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Is proud to present

**Clinical Evaluation and
Management of
Neurological Visual and
Perceptual Impairments:
A “Hands-On” Approach
for Adult and Pediatric
Rehabilitation**

October 19 & 20, 2019

PRESENTERS: Amy Berryman,
OTR, Karen Rasavage, OTR, and
Thomas Politzer, OD

Location: Providence Hospital
East and West Auditoriums
3200 Providence Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this two-day course, experienced clinicians will offer their knowledge of the visual system, assessment techniques, professional networking regarding visual management, and clinical manifestations of common visual impairments following stroke and traumatic brain injury. The entire second day of the course is devoted to the clinical application of treatment strategies in a hands-on interactive lab format. The assessment and treatment strategies learned can be immediately implemented in practice by clinicians who work with both children and adults. Participants will receive a detailed outline of each presentation, basic visual treatment tools, and reference materials for use following the course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the participant will be able to:

1. Gain a basic understanding of the anatomy and function of normal visual systems.
2. Become familiar with common visual terminology
3. Learn common visual and visual-perceptual impairments associated with TBI and CVA
4. Learn a basic vision screening for referral to a vision specialist.
5. Develop clinical skills to assist with treatment planning for the adult and pediatric patient with visual and visual-perceptual impairments.
6. Understand multi-disciplinary and functional impacts of visual impairments.
7. Learn and practice basic treatment approaches addressing visual deficits including environmental modifications and remedial exercises for both adult and pediatric patients.

PRESENTERS

Tom Politzer, OD

Dr. Politzer graduated Magna Cum Laude from Pacific University College of Optometry in 1981. His areas of expertise include vision rehabilitation for patients with neurological disorders, contact lenses, and low vision for the partially sighted. He has Fellowships in the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and the American Academy of Optometry. He has lectured nationally and internationally and is on staff at Craig Hospital. Dr. Politzer is a former president of the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association.

Karen Rasavage, OTR

Karen Rasavage, OTR currently works as the Occupational Therapy Education Coordinator and Vision Clinic Coordinator at Craig Hospital. Karen also works as a part-time private practitioner. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1999 with her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy. Karen's years of experience include working throughout the continuum of care within the traumatic brain injury population. She developed a strong interest in vision rehabilitation early in her practice. While participating in professional mentorships with neuro-optometrists, she places emphasis on integrating occupational therapy concepts, such as sensory integration and activity analysis, into visual rehabilitation with children and adults following brain injury. She also has specialized training in NDT, Kinesiotaping, and SAEBO applications for enhanced upper extremity functioning. Karen has been published in the areas of interdisciplinary rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation, and visual inattention, and presents extensively to rehabilitation professionals on vision treatment following acquired brain injury.

Amy Berryman, OTR, MSHSA

Amy Berryman is the occupational therapy brain injury supervisor at Craig Hospital and is the chair of the Craig Hospital Brain Injury Summit. She has worked throughout the continuum of care in traumatic brain injury for over 19 years, including inpatient, outpatient, and transitional living settings. She has presented extensively on vision rehabilitation in traumatic brain injury and has published in the areas of vision, interdisciplinary team approaches to rehabilitation, and vocational rehabilitation. Additionally, she has advanced training in NDT techniques and other modalities to facilitate neuro-muscular recovery. Amy completed her occupational therapy degree in 2000 at the University of Oklahoma, and graduated with her master's degree in health services administration from Regis University in 2007. She is an adjunct professor for the Creighton University occupational therapy program, facilitating the neurorehabilitation lab coursework for their Colorado cohort.

SCHEDULE

Day1:

8:30-9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:30 Introduction, Course Objectives, Process of Vision, Vision Anatomy, Theoretical Frameworks, Common Brain Injury-Related Visual Impairments, Vision Team and Vision Clinic
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-12:00 Clinical Observations and Screening for Visual Impairment
12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)
1:00-2:30 Clinical Observations and Screening for Visual Impairments
2:30-3:15 Screening Practice
3:15-3:30 Break
3:30-4:30 Post-Screening Compensatory Interventions

- Spot Patching
- Binasal Patching
- Environmental Modifications

4:30-5:00 Summary and Questions

Day 2:

8:00-8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:00 Suggested Vision Treatment Process, Vision Treatment Basics, Increasing Automaticity
9:00-10:15 Spatial Awareness and Visual-Motor Lab
10:15-10:30 Break
10:30-12:00 Oculomotor/Brock String Lab
12:00-1:30 Lunch (provided) ***AKOTA Business Meeting**
1:30-2:30 Scanning/Speed of Processing Lab
2:30-3:30 Perceptual Evaluation and Intervention Demo
3:30-3:45 Break
3:45-4:45 Case Discussions
4:45-5:00 Summary and Wrap-up

CREDITS

This course meets the criteria for 15.6 contact hours (1.56 CEU's) through AKOTA. AKAPTA approval pending.