Medical Screening for Physical Therapists: The Sherlock Holmes Approach

Saturday, January 30, 2016
UCSF Parnassus Campus, San Francisco, CA

Course Overview
Intermediate level.

An important element of clinical decision making for therapists is recognizing red flag warning signs that a patient should see a medical doctor. This seminar will help prepare the therapist to assume the role of an interdependent practitioner working within a collaborative medical model. A proposed examination scheme designed to promote efficient and effective collection of patient red flag findings will provide the structure for our discussions. Professional communication with patients and medical doctors will also be a central theme throughout the seminar.

Speaker
William Boissonnault, PT, DPT, DHSc, FAAOMPT, FAPTA

Dr. Boissonnault is currently the Executive Vice President of Professional Affairs for the APTA. Most recently, he was a Professor at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison, Senior PT at the UW Hospital, and curriculum director at the UW/Meriter Hospital Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinical Residency Program. He received his BS degree in PT from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, his MS and DHSc from the University of St. Augustine, and t-DPT from Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Boissonnault holds multiple adjunct faculty positions, both nationally and internationally, and teaches differential diagnosis, diagnostic imaging, and communication skills. He has published textbooks and journal publications related to differential diagnosis and physiotherapy practice.

He is also the past president of the Foundation for Physical Therapy and the Orthopaedic Section of the APTA, and has chaired the APTA Manipulation Legislative Task Force and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists Practice Committee.

Dr. Boissonnault has received numerous awards, including the Orthopaedic Section APTA Stanley V. Paris Distinguished Service Award, APTA Baethke-Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching, and UW-Madison Medical School Dean’s Teaching Award for Excellence and Innovation in Medical Education.
**Course Schedule**

UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, Cole Hall

- 8:15-9am  Registration
- 9-9:30am  Course Introduction
- 9:30-10:30am  Screening for Pathological and Stress Fractures
- 10:30-10:45am  Break
- 10:45-12pm  Differential Diagnosis of Joint Pain
- 12-1pm  Lunch
- 1-2:30pm  Differential Diagnosis of Back Pain
- 2:30-3pm  Differential Diagnosis of Limb Pain
- 3-3:15pm  Break
- 3:15-4pm  Differential Diagnosis of Limb Pain (cont’d)
- 4-4:30pm  Screening for Skin Lesions
- 4:30-5pm  Patient Cases & Course Wrap-up

**Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of the seminar the participant will be able to:

- Compare and contrast the therapist’s role and responsibilities to that of a physician in relation to the differential diagnosis/medical screening process.
- Integrate medical screening principles into an efficient and effective patient examination scheme.
- Evaluate history and physical examination findings (red flags), and decide whether communication with a physician is warranted regarding a patient’s health status, and indications for imaging.
- Employ strategies to facilitate professional communication between therapist and physician and therapist and patient; including when, how, and what to communicate as part of a patient referral.
- Describe the risk factors, pathogenesis, and clinical manifestations of selected medical conditions and medications representing the various body systems.
- Effectively pursue additional information associated with differential diagnosis by the therapist.

**Registration & Payment Information**

Fax or email completed form to: 415-514-6778 / stephanie.wallace@ucsf.edu

Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Profession:  □ PT  □ PTA  □ OT  □ RT  □ SLP  □ Other: __________

Payment method *(credit card is preferred)*:  □ Visa  □ MC  □ Discover  □ Check

Amount to be charged to card:  □ $75, Professionals  □ $25, Students

Address for the credit card:  ____________________________________________

____________________________________________

Credit card number: ________________________________________ Exp. Date: ______________

This course is approved for 0.65 CEUs. We provide CEUs for PTs only.
If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Wallace at 415-514-6777. Registration deadline is January 15, 2016.

*If paying by check: make payable to: “UC Regents”; mail to: Stephanie Wallace, UCSF, Box 0736, San Francisco, CA 94143.*