Using Movement Systems Diagnosis & Functional Interventions to Address Mobility

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LIFESPAN NEUROREHABILITATION
A Patient-Centered Approach from Examination to Interventions and Outcomes
Course Objectives:

After participating in this presentation, the learner should be able to:

1. Explore the tenets of the movement system and movement system diagnoses
2. Describe upright mobility from the perspective of the learner, task and environment.
3. Explain why task analysis is a key element of an examination.
4. Apply a framework that uses movement systems diagnosis (MSD) in the clinical management of patients with disorders of upright mobility.
5. Design and modify an intervention using functional mobility activities to address a patient’s specific MSD.
I. The movement system and the complexity and organization of upright mobility

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The Movement System – in context of PT Practice

• Vision: “transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.” (APTA HOD, 2013)

• “The human movement system comprises the anatomic structures and physiologic functions that interact to move the body or its component parts.” (APTA, 2014)

• “The movement system is the term used to represent the collection of systems (cardiovascular, pulmonary, endocrine, integumentary, nervous, and musculoskeletal) that interact to move the body or its component parts.” (APTA White Paper, 2015)
Human Movement

- A complex behavior within a specific context (today = upright mobility; locomotion)

- In Physical Therapist Practice (from APTA White Paper, 2015):
  - Unique perspective on purposeful, precise, and efficient movement across the lifespan
  - Examine and evaluate movement system -> customized plan
  - Maximize individual’s ability to engage with and respond to environment
MOVEMENT SYSTEM

- Endocrine
- Nervous
- Musculoskeletal
- Integumentary
- Cardiovascular
- Pulmonary
Systems within the movement system – relationship to upright mobility

- tactile sense (light touch, pressure from foot)
- proprioceptive sense
- pain
- motor (muscle tone, force production, motor control for stability and movement including initiation/cessation/continuous, coordination)
- musculoskeletal,
- vestibular
- balance/equilibrium
- cardiovascular, pulmonary,
- integumentary
- cognitive (memory, attention/dual task)
Upright mobility tasks: essential requirements (Shumway-Cook, Chapter 12, Patla)

• Progression
• Postural Control / Stability
• Adaptation

And amazingly, all of this is processed without conscious control
  • so we need to train patients for this as well
Other requirements for bipedal locomotion (Hedman et al, 2014)

Full consensus on 5 locomotor requirements

• Initiation

• Termination

• Anticipatory Dynamic Balance

• Multi-Task Capacity

• Walking Confidence

and partial consensus for 7 other requirements (Hedman, 2014)
# Movement system diagnoses/possible effects on gait

Table 37-5 From Fell, 2018, p.1146

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Process for Assessing Movement (Hedman, 1996)
II. Upright mobility in context: Learner, Task, Environment

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Making A Movement Systems Diagnosis

What information contributes to the clinical reasoning needed to make a MSD?
Movement Systems Diagnosis

Medical Diagnosis

• Based on the patient’s signs and symptoms, and results of a standardized set of tests and measures
• Guides medical management of these patient’s problems
• Does not specifically consider the patient’s movement problems

Movement Systems Diagnosis

• Based on the patient’s primary movement system signs and symptoms, the results of a standardized set of tests and measures, and movement analysis
• Guides the plan of care for the management of the patient’s movement problems
• Enable research on treatment efficacy based on a MSD rather than medical diagnosis
• Improves outcomes by reducing variation in practice
Upright Mobility is Highly Valued

The ability to walk is highly valued by patients and caregivers.

• **Household mobility**, makes a significant contribution to quality of life (Myers 2003).
  • Increases the patient’s independence and reduces caregiver assistance
  • Takes more than walking; household mobility also requires sit- to-stand/stand- to-sit, standing
Upright Mobility Tasks

- Community mobility includes an even greater range of tasks, such as negotiating curbs, stairs, ramps, & uneven surfaces
  - Walking can reduce the development of secondary impairments and health conditions related to sedentary lifestyle (CDC 1995)

Walking and other mobility task are the focus of PT when there is a reasonable likelihood that upright mobility is a possibility.

