

COMPETENCY BASED VESTIBULAR REHABILITATION COURSE, 3 to 7 MARCH 2010, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Prof Dr Margie H Sharpe and her team will be conducting a Competency based 5-day full-time *Foundations of Vestibular Rehabilitation: An Integrated Approach for Positive Functional Outcomes.*

The teaching team includes: an ENT specialist/Neuro-otologist, audiologist who is a tinnitus rehabilitation specialist, a psychologist who works with patients who have vestibular disorders, non-vestibular dizziness, and tinnitus, and a vestibular physiotherapist.

This course is unique: It offers the ENT perspective critical for the understanding of the ear, including the inner ear and the common otological and neuro-otological disorders that affect vestibular function; all presenters are senior clinical consultants in their respective disciplines with a wealth of knowledge and first hand experience, conversant with current clinical and basic science research and global clinical trends; patient demonstrations and small group teaching.

Pre-requisites: Some exposure to Vestibular rehabilitation will be helpful but is not essential.

Course content: The most up to date research findings and their clinical application to VRT. Areas covered will include: clinical vestibular anatomy and physiology and patho-physiology, differential diagnosis of common peripheral vestibular disorders and non-vestibular dizziness. Medical and surgical management of patients with peripheral vestibular disorders. What are we looking for when assessing the dizzy patient? Vestibular treatment approaches for unilateral and bilateral peripheral vestibular insufficiency, and visual vertigo. When is it vestibular rehabilitation? Habituation exercises and re-positioning manoeuvres: when and why. Measuring outcomes of vestibular rehabilitation. Audiological and psychological rehabilitation for the vertiginous/dizzy patient.

Course materials: Comprehensive notes are provided with extensive references and diagrams.

Teaching methodologies: Problem-based, didactic, small group discussion, DVD and patient demonstrations, skill-based classes, interactive instructional tools, inexpensive tools to measure balance and for balance training, infrared video-oculography, problem solving and case studies.

Requirements: All participants are required to bring at least one case study of a patient with a peripheral vestibular disorder for group discussion and their laptop computers. After hours study will be necessary.

Participants: Maximum number 10.

Examinations: All participants are required to sit a written and practical examination at the end of the course. Results will be mailed to you one month later.

Awards: A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to those participants who successfully pass the examinations; others will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

Cost: \$A1,550.00 (GST incl.) per person. The fee includes all course materials, refreshments and lunch each day. Special dietary needs are accommodated.

Closing date: *Friday 18 December 2009.*

Registration: The completed form together with full payment must be received by 5pm on Friday 18 December. The course fee will not be refunded after this date.

Payment: Credit card (Visa, Master) or EFTPOS.

Accommodation: This is the responsibility of the participant.

The Jasper Motor Inn (<http://www.jaspermotorinn.com.au>) is within walking distance from the Centre and offers modest accommodation. It is also very close to cafes, restaurants, butcher, groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables stores as well as public transport. The Centre is only 3 bus stops from the CBD. The bus stops in front of 67 King William Road and there is another opposite the Centre for return to the CBD. If you like walking it is a nice walk into the city. The Glenelg Tram is close by for those who want to take a trip to the historic seaside suburb and have a swim.

Please contact us by email, telephone or fax, if you require further information.