

Epley Omniax Presentation during CSM

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Dr. John Epley, the developer of the Epley maneuver, was in Las Vegas during the Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas. He had been invited by Brian Werner, owner of Werner Institute of Balance and Dizziness, Inc. to speak and demonstrate his new Omniax device by Vesticon that is used to treat persons with BPPV. Brian recently purchased the device, which has the ability to reposition in any plane. While a patient is in the device, the clinician can constantly monitor eye position and nystagmus via infrared goggles. The device looks like a flight simulator that one typically sees in science centers or at a space camp (see picture). Several physical therapists had an opportunity to test the device and experience what a patient would feel during the repositioning. The device is commercially available. Dr. Epley also provided a free educational seminar and had his picture taken with many of the physical therapists present.

Thanks go to Brian Werner and his group for inviting Dr. Epley to his clinic and allowing those of us present to view this new device.



Figure: Dr. Rick Clendaniel in the Omniax device.