**Question:** What is the best approach to optimize a patient’s potential to relearn or develop upright mobility?
Clinical practice guideline to improve locomotor function following chronic stroke, incomplete spinal cord injury and brain injury

T. George Hornby1,2 Darcy S. Reisman3, Irene G. Ward4,5, Patricia L. Scheets6, Allison Miller3,4, David Haddad4 and the Locomotor CPG Appraisal Team Collaborators: Emily J. Fox7, Nora E. Fritz8, Kelly Hawkins7, Christopher E. Henderson1, Kathryn L. Hendron9, Carey L. Holleran10, James E. Lynskey11, Amber Walter12

Diagnoses: Stroke, motor incomplete SCI, Traumatic Brain Injury

Population: Persons in the chronic stage (> 6 months) of an acute onset CNS injury

Specific Training Protocols: Increase speed; increase distance that included FITT

Recommendations: Strong, moderate, weak evidence, potential harm, and cost
CPGs & Movement Systems Diagnosis

Questions:
Are there similar impairments and motor control problems across the three diagnoses?

Might theses common impairments and MC problems respond best to a specific approach to intervention?

Currently, studies examine intervention for specific diagnoses. However, participants in these studies may have different movement system problems (diagnoses) which contributes to variable outcomes.
Movement Systems Diagnoses Are About Improving Outcomes to Optimize Function - Today Upright Mobility

• Patients will be diagnosed by the cluster of problems demonstrated in an examination
  • Treatment will then be directed towards treating the problems associated with movement systems diagnosis, independent of medical diagnosis
  • Research will help identify which interventions result in the best outcomes.

• Establish best practices, standard of care, clinical practice guidelines
• Better prognosis – Better ability to predict outcomes
Movement Systems Diagnosis

Gather information through examination

• History
  • The patient
• Systems review
• Outcome measures
• Movement analysis of tasks
Making a Movement Systems Diagnosis: Examination - What do we need to know?

Who is our patient?
- Diagnosis, age, age at onset, course, severity level, integrity of movement subsystems, patient reported problems, patient’s goals

- Which mobility tasks are important to the patient?
  - Sit to stand, stand to sit, standing, walking, complex walking

- Which environments are important in the patient’s life?
  - Home, work, school, community
ICF to Organize the Examination
Contextual Factors

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Examination: Tests & Measures

• Select standardized outcome measures to gather information needed to establish a movement systems diagnosis
  • EDGE Task Force Recommendations* - Diagnosis specific
  • ANPT Clinical Practice Guideline (Moore 2018)
    • Suggests a core set outcome measures for adults with neurologic conditions

• Core set includes 5 times sit to stand, Berg Balance Scale, Functional Gait Assessment, 6-minute walk test, 10 meter walk test, Activities Specific Balance Confidence Scale
  • Pediatrics - Standardized tests of motor development, participation measures

• Core set of tasks for observational analysis (Hedman 2018)
  • Sit to stand/stand to sit, sitting, walking, step up, reach, grasp, manipulation

*www.neuropt.org/professional-resources/anpt-clinical-practice-guidelines/core-outcome-measures-cpg
Health Condition - Neurologic Condition

Body Structure & Function Impairments*
- Weakness
- Abnormal tone
- Incoordination
- Involuntary movements
- Abnormal synergies
- Pathologic reflexes
- Poor balance
- Sensory deficits
- Perceptual deficits
- Cognitive deficits

Activity Limitations
- Sitting
- Standing
- Sit-to-stand/stand-to-sit/floor-to-stand
- Walking
- Step-up/down
- Reach, grasp, manipulation
- Stairs
- Inclines
- Uneven surfaces

Participation Restrictions
- Mobility: Home, school, work, community
- Self-care abilities
- Household management
- Vocational skills
- Recreational interests

