

Acutely Adorable: Pediatric Therapeutic Interventions in Acute Care and Beyond

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Faculty

Siobhan O'Donnell, PT, DPT, PCS is a respected clinician with extensive and broad experience in acute care, rehabilitation, long term care, outpatient and home care settings. As a pediatric physical therapist in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, outpatient clinics and homes she offers a unique point of view from which she draws practical approaches to treatment of pediatric patients in the acute care setting. She is an enthusiastic presenter who offers insightful information beneficial to all members of the rehabilitation team. Serving as a clinical mentor and manager in a variety of settings enabled her to gain a variety of experiences including management of trauma and burn patients, venous malformations and NICU patients. She has shared her knowledge via various posters, presentations, podcasts related to pediatric physical therapy in the United States and educated physical therapists in the United Arab Emirates in topics related to power mobility, augmentative communication and orthotic management.

Disclosure:

Financial: Siobhan O'Donnell receives an honorarium from ERI for this course.

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About this Live Webinar

This intensive course will focus on evidence-based care and clinical problem-solving skills for complex pediatric patients who are acutely ill. Focus will be on critical thinking skills and practical real-world solutions to optimize the evaluation and treatment of pediatric patients from their arrival in the ED through discharge from the hospital.

Participants will develop skills to initiate rehabilitation interventions including early mobilization from the start of the hospital admission process. In addition, participants will learn to refine the discharge plan based on diagnosis, prognosis, available options and family preferences. Through case studies and group discussions, participants will develop apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to maximize participation for pediatric patients whose childhood continues even during hospitalization. Movement and mobility, bathing and dressing, eating and toileting, and play can be achieved therapeutically and in unique ways during the child's hospital course.

For each clinical problem presented, participants will learn:

Clinical Assessment ■ Standardized Tests ■ EBP ■ How to participate in functional daily activities as safely and fully as medically and developmentally possible
■ Relative Precautions ■ Caregiver Education ■ Equipment/DME ■ Discharge

Learning Objectives

Identify patient populations that may benefit from early assessment upon entrance to the hospital.

- Identify patient populations who may benefit from early assessment following hospital admission
- Select appropriate standardized assessments to determine functional needs for a variety of patient populations.
- Create functional goals to promote improved participation in daily activities at multiple levels of patient acuity
- Determine safe and effective intervention strategies based on acuity, diagnosis, age and/or developmental level to maximize engagement in functional daily activities during hospital stay.
- Recognize appropriate and safe discharge options and recommendations based on multiple patient factors

Audience

Designed for PTs, PTAs, OTs, OTAs.

Schedule – Day 1 5:40 pm - 9:30 pm EST (US)

5:40-6:00	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
6:00-7:30	Overview: Lines Drains and Tubes: The Basic and Not so Basic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Safe early mobilization of pediatric patients with a myriad of devices
7:30-9:00	These Patients Need us From the Beginning: Treating Trauma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Non-Accidental Trauma, Polytrauma: MVA, TBI, SCI
9:00-9:30	LAB: Trauma Cases

Schedule – Day 2 5:40 pm - 9:30 pm EST (US)

5:40-6:00	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
6:00-6:45	The Many Hats We Wear: Burn Rehabilitation
6:45-7:00	LAB: Burn cases
7:00-8:15	Beyond Broken Bones: Orthopedics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Posterior Spinal Fusion/Traction, Pectus, Fractures/ORIF, Varus derotation Osteotomy, Epiphysiodesis, TAL/club foot corrections
8:15-8:30	LAB: Orthopedic Cases
8:30-9:15	Let's Put Our Heads Together: Neurology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Brain tumors, Arteriovenous malformation, Guillain-Barre syndrome, Encephalitis, Seizure disorders, Hydrocephalus, Selective dorsal rhizotomy
9:15-9:30	Neurology Cases

Schedule – Day 3 5:40 pm - 9:30 pm EST (US)

5:40-6:00	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
6:00-7:00	At the Heart of It: Cardiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Neurodevelopmental Concerns and Outcomes ⌚ Cyanotic vs. Acyanotic Defects, Cardiac Rehab, Surgical Repairs and VADs, Heart Transplant
7:00-7:30	Cardiology Cases
7:30-9:00	Take a Breath – Pulmonary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ CLD, CF, Chest PT, Respiratory Failure – Trachs and Vents
9:00-9:30	LAB: Pulmonary Cases

Schedule – Day 4 5:40 pm - 9:30 pm EST (US)

5:40-6:00	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
6:00-6:45	Tummy Troubles: Gastrointestinal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Abdominal Surgeries, Short Gut Syndrome, Malabsorption Syndromes
6:45-7:00	LAB: GI Cases
7:00-8:15	Fun and Function through Play – Oncology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌚ Blood cancers, sarcoma, brain tumors, spinal tumors, solid organ tumors, bone marrow transplant
8:15-8:45	Oncology Cases
8:45-9:15	B + (Positive) Hematology Hemophilia, Sickle Cell Disease
9:15-9:30	LAB: Hematology Cases

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Webinar Dates and Times

October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2026

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