# Torticollis: Comprehensive Strategies for Assessment and Interventions



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#### **Faculty**

Anjali Gupta, PT, MSPT, CLT, has been a pediatric physical therapist for more than 20 years specializing in treatment of children with cerebral palsy, torticollis, and NICU. She currently works at Texas Children's Hospital as the manager of Clinical Education and Research. She provides education programming, mentoring, and develops training programs for therapy staff. She served as the co-chair of programming committee for the APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy for the national Combined Sections Meeting for several years and is currently the vice chair of the Neonatology Special Interest Group.

Anjali worked closely with the late <u>Cindy</u> <u>Miles</u> in APTA's pediatric section and she is thrilled to continue Cindy's teaching of Plagiocephaly and Torticollis for ERI.

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#### **About this Live Webinar**

In this interactive NEW course, we will take a more in depth look at assessment of children with torticollis and integrate different treatment approaches. Current functional, clinically oriented evaluation and evidence-based treatment strategies for infants and young children that can be integrated into routines and play will be provided. Learning opportunities will transpire through lecture, case reports, group problem solving, video review, and lab practicum. The extensive use of pictures and videos throughout the 2 days of intensive course materials will allow participates to problem solve and identify movement and tissue impairments related to the diagnosis of torticollis, providing functional ways to evaluate and treat.

## **Objectives**

- Choose evidenced based treatment regimens for torticollis.
- Utilize a comprehensive systems approach to evaluate a child with torticollis.
- Implement strategies to cultivate parent/caregiver's understanding of torticollis' global impact and compliance with the HEP/follow-up recommendations.
- Establish individualized treatment plans including dosing based on severity.
- Integrate vision and vestibular assessment and treatment in the management of torticollis.
- Apply assessment and treatment strategies to treat the flexible bony misalignment.
- Relate upper cervical spine alignment to tight oral tissues.
- Apply interventions to improve postural symmetry in a child with torticollis to facilitate improved feeding, participation in play, and/or functional mobility.



#### **Schedule – Day 1** 5:40 pm - 10:00 pm EST (US)

5:40–6:00 Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens 6:00-8:30 Assessment

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Taking A History – Why it Matters

- Maternal Factors
- Medical/Surgical Factors

Systems Assessment

- Musculoskeletal Alignment
  - o Head/Neck
  - UE/Shoulder Complex
  - Rib Cage Alignment and Breathing Patterns

8:30-8:45 BREAK

8:45-10:00 Assessment (con't)

- Spine (MFS, palpation, range of motion scales)
- Pelvis
- o Tibia/Foot
- o Breathing Patterns
- Vision
- Vestibular
- Behavioral Cues
- VBI Testing

# Schedule - Day 2 5:40 pm - 10:00 pm EST (US)

**5:40-6:00** Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens

**6:00-8:00** Case Studies

Interventions: Clinical Pathways/

Protocols/Outcomes

- Normal Development
- Labs
  - Manual Stretching
  - Alignment (OA Release, Coccyx, O-C2 Distraction)
  - o Spine, pelvis, wrist, navicular

8:00-8:15 BREAK 8:15-10:00 Labs (con't)

## Schedule - Day 2 (con't)

8:15-10:00 Labs (con't)

Scar Tissue if Present

 Fascial Correction (KT, Skin Rolling, MFR)

Functional Range of Motion

Schedule - Day 3 5:40 pm - 10:00 pm EST (US)

5:40-6:00 Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens

6:00-8:30 Labs (continued)

• Trigger Points

Vision

Vestibular

8:30-8:45 BREAK

**8:45-10:00** Labs (continued)

• Functional Strengthening

Schedule - Day 4 5:40 pm - 10:00 pm EST (US)

5:40-6:00 Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens

6:00-8:00 Positioning/Including NICU

Botox/Surgical Intervention

**HEP for Caregivers** 

8:00-8:15 BREAK

8:15-10:00 Pulling it All Together

Case Studies

#### **Audience**

Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapists working in acute care, EI, home health, neurology, NICU, orthopedics or pediatric settings.



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