Post-Concussion Management Certification Workshop

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Day 1 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Morning Session: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (Break 10:00 – 10:15 am)

Introduction
- Epidemiology of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury
- The Concussion Continuum & Rehabilitation Team
- The AIB Approach to Comprehensive Concussion Management

Anatomy & Physiology
- Structural vs. Metabolic Damage
- Chemical Cascade & Physiological Changes
- Second Impact Syndrome in Return to Activity/Sport/Work/Environment
- Role of Diagnostic Imaging in Concussion Management – Current & Future
- Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) & Societal Concerns

Classification of Concussion
- Terminology & Grading of Concussion
- Clinical Trajectories of Concussion
  - Vestibular
  - Ocular
  - Cognitive/Fatigue
  - Post-Traumatic Migraine
  - Cervical
  - Anxiety/Mood

Assessment & Examination Tools
- Post-Concussion Symptom Scale (PCSS)
- Neuropsychological Testing - Computer-based Neurocognitive Testing
- Postural Stability Testing
- Buffalo Concussion Treadmill Test (BCTT)
- King-Devick
- Sport Concussion Assessment Tool Version 5 (SCAT5)
  - Pediatric SCAT5
Lunch 12 – 1 pm (on your own)

Afternoon Session 1:00 – 6:00 pm (Break 3:15 – 3:30 pm)

Clinical Trajectory: Vestibular

- Anatomy of the Ear
- Labyrinthine Vs. Cortical Concussion -
- Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV) -
  o Pathophysiology of BPPV
  o Evaluation of BPPV and Nystagmus Patterns
  o Gans Repositioning Maneuver (GRM)
  o Central Vestibular Compensation
  o Symptoms of Impaired Vestibulo-Ocular Reflex (VOR) and Vestibulo-Spinal Reflex
  o Postural Stability
  o VOR Evaluation
    • Gaze evoked nystagmus
    • The Vestibular/Ocular-Motor Screening (VOMS)
    • Head Thrust Test
    • Dynamic Visual Acuity

Clinical Trajectory: Oculomotor

Vestibular & Ocular Rehabilitation Strategies
- Viso-Vestibular Symptom Management
- Current Research
- VOR & VOT Protocols
- Case Study
Day 2 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Morning Session: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (Break 10:00 – 10:15 am)

Clinical Trajectory Cervical

- Definition, Incidence and Prevalence
- Subjective History
- Objective Examination
  - Relevance of Vertebral Artery Screening
  - Upper Cervical Instability Screen
  - Joint Positioning Sense Testing

- Integrated Cervical Rehabilitation Approaches
- Case Study

Lunch 12 – 1 pm (on your own)

Afternoon Session 1:00 - 6:00 pm (Break 3:15 – 3:30 pm)

Clinical Trajectory: Cognitive/Fatigue

- Recognition of Signs & Symptoms for C/F Trajectory
- Reaction Time for Task Oriented Activities
- Memory Assessment & Rehabilitation Interventions
- Exertional Interventions

Clinical Trajectory: Post-Traumatic Migraine

- Definition Post-Traumatic Headache (PTH)
- Risk factors to Develop PTH (pre-existing, gender)
- Differential Diagnosis
- Role of Medications & Diet

Clinical Trajectory: Anxiety/Mood

- Mental Health Related Issues
  - Depression, cognitive, language & communication, personality, sleep, memory difficulty, anxiety, learning difficulties, inability to concentrate
  - Fear Avoidance
- Case Study
Day 3  
8:30 am – 12:15 pm

Morning Session: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm (Break 10:00 - 10:15 am)

Returning to Activity

- Return to Learn Strategies
  - Communication with Academic Personnel
  - Symptom-based Accommodation Strategies
  - Short-term vs. Long-term Accommodations

- Return to Sport Strategies
  - Familiarity with International Guidelines
  - Knowledge of Associated Risk (Lower Extremity, Repeated Concussion)

- Return to Work Strategies
  - Knowledge of Worksite and Physical Requirements
  - Accommodations for Desktop Employment Settings
  - Accommodations for Physical Exertion Employment Settings

Afternoon Session:

Developing a Concussion Center of Excellence
- Personnel
- Equipment
- Education & Documentation
- Reimbursement Options
- Marketing & Promotion