*Shumway-Cook A, & Woollacott M. Motor Control Translating Research into Clinical Practice
PRIMARY MOVEMENT SYSTEM IMPAIRMENTS & ACTIVITY LIMITATIONS

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IMPAIRMENTS
MOVEMENT SYSTEM PROBLEMS AFFECTING TASK PERFORMANCE

Patient characteristics

Shumway-Cook & Woollacott (20)
Hedman et al 2018
Examination: Observational analysis of movement

Core set of tasks suggested for movement analysis with the addition of tasks relevant to children*

• Sitting
• Standing
• Sit-to-stand; stand –to-sit; floor-to-stand; stand-to-floor
• Walking, floor mobility
• Step up/down
• Reach, grasp, manipulation

Movement Analysis - Offers the best opportunity to assess how impairments and the interaction of primary impairments interferes with mobility

*Hedman et al (2018)
Video
Identifying Problems with Task Performance

Dilemmas

• We have a set of core tasks, but not standardized approach to movement analysis or a common language to describe what we observe.

• What are we looking for in a movement analysis

  • Quantitative measures
  • Qualitative measures

• Is there a set of performance criteria that will used as a basis for comparison?

• Safety, effectiveness, efficiency, and timeliness. If so, how will these characteristics be operational define?
Movement Continuum (Hedman et al)

- Defining the components of the continuum to improve utility of the framework movement analysis
  
- What are the parameters of each component of the sequence?
  
- What abilities are needed to satisfy the requirements of each component of the sequence?
  
- What are the consequences to movement following neurologic injury?

**Formulation of a goal**

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**Figure 2-12.** Illustration of the sequence of the five stages of the Hedman et al temporal model for task analysis, including initial conditions, preparation, initiation, execution, and termination. Key features for each stage are listed (From Hedman, Rogers, and Hanke, Neurologic professional education: Laying the foundation science of motor control with physical therapy intervention for movement dysfunction. Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy, 1996, 20:9-13).
### Initial Conditions
Assessment of self and environment

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<th>Effects of neurologic impairments on initial conditions</th>
<th>Consequences of neurologic impairments on movement</th>
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<td>◦ Body orientation (sitting, standing, lying)</td>
<td>◦ Atypical postural alignment</td>
<td>◦ Movement is inefficient</td>
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<td>◦ Verticality</td>
<td>◦ Unable to maintain midline posture</td>
<td>◦ Stress on joints</td>
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<td>◦ Midline orientation</td>
<td>◦ Asymmetrical weight bearing</td>
<td>◦ Poor match between the individual’s movement, and task and environment</td>
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<td>◦ Biomechanically correct postural alignment</td>
<td>◦ Sensory Deficits</td>
<td>◦ Movement is unsafe (poor postural support)</td>
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<td>Ability to interact with the environment based on prior experience and current state of the movement system</td>
<td>◦ Sensation, Perception and Cognition</td>
<td>◦ Perceptual problems</td>
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<td>◦ Attention</td>
<td>◦ Unilateral neglect</td>
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<td>◦ Memory (ST &amp; LT experience)</td>
<td>◦ Figure ground</td>
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<td>◦ Problem solving</td>
<td>◦ Depth perception</td>
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<td>◦ Arousal</td>
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<td>◦ Does not pick up relevant task-specific information</td>
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<td>◦ Attention</td>
<td>◦ Visual deficits</td>
<td>◦ Slow information processing</td>
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<td>◦ Visual search</td>
<td>◦ Attention problem:</td>
<td>◦ Increased latency between instructions and action</td>
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<td>◦ To detect task-specific information through sensory systems ignoring irrelevant information</td>
<td>◦ Poor selective attention:</td>
<td>◦ Even a longer latency for complex movements and those with a high accuracy requirement</td>
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<td>◦ Unable to distinguish between relevant and irrelevant sensory information</td>
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<td><strong>Response Identification</strong></td>
<td>Unable to identify an effective movement strategy</td>
<td>Selects ineffective/inefficient/unsafe movement strategy</td>
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<td>◦ Mover considers options, strategies available</td>
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<td>◦ Determine movements that will most efficiently effectively and safely achieve goal</td>
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<td><strong>Response Programming</strong></td>
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<td>◦ Postural and task components organized</td>
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<td>◦ Direction of limb movements</td>
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<td>Anticipatory postural muscle activity precedes movement onset to account for internally generated forces – and external forces. Turning on the postural and task muscles needed for a specific task... • At the optimal time • In the optimal sequence • To the right extent (amplitude)</td>
<td>APAs not timed to movement onset Movement initiated slowly</td>
<td>Increased fall risk Unable to maintain stable posture/position Unable to capitalize on momentum</td>
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<td><strong>Direction</strong></td>
<td>Onset of movement of body segments, joints moves limbs/body in desired direction</td>
<td>• Disruption of postural synergies • Weakness</td>
<td>Movement not sequenced properly Reduced movement accuracy</td>
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<td>◦ Modulation of agonist/antagonist ◦ Reciprocal inhibition</td>
<td>Weakness and abnormal tone • Inability to overcome inertia</td>
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**Execution**

