational Rehabilitation.</li> </ul>
<b>1:00–2:00</b>	<b>Case Analysis and Chart Review</b> (Breakout Rooms)
<b>2:00–2:30</b>	Lunch
<b>2:30–3:15</b>	Return to Learn and Return to University: Best Practice Guidelines (CDC and International Consensus Statement): <b>Case Analysis</b>
<b>3:15–3:45</b>	Return to Play: Best Practice Guidelines
<b>3:45–4:15</b>	Facilitating Return to Work

## Schedule—Day 2 10:10 am - 4:15 pm EST (US)

<b>10:10–10:30</b>	<b>Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens</b>
<b>10:30–11:30</b>	Co-morbidities and the Interdisciplinary Team
<b>11:30–12:00</b>	Impact of Concussion on Cognition: Updates on the Latest Evidence: The Role of Neuropsychology and Cognitive Testing
<b>12:00–12:15</b>	Break
<b>12:15–12:45</b>	Visual, Vestibular and Sensory Changes following concussion
<b>12:45–1:15</b>	Visual and Vestibular Assessments and Screening  Visual Issues Vision Screening: DEM, King Devick, NPOC, Oculomotor Screening  Specific Vestibular and Balance and Assessments: DVA, BESS, TUG, ABC
<b>1:15–2:15</b>	Vision Interventions to Improve Functional Interventions and Intervention Planning  Interventions to Improve Visual Skills for Optimal Functional Performance  Treatment to Remediate Oculomotor Dysfunction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convergence and bilateral activities</li> <li>• Oculomotor and reading</li> <li>• Oculomotor smooth pursuits and balance</li> </ul>
<b>2:15–2:45</b>	Lunch
<b>2:45–3:30</b>	Specialized Equipment: Does it prevent concussion? Implications for Education and Injury Prevention
<b>3:30–4:15</b>	Concussion Education and Knowledge Transfer: Implications for Patient and Family Education

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