



The Challenging Cognitive Patient In Acute Care

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James B. Williams Medical Education (SOM) Building
Lecture Hall 130
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

3.0 Contact Hours (.3 CEUs)

Course Description

This course will cover patient presentations that challenge care in acute care settings. This includes neurological and psychiatric conditions including delirium, neurodegenerative disorders, (such as Alzheimer's disease), depression, and somatic symptom disorders. A description of these disorders and common characteristics will be presented, along with ways to identify the disorder, and discussion of how to adjust physical therapy interventions to maximize outcomes with these patients.

Course Objectives

- Following completion of this course, the attendee will be able to make a differential diagnosis between delirium, dementia, and/or depression.
- The attendee will be able to identify and utilize standardized assessment measures to assess the aforementioned conditions.
- The attendee will be able to utilize cognitive and behavioral strategies to facilitate treatment goals for challenging patients.

Presenter Biography

Dr. Suzanne Penna is a board-certified clinical neuropsychologist and Assistant Professor in the Division of Rehabilitation Neuropsychology in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. Prior to coming to Emory, she worked first at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and then at the Atlanta VA Medical Center from 2008-2014. Dr. Penna joined the faculty at Emory full-time in 2014 and has been teaching in the DPT program since 2012. She teaches both the Interpersonal Communications course, as well as Explorations of Human Behavior. She is currently the training director for the neuropsychology fellowship, as well as the neuropsychology practicum; and was awarded the Dr. Anthony Y. Stringer Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2015. Her clinical specialty is the assessment of cognitive and emotional functioning with individuals with acquired brain injury and other neurological disorders.

Agenda

- 5:30 PM – 5:40 PM** Registration/Sign-in and Dinner
Completion of Pre-test
- 5:40 PM – 8:25 PM** Lecture: *The Challenging Cognitive Patient in Acute Care*
- 8:25 PM – 8:30 PM** Question & Answer Session
Completion of Course Evaluation Forms and Post-test

***Please be sure to return your Evaluations and Pre- and Post-tests
to the Sign-In Table when you sign out.***

Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/90226643977163>