

Ambulation, Activity and AFOs:

Addressing the Ankle to Improve Gait and Function-ONLINE

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Faculty

Amanda Hall is an engaging speaker and experienced therapist who developed a framework for pediatric and neuro ankle intervention. Her area of expertise includes therapeutic casting and orthotic design based on developmental kinesio pathology, differential diagnosis, manual therapy, and alignment for therapeutic gait with individualized intervention and patient-centered designs. She currently provides therapeutic casting as well as orthotic and assistive technology interventions at HSC Pediatric Center in Washington, D.C. Amanda is a Pediatric Clinical Specialist and Assistive Technology Professional. She has presented and lectured at various conferences including the American Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapists Annual Conference in 2019 and various APTA meetings.

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About this On-Demand, Online Course

Would you like to increase your skill with orthotic recommendations? Are you interested in increasing your treatment repertoire for the foot and ankle for pediatric and adult patients with neurological, developmental and/or orthopedic diagnoses? This course presents a movement systems approach to management of the foot and ankle. Using a kinesio pathological lens, participants examine the effect of repeated movements, sustained alignments, cumulative micro-trauma, and altered relative flexibility on the function of the ankle. This course presents a comprehensive approach to care based on differential diagnosis, while examining the evidence for interventions which maximize the resiliency of the ankle complex through skeletal maturation and into adulthood. Participants learn hands-on skills for an integrated approach including mobilizations to promote adaptive relative flexibility; improving intrinsic stability through strengthening of the “foot core”; and interventions to positively impact neuroplasticity. Participants also actively use the ICF model to guide recommendations for targeted use of the external support of orthoses and casts to guide adaptive tissue-specific stresses.

Objectives

- 1 Recognize the interplay of musculoskeletal and neuromuscular influences on foot and ankle dysfunction.
- 2 Interpret a detailed foot and ankle examination including gait dynamic, neuromotor function, and musculoskeletal findings.
- 3 Develop a comprehensive plan of care for the foot and ankle to improve gait in the context of supporting best structural outcome.
- 4 Select treatment techniques to address relative flexibility and promote progressive strengthening in foot and ankle for function.
- 5 Recommend orthotic interventions to maximize short- and long-term functional gait skills.

Patient Population & Audience

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