Coordination of body segments that contribute to the desired movement pattern

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<td>Force not well tuned to task requirements</td>
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<th>Selection an sequencing of body segments and muscle activity</th>
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<td>Process intrinsic feedback</td>
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<th>Timing of muscle onset and ability to sustain need level of muscle activity</th>
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<td>Postural and task muscles off... At the right time</td>
<td>Balance system must be prepared for cessation of movement</td>
<td>Postural instability Not &quot;built in&quot; during the planning process</td>
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<td>Goal attained</td>
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<td>Error signal – movement did not occur as planned</td>
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Moving in the real world: Gentile’s Taxonomy of Task

Tasks
- Mobility
- Stability
- Degree of variability

Environment
- Closed
- Open
- Degree of variability

With or without object manipulation
(single; dual; multi-tasking)

Challenges patient:
- Attention
- Predictive ability
- Adaptation

Core tasks in real-life situations
Videos
What did you observe? Why is the patient having difficulty?

- Where in the movement continuum is the patient having the most difficulty?

- Why is the patient having this difficulty?
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III. Exploring the tenets associated with MSDxs in both pediatric and adult patients with neurologic problems

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Exploring Movement System diagnoses across the lifespan

Where do we begin?
Movement System

“is the term used to represent the collection of systems (cardiovascular, pulmonary, endocrine, integumentary, nervous, and musculoskeletal) that interact to move the body or its component parts.”

(from APTA White Paper, 2015)
“physical therapy profession will define and promote the movement system as the foundation for optimizing movement to improve the health of society.

Recognition and validation of the movement system is essential to understand the structure, function, and potential of the human body.

The physical therapist will be responsible for evaluating and managing an individual’s movement system across the lifespan to promote optimal development; diagnose impairments, activity limitations, and participation restrictions; and provide interventions targeted at preventing or ameliorating activity limitations and participation restrictions.

The movement system is the core of physical therapist practice, education, and research.” (from APTA White Paper, 2015)
Intent of the Movement System

To unify the profession, regardless of:
- practice setting
- patient population
- body part or function

To identify the profession based on our body of knowledge
Why Are Physical Therapists Movement System Practitioners?

- provide a unique perspective on purposeful, precise, and efficient movement across the lifespan based upon the synthesis of their distinctive knowledge of the movement system and expertise in mobility and locomotion.

- examine and evaluate the movement system (including diagnosis and prognosis) to provide a customized and integrated plan of care to achieve the individual’s goal-directed outcomes.

