

Torticollis: The Basics

What Every Therapist Needs to Know

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About this ON-DEMAND Course

Torticollis has been on the rise since the 1992 American Academy of Pediatrics' Back-to-Sleep campaign. Therapists are instrumental in treating children with torticollis in a multitude of settings. Therapists also play a key role in increasing community awareness for the early identification and referral to therapy services. This course provides foundational information on the etiology, evaluation, and treatment of infants with torticollis. Upon completion of this course, participants will be familiar with the types of torticollis, the Academy of Pediatrics Clinical Practice Guidelines for Congenital Muscular Torticollis, will understand the long term implications of untreated/undertreated torticollis, and have the proper tools for evaluating infants with torticollis. Additionally, recommendations for community outreach and referrals to secondary specialist consultations will be presented.

**The material in this course is based on the information and approach previously developed and presented by the late [Cindy Miles](#).*

Learning Objectives

- Identify the factors contributing to torticollis in infants.
- Utilize the 2024 Clinical Practice Guidelines in treating/assessing patients through systematic screenings and evaluations.
- Analyze red flags for differential diagnosis.
- Determine when to refer to other professionals.
- Identify best practice to maximize torticollis outcomes.

Audience

This course is recommended for Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapists working in acute care, EI, home health, neurology, NICU, orthopedics and pediatric settings.

ON-DEMAND Schedule

PART 1: 3hrs

1 hour

- Intro
- Etiology, Pathophysiology, Incidence
- Clinical Practice Guidelines

1 hour

- Differential Diagnosis/Red Flags
 - Clinical Implications

1 hour

- Associated Pathologies
 - GI
 - Hypotonia/Extension Bias
 - Scalp Instability
 - Tethered Oral Tissues
 - Altered Tone
 - Headaches
 - Feeding issues

ON-DEMAND Schedule – (continued)

PART 2: 2.5hrs

30 min

- Associated Pathologies Continued with hip dysplasia, Ribcage, Facial/TMJ

30 min

- Anatomy Review
- Musculature

90 minutes

- Developmental Components
- Visual/Vestibular
- Treatment/Movement Components
- Sensory Involvement
- Putting it all together, Questions, Closing

(Includes 10 minutes for post test questions)

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Credits

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