6th Annual Training Course for Health Care Professionals on

Vestibular and Balance Disorders in the Pediatric Population

Fri. & Sat., October 2-3, 2015

Boston Children’s at Waltham
9 Hope Avenue, Waltham, MA

REGISTRATION: bostonchildrens.org/pedibalancedisorderconf2015
Vestibular and Balance Disorders in the Pediatric Population

Dizziness and imbalance are common medical complaints in children, and approximately one-in-three children with these symptoms will be diagnosed with a vestibular disorder. Vestibular dysfunction is particularly common in children with congenital hearing loss and in adolescents with sports-related concussions. Yet, training programs for pediatric physicians, ancillary health care practitioners, audiologists, physical therapists and occupational therapists generally include little-to-no education on the evaluation and management of pediatric vestibular disorders.

This course will use both lectures and hands-on workshops to teach pediatric providers to better understand the diagnosis of pediatric vestibular dysfunction, and to evaluate and treat pediatric vestibular disorders in an effective and cost-efficient manner. The course will include workshops on techniques in vestibular testing and vestibular rehabilitation at our state-of-the-art pediatric vestibular clinic and testing facility. This course will also provide guidance to health care providers who may be interested in starting their own pediatric vestibular programs.

Course objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

› diagnose common causes of dizziness and balance impairment in children and adolescents
› administer and interpret tests of vestibular function and balance in children and adolescents
› manage vestibular disorders in children and adolescents using medications and physical therapy techniques
**Target audience**
- Otolaryngology
- Neurology
- Audiology
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Sports medicine
- Pediatrics (primary care)

**ACGME competencies**
The 6th Annual Training Course for Health Care Professionals on Vestibular and Balance Disorders in the Pediatric Population is designed to address the competencies regarding patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning and improvement.

**Accreditation**
Boston Children’s Hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Boston Children’s Hospital designates this live activity for the maximum of 12.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Applying for CEU approval from American Academy of Audiology.

**Disclosure policy**
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Refund policy
Registration by credit card can be made at www.bostonchildrens.org/pedibalancedisorderconf2015. Registration by check (draft on a United States bank): please make payable to Boston Children’s Hospital and contact Lesley Niccolini at lesley.niccolini@childrens.harvard.edu to discuss payment. Telephone or fax registration is not accepted. Registration with cash payment is not permitted. Upon receipt of your paid registration, an email confirmation from the Boston Children’s office will be sent to you. Be sure to include an email address that you check frequently. Your email address is used for critical information, including registration confirmation, evaluation and certificate.

Fifty-percent (50%) refunds will be issued for all cancellations received prior to the start of the course. Refund requests must be received by postal mail, email or telephone. “No shows” are subject to the full course fee, and no refunds will be issued once the conference has started.

Course Directors
Jacob Brodsky, MD
Instructor of Otolaryngology, Boston Children’s Hospital; Medical Director, The Balance Program at Boston Children’s at Waltham; Instructor of Otology and Laryngology, Harvard Medical School

Guang Wei Zhou, ScD
Audiologist, Boston Children’s Hospital; Clinical Director, The Balance Program at Boston Children’s at Waltham; Clinical Researcher in Audiology; Instructor of Otology and Laryngology, Harvard Medical School

Cost
Physicians $200
Allied Health Professionals $200
Trainees $100

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Schedule of events

Day 1 - Friday, October 2, 2015  Location: Deveber Auditorium

8 – 8:30 a.m.  Registration and Breakfast
8:30 – 8:35 a.m.  Welcome/Opening Comments
Jacob Brodsky, MD, Thierry Morlet, PhD
8:35 – 9:15 a.m.  Anatomy & Physiology of the Vestibular System
Robert C. O’Reilly, MD
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  Vestibular Testing
Guang Wei Zhou, ScD
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.  Q&A
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.  Break
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.  Pediatric Vestibular Disorders: Epidemiology and Clinical Presentation
Robert C. O’Reilly, MD
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.  Vestibular Migraine
Jacob Brodsky, MD
11:45 a.m. – noon  Q&A
Noon – 1 p.m.  Lunch
1 – 1:30 p.m.  Vestibular Disorders & SNHL
Sharon Cushing, MD
1:30 – 2 p.m.  Post-Concussive Vertigo
Jacob Brodsky, MD
2 – 2:15 p.m.  Q&A
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.  Break
2:30 – 3 p.m.  PT Assessment
Wendy Holdan, PT, MSPT, OCS
Sandy Denning, PT
3 – 3:45 p.m.  PT Management
Wendy Novick, DPT
Faithe Kalisperis, MPT, DPT/C/NDT
3:45 – 4:15 p.m.  PT Concussion Management
Wendy Holdan, PT, MSPT, OCS
Faithe Kalisperis, MPT, DPT/C/NDT
4:15 – 4:30 p.m.  Q&A
4:30 p.m.  Adjourn
Schedule of events

Day 2 - Saturday, October 3, 2015

Location: Balance Program Clinic and Physical Therapy Gym
Boston Children’s Hospital at Waltham, 9 Hope Avenue, Waltham, MA 02453

Six teams (made up of 12 attendees) rotate through six different workshops over six sessions throughout the day.

8 – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome/Instructions for Workshops
Jacob Brodsky, MD, Guang Wei Zhou, ScD
8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Session 1 Workshop
9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Session 2 Workshop
10:45 – 11 a.m. Break
11 a.m. – noon Session 3 Workshop
Noon – 1 p.m. Lunch
1 – 2 p.m. Session 4 Workshop
2 – 3 p.m. Session 5 Workshop
3 – 3:15 p.m. Break
3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Session 6 Workshop
4:15 p.m. Adjourn
Day 2 - Workshops
Duration: one hour per session

> Balance Program Testing Lab

☐ Vestibular Testing Workshop 1
   Guang Wei Zhou, ScD

Rotation/VEMP: Participants will be trained in the administration and interpretation of rotary chair testing and vestibular evoked myogenic potential (VEMP) testing.

☐ Vestibular Testing Workshop 2
   Annemarie Cox, MS CCC-A

VHIT: Participants will be trained in the administration and interpretation of video head impulse testing (VHIT).

☐ Hybrid Workshop 1
   Faithie Kalisperis, MPT, DPT/C/NDT

Computerized Dynamic Posturography (CDP): Participants will be trained in the use of CDP as both an evaluation and treatment tool.

> Physical Therapy Gym

☐ Physical Therapy Workshop 1
   Wendy Holdan, PT, MSPT, OCS, Sandy Denning, PT

Balance Retraining Therapy: Participants will be trained in techniques for the rehabilitation of balance.

☐ Physical Therapy Workshop 2
   Wendy Novick, DPT

Vestibulo-Ocular Reflex (VOR) Therapy: Participants will be trained in techniques for rehabilitation of patients with VOR impairment.

☐ Hybrid Workshop 2
   Jacob Brodsky, MD

Bedside Vestibular Evaluation and Management Techniques: Participants will be trained in the office evaluation of vestibular and balance function without the use of expensive, specialized equipment. This session will also include techniques for evaluation and management of benign paroxysmal positioning vertigo (BPPV).
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