- maximize an individual’s ability to engage with and respond to his or her environment using movement-related interventions to optimize functional capacity and performance.
• Strive for movement system diagnoses that span all populations, health conditions, and lifespan
• Use similar recognized movement-related terms to describe similar movements, regardless of pathology or other characteristics of patient/client

4 C’s
☐ Clarity
☐ Communication
☐ Collaboration
☐ Continuity
Common Language

Movement System Diagnoses

- Dysmetria
- Force Production Deficit
- Fractionated Movement Deficit
- Hypokinesia
- Movement Pattern Coordination Deficit
- Postural Vertical Deficit
- Sensory Detection Deficit
- Sensory Selection and Weighting Deficit
- Cognitive Deficit

(Scheets et al., 2015)
DYSMETRIA

inability to **grade forces** appropriately for the **distance and speed** aspects of a task.

- Undershooting or overshooting
- Wide base of support & repeated stepping
- Abnormal rhythm and incoordination during rapidly alternating movements
- No change with practice
- Sit to Stand-wide base of support; may see excessive sway at trunk; uses UE to stabilize
- Difficulty grasping small objects

(Sheets et al., 2015)
FORCE PRODUCTION DEFICIT

primary movement fault is **weakness**.

- Prone on elbows, pull to sit, floor to stand, sit to stand, gait, reach and grasp
- Unable to stand unsupported or loss of support moment at hip and knee during single limb support
- Limited improvement in performance with practice; may worsen with repeated trials
- In more severe forms may be unable to sit unsupported

(Sheets et al., 2015)
FRACTIONATED MOVEMENT DEFICIT

inability to fractionate movement associated with moderate or greater hyper-excitability. Always associated with central neurological deficit.

- Slow; unable to make rapid reversals in movement
- Unable to generate force rapidly
- Moderate or greater hyperexcitability
- Grade 3 or 4 on the modified Ashworth
- May exhibit +ATNR, +STNR
- Consistent nonfractionated Movement Pattern Across Multiple tasks

(Sheets et al., 2015)
HYPOKINESIA

Slowness in initiating and executing movement. May be associated with stopping of ongoing movement.

Sit to Stand or Floor to Stand, Slow or lack of preparatory movement

- Assistance with initiation
- Loss of balance on termination
- Unable to shift center of mass forward

Gait

- Difficulty initiating ambulation
- Arrests in ongoing movement during functional tasks  (Sheets et al., 2015)

Force Production Deficit
Cognitive Deficit
MOVEMENT PATTERN COORDINATION DEFICIT

inability to coordinate an intersegmental task because of a deficit in timing and sequencing of one segment in relationship to another. Performance typically improves with practice and instruction.

Sit to stand, gait, reach and grasp, jump, skip

- Increased latency in postural movement patterns
- Inappropriate amplitude of postural adjustments or responses
- Increased posterior sway during stance activities

(Sheets et al., 2015)
inaccurate perception of vertical orientation resulting in postural control deficits and the tendency to resist correction of center of mass alignment.

- Shifts center of mass beyond limits of stability to side or backward without weight acceptance
- Resists correction or becomes fearful/agitated when center of mass alignment is corrected
- Deficits may present in sitting, standing, or with walking depending on severity
- Sensation of “falling” when shifted toward correct vertical alignment
- May have disregard or neglect of involved extremities  
  (Sheets et al., 2015)
SENSORY DETECTION DEFICIT

inability to execute intersegmental movement due to lack of joint position sense or multi-sensory failure affecting joint position sense, vision, and/or the vestibular system.

- Moderate to severe impairment of joint position sense or protective sensation of one or both LEs
- Mild or greater loss of joint position sense and touch sensation of one or both UEs
- New visual field deficit greater than 50%
- Sit to Stand, Gait, Reach and grasp
  - Foot slapping
  - Slow and dyscoordinated
  - Some improvement with visual guidance (Sheets et al., 2015)
SENSORY SELECTION AND WEIGHTING DEFICIT

inability to initiate or maintain postural orientation or motor performance as a result of decreased ability to screen for and attend to appropriate sensory inputs. Patients may demonstrate sensory seeking or sensory avoidance behaviors.

