Outline

Torticollis and Positional Skull Deformities - When to Treat or Refer

- Three types: Brachycephaly, plagiocephaly, scaphocephaly
- Craniosynostosis
- When and how to treat it
- When is it time for consultation with neurosurgery

How to Properly Assess a Child with CMT

- Posture
- Cervical range of motion: active and passive
- Muscle function scale for Infants
- Thoracic and lumbar spine
- Muscle flexibility of extremities
- Screen for developmental hip dysplasia
- Skin, facial, and skull asymmetries
- Visual motor skills: tracking, presence of nystagmus, midline control
- · Classification of level of severity

How to Best Treat CMT – Looking Beyond the Neck

- Cervical PROM
- Addressing other asymmetries below the neck
- Positioning
- Incorporate play into treatment
- Strengthening
- Addressing vision
- Why and how we address fine and gross motor skills
- Tummy time challenges
- Adapting the environment
- Caregiver education

Other Therapeutic Approaches for CMT

- Microcurrent
- Myokinetic stretching
- Kinesiological taping
- TAMO approach
- TOT and other collars
- Botox
- Surgery

Emerging Interventions Without Evidence of Efficacy

- Manual therapy/cervical manipulation
- Craniosacral therapy
- Soft tissue massage
- Feldenkrais
- Total Motion Release

When to Refer for Consultation

• 7 Red flags that indicate the need for referral to MDs

How to Improve Your Goal Writing

- Symmetrical movement
- Motor development
- Parent/caregiver understanding

Discharge Planning and Follow-up Recommendations

- Criteria for discharge
- Parent/caregiver understanding
- Follow-up screening recommendations

Case Examples

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9:00 Program begins

11:30-12:00 Lunch Break

3:30 Program ends

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Objectives

- 1. Assess types and causes of infant torticollis and commonly associated skull deformities.
- 2. Employ evidenced-based examination and intervention strategies for infants with CMT.
- 3. Differentiate red flags that may warrant referral to a physician.
- 4. Determine prognosis based on clinical findings.
- 5. Examine intervention approaches that have not yet established efficacy.
- 6. Integrate evidenced-based discharge planning, caregiver education and recommendations for follow-up care.



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Over the years, she has worked in the school system as a school physical therapist and worked in the inpatient department of Children's Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. Rose brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to her workshops that leaves attendees feeling confident, energized, and prepared to tackle CMT in their patients.

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