

Vestibular Rehabilitation:

Evaluation and Management of Individuals with Dizziness and Balance Disorders

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About this Live Webinar

Symptoms of “dizziness” are the number 3 reason individuals over the age of 65 seek medical attention. It becomes the number 1 reason for seeking care in individuals over the age of 70. Medical or surgical management is often not indicated or helpful, but many of these individuals do benefit from vestibular rehabilitation techniques. In addition, 50% of the individuals over the age of 65 with dizziness will develop a form of vertigo that can be alleviated with one simple therapy treatment. These individuals with vertigo and dysequilibrium represent a large patient population for physical and occupational therapy. This course will focus on the assessment and treatment of patients with vertigo and disequilibrium from vestibular causes. Specific emphasis will be placed on the assessment and treatment of unilateral and bilateral vestibular hypofunction, benign paroxysmal positioning vertigo, central vestibular disorders, and multisensory dizziness. This information is applicable to a large patient population including geriatric patients as well as individuals with CNS lesions such as multiple sclerosis, CVA, and head injury.

Objectives

- Identify the normal anatomy and physiology of the vestibular system
- Identify the impact of a vestibular lesion on normal function
- Identify the eye movements which are indicative of peripheral vestibular hypofunction including direction fixed horizontal nystagmus, head shaking induced nystagmus, abnormal head thrust test
- Identify the eye movements which are indicative of central vestibular disorders including direction changing nystagmus, vertical nystagmus, impaired VOR cancellation, saccadic pursuit, hypometric, hypermetric, or slowed saccades
- Identify the eye movements which are indicative of posterior, anterior and horizontal canal BPPV (canalithiasis and cupulolithiasis)
- Differentiate between unilateral vestibular hypofunction, bilateral vestibular hypofunction, BPPV, Meniere’s disease, motion provoked dizziness based, and non-vestibular causes of dizziness based on the patient’s presenting history and symptoms.
- Differentiate between unilateral vestibular hypofunction, bilateral vestibular hypofunction, BPPV, Meniere’s disease, motion provoked dizziness, central vestibular disorders and non-vestibular causes of dizziness based on the patient’s clinical examination.
- Apply the history and clinical exam results to determine an appropriate, evidence-based treatment strategy for an individual with a vestibular disorder.

Help your patients achieve better outcomes.

Schedule – Day 1 10:10 am – 5:00 pm EST (US)

10:10–10:30	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
10:30–12:30	Introduction, Demographics, Anatomy & Physiology
12:30–1:30	Impact of lesions on normal function and common pathologies
1:30–2:00	Lunch
2:00–5:00	History & Clinical Exam A.) Lecture - Signs and Symptoms of Vestibular Disorders-Clinical Exam and Interpretation B.) Identification of normal & abnormal eye movements (video cases) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oculomotor Exam• Direction of nystagmus during testing

Audience

Designed for PTs, PTAs, OTs, and OTAs.

“Dr. Clendaniel is a credit to the profession; he is knowledgeable, well spoken, and an extremely pleasant presenter. The content of the material covered was detailed and well organized.”

— Kathrine P., PT

Schedule – Day 2 10:10 am – 5:00 pm EST (US)

10:10–10:30	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
10:30–1:30	Treatment: From Assessment to Treatment A.) Treatment rationale <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential and Time Course for Recovery B.) Treatment Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients with incomplete lesions• Patients with complete lesions• Patients with motion provoked dizziness
1:30–2:00	Lunch
2:00–4:30	B.) Treatment Strategies (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treatment considerations for central vestibular disorders• BPPV: pathophysiology & treatment (all canals)
4:30–5:00	Case Studies & Summary

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