- Deviation in line of progression to one or both sides
- Instability with head turning
- Turning Around: Loss of balance or increased ankle or hip sway at termination, Worse with faster movement, Dizzy
- Able to stand unsupported but may require practice
- Increased sway or instability with eyes closed or other change in sensory conditions
- May demonstrate hip strategy during static standing tasks
- Postural responses may be delayed or exaggerated
- May improve with modification of sensory needs and practice, instruction and
- Sensory sensitive

(Sheets et al., 2015)
impaired motor control related to lack of arousal, attention, or ability to apply meaning to situation that is appropriate for age.

- Lack of arousal
- Lack of response to stimuli
- Absent attention to examiner and situation
- Absent ability to apply meaning to situation

(Sheets et al., 2015)
So why use Movement System Diagnoses

Offers a consistent method and language for establishing pattern recognition of movement system issues across all settings and populations.

Affords a more systematic study of intervention outcomes based upon MSDxs.

**Person-centered care**

May enable the characterization of responders and non-responders when evaluating movement-related interventions effectiveness either in the clinic or in the research environment and can aide in the development of clinical (intervention) prediction rules (CPRs) and ultimately guide clinical decision-making.

Promote clarity specific to what is being observed, communicated and collaborated with the healthcare team, and lead to the promotion of continuity of care.
Insight generation

What led you to your **insights** about the areas impacting the individual’s function?

How confident are you about your decision making process used?

How would you **define and defend** your insights to another health professional?
Apples OR Oranges?

Many to One
Key Principles of Dynamic Systems Theory (DST)

Movement occurs through

- **dynamic interaction of many systems,**
- that are **constrained** by the characteristics of the individual, the task being performed and the environment in which the movement occurs.

Major component of attaining functional competence is learning

- nature of one’s self-organizing movement system
- current intrinsic constraints
we must consider all variables that contribute to motor control
Movement System Diagnoses

- Movement pattern coordination deficit
- Force production deficit
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- Sensory selection and weighting deficit
- Postural vertical deficit
- Fractioned Movement deficit
- Dysmetria
- Hypokinesia
- Cognitive Deficit

Task

- Rolling
- Lying to sit to lying
- Sit to stand to sit
- Squatting/Bending
- Crawling/Walking/
- Running/Wheelchair
- Step up and step down
- Reaching
- Grasping
- Manipulating
- Lifting

Temporal Criteria

- Initial condition
- Preparation
- Initiation
- Execution
- Termination

Integration

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Initial condition
Preparation
Initiation
Execution
Termination
**Gathering Insights**
Using Task-Driven Approach to Movement Analysis

**Task Goal:** “Walk unassisted outdoors and in crowded areas.”

**Component Activities and Relevant Movements:**
- Walk in different directions, turn in different directions, stop/start
- Walk on various terrain and navigate surface changes and obstacles
- Scan environment (move eyes & head) and adjust direction & speed of walking under different environmental conditions (lighting, stationary vs. moving, space)
- Walk and talk, walk and carry objects (dual task)
- Open and close doors

**Movement Analysis:**
Ambulation, Stair ascent & descent, Sit to stand, walking, floor to stand, bending, reach/grasp/turn/push

Generate Hypothesis
Can we use this framework to *gather insights and generate hypothesis* for the pediatric client?

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So what?

