#### **Outline**

# Functional Neuroanatomy and Neuroplasticity

Neuroplastic changes following brain ischemia Lost automatic movements and postural

Theoretical approaches to Neurorehabilitation

#### **Stroke Assessment Skills, Scales and Scores**

Upper extremity assessment Lower extremity assessment Gait, balance and coordination Strength, mobility and stability

Stroke specific executive function assessment

#### Mobility and Gait: Optimize Walking Ability and Restore

Functional Mobility
Stellar documentation
Functional approach

Reverse the tide of chronic compensatory patterns

Gait training interventions to increase and

Root cause for impairments Gait speed and fall risk Active stretching

Rhythm and coordination Orthotics: friend or foe?

Supplementary devices to encourage volitional support

## Spasticity Solutions for Post Stroke Patients:

# Interventions and Techniques for Successfully Working with...

Chronic spasticity
Low level patients with spasticity
Upper and lower extremity

# Post Stroke Orthotic Treatments: How You Can Use Orthotics with Patients to...

Maintain range of motion
Stabilize upper and lower extremities
Correct positioning and improve gait
Improve stability and efficiency while walking

#### Management of the Hemiplegic Shoulder

Subluxation
Decreased sensation
Weakness
Coordination

#### **Extremity Pain Management**

When does "no pain, no gain" ring true and when it does not?
Yellow or red flags
Pain alleviation techniques
Spinothalamtic neuronal tract and pain management

#### **Executive Function**

Outcome measure for assessment and treatment

Its effect on the learning process
Its effect on patient prognosis

#### **Pusher Syndrome and Motor Apraxia**

Neurodevelopment treatment tactics

Outcome measure

How to reduce stress on patient and employee Transfer practices

Evidenced-based Intervention

#### **Visual Rehab After Stroke**

Incorporated vestibular rehab into stroke rehab

Importance of visual processing

Cranial lesions and visual processing Cranial nerves and visual processing

# **Objectives**

- 1. Develop a specialty niche in your facility catering to acute and chronic stroke survivors.
- Evaluate stroke survivors with assessment skills, scales and scores for extremity functionality, balance and stability.
- 3. Employ training interventions to optimize gait speed and reduce fall risk.
- 4. Determine root causes for stroke related impairments for more targeted treatment plans.
- 5. Investigate how exercise instills improved cognition and connect this information to treatment approach.
- 6. Employ a functional paradigm to stroke intervention and assessment
- 7. Determine appropriate levels of intensity in stroke rehab to increase patient safety.
- Use evidence-based techniques to more successfully work with spasticity in post-stroke patients.
- 9. Determine how post-stroke patients struggling with stability and walking efficiency can benefit from orthotic treatments.
- 10. Evaluate pain alleviation techniques that can be applied to manage extremity pain in post-stroke patients.11. Analyze how vestibular rehab can be incorporated into stroke rehabilitation to improve
- gaze stability and reduce symptoms of imbalance.12. Employ techniques that use the upper and lower extremity together instilling a proper messaging center to the paretic side of the body.



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Dr. White is an award-winning clinical instructor, a renowned national speaker on stroke rehabilitation topics, and has published numerous articles on the topics of neuroplasticity and stroke. In addition, he serves on the Neuro-Development Treatment (NDT) publication committee and is the co-president of the Brazos Valley Parkinson's Association.

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