- Clarity
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Continuity

- IDENTITY
IV. Framework to guide therapists in integrating MSDxs and Functional Upright Mobility Activities
• Use knowledge of expected impairments, activity limitations, participation restrictions;
• Pattern recognition – with experience

Identification of impairments and resources & task performance
• Interview, systems review and tests & measures;
• Movement Analysis

Assessment: Problem list, potential for improvement
• Primary and secondary impairments and problems performing functional movement

Diagnosis & Prognosis

Person-Centered Plan of Care
Cluster of problems MSD
Retraining upright mobility includes three broad areas of rehabilitation

1. Therapeutic exercise/Direct Interventions to **address** identifying underlying impairments,
2. Functional training that is task specific and personally **meaningful**, 
3. The use of devices and equipment to augment or support **functional ability**
   - Especially in context of permanent deficits
Eclectic approach - maximize functional independence

- Balancing Remediation & Compensation Models
- Exploiting Neural Plasticity
- Promoting Motor Control via Principles of Motor Learning
Embracing Knowledge Translation Practices

Aids us in our questioning:

- **What** type of exercise - with what degree of intensity, for how long, and in what specific position - is best?

- **How** should I intentionally progress these exercises and activities to place optimal demand on the system for optimal improvement?
Results: Strong evidence indicates that clinicians should offer walking training at moderate to high intensities or virtual reality (VR)-based training to individuals with stroke, iSCI, and TBI to improve walking speed or distance. In contrast, weak evidence suggests that strength training, circuit (i.e., combined) training or cycling training at moderate to high intensities, and VR-based balance training may improve walking speed and distance. Finally, strong evidence suggests body-weight supported treadmill training, robotic-assisted training, or sitting/standing balance training without VR should not be performed to improve walking speed or distance.
Underlying Concepts Directing Approaches

• Experience-dependent neuroplasticity

• Motor-learning principles
  • Repetitions (without repetition)
  • Practice environment (functional/meaningful)
  • Feedback (purposeful)
10 principles to encourage experience-dependent plasticity (Kleim, 2010)

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<td>Training that drives a specific brain function can lead to an enhancement of that function.</td>
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<td>The nature of the training experience dictates the nature of the plasticity.</td>
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Principles of Locomotor Training from IV-STEP

• Activity-based therapy (Behrman, JNPT 2017)

• Locomotor Training Principles (Harkema, “Locomotor Training” text 2011)
  i. Maximize weight bearing on the legs (Principle 1)
  ii. Optimize sensory cues (Principle 2)
  iii. Optimize the kinematics (i.e. trunk, pelvis, and lower extremities) for each motor task (Principle 3)
  iv. Maximize recovery strategies, minimize compensation strategies (Principle 4)

• Task-specific training
Principles of Locomotor Training from IV-STEP

• Areas of Progression
  a. Endurance
  b. Speed
  c. Weight-Bearing (Load)
  d. Independence
Exploring Therapeutic Activities to Improve Upright Mobility

- BWS, BWSTT
- Exoskeleton-Assisted
- Virtual Reality/Gaming
- Complex Walking Activities
- Attention and Dual Task Control
Body-weight support
Body-weight support: overhead ceiling harness (Fell, Figure 37-8)
Exoskeleton-assisted gait training
Virtual Reality / Gaming

• Can result in robust clinical improvement of function (esp UE)
• Questions of availability and access for clinical practice
• May complement other rehab interventions
Complex Walking Activities

• Adapt movement strategies to more challenging, unpredictable conditions
• Explore internally & externally driven task demands

TABLE 37-6  Locomotor Adaptation Under Eight Environmental Dimensions Associated With Community Mobility

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| **Pointing with foot:**    | • Incorporate variability in object size, shape, and distance from individual, stationary, or moving object, with or without upper extremity (UE) support unilaterally or bilaterally  
• Incorporate modifications to speed, vision, and attentional demands; degree of intertrial variability; externally or internally paced, continuous, or noncontinuous performance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | A stationary object → a moving object        |
| • Position foot (dorsiflexion [DF] or plantar flexion [PF]), specified hip, and knee to make contact with an object |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             |
| **Sliding the foot:**      | • Incorporate variability in direction, required distance traveled of the sliding foot from the stationary foot, with or without UE support unilaterally or bilaterally  
• Incorporate modifications to speed, vision, and attentional demands; degree of intertrial variability; externally or internally paced, continuous, or noncontinuous performance                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | One-directional sliding → bidirectional sliding |
| • Position of the foot (DF or PF), specified hip, and knee for directional sliding |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             |
| **Standing reach with point/grasp:** | • Incorporate variability in object size, shape, and distance from individual; stationary or moving object; position of feet (tandem, narrow, or wide base of support); specified hip and knee position; unidirectional, bidirectional, unilateral, or bilateral reaching; required distance traveled of the reaching arm, with or without UE support unilaterally or bilaterally  
• Incorporate modifications to speed, surface firmness, vision, and attentional demands; degree of intertrial variability; externally or internally paced, continuous, or noncontinuous performance                                                                                                                                                   | Stationary object → moving object            |
<p>| Pointing to or grasping an object |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             |</p>
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### TABLE 37-9  Secondary Tasks That Can Be Part of a Dual Task Intervention

#### SECONDARY COGNITIVE TASKS
- Continuously repeat a simple phrase: “Where is the child?” (Morris, 1996)
- Repeat the word “Apple apple, apple…” with one syllable per step while walking (which the patient can match to the cadence)
- Repeat the word “Banana banana banana…” with one syllable per step while walking (which does not match a right-left cadence as easily)
- Identify shapes or common objects (dog, comb, cat…) from photo cue cards (Huang, 2003)
- Identify environmental sounds (cow, whistle, bird, doorbell) from a sound effects CD (Huang, 2003)
- Ask the patient to talk (answer questions or carry on a conversation) while walking
- Progress to asking more complex questions
- Listing tasks (80s movies, fruits, etc.)
- Counting forward 1–10
- Progress to counting backward from 100
- Progress to counting backward from 100 by sevens (100, 93, 86, 79…) or counting backward by threes starting at a random number between 20 and 100 (e.g., 46, 43, 40, 37, 34, 31…) (Shumway-Cook, 2000a)

#### SECONDARY PHYSICAL/MOTOR TASKS
- Coin transference: use the hand to transfer coins from one pocket across the midline to the opposite pocket (O’Shea, 2002)
- Read a sign on the wall while walking
- Carry a glass in the hand (start with an empty glass)
- Progress to carrying the glass half-full of water
- Progress ultimately to carrying the glass full of water (Lundin-Olsson, 1998, Shumway-Cook, 2000a)
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<td>• Digit recall/digit span: repeat a sequence of random single-digit numbers forward</td>
<td>• Carry a tray</td>
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<td>• Start with two digits and progress up to eight</td>
<td>• Progress to carrying a tray with items on it, including ultimately unstable items that roll around or a glass full of water</td>
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<td>• Progress to backward digit recall, asking the patient to repeat the digits but in reverse order</td>
<td>• Carry an empty backpack and then increase the weight while carrying the backpack over bilateral shoulders or one shoulder (Bond, 2000; Canning 2005)</td>
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<td>• Repeat the days of the week in reverse order beginning with Sunday (Morris, 1996)</td>
<td>• Use a cell phone while walking (combines the motor task of holding the phone to the ear and the cognitive task of problem-solving about the call and conversation)</td>
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<td>• Traffic light color verbal response (when shown a color; verbally state what you are expected to do at that color when crossing the street while maintaining your posture) (Pinto Zipp, 2006)</td>
<td>• Video game manipulation (Pinto Zipp, 2011)</td>
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- Modified Stroop test: present subjects with printed color names (the words), but printed in a variety of colors of ink (i.e., ink color is always inconsistent with the color name; for example, the word “blue” may be printed in red ink). The patient is asked to verbally state the color of the ink, ignoring the word (i.e., the color name) (Jensen, 1966; Stroop, 1935).
Take Home Message

Movement Specialists
Key is to Promote

• knowledge translation for person-centered care
• practice of functional tasks throughout the day using optimal patterns of movement

4 C’s
Clarity, Communication, Collaboration, Continuity
QUESTIONS
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