North East Region Burn Conference 2017 – Rehabilitation Workshop


Thursday September 21, 2017 8AM-5:30PM

Temple University Hospital Student Faculty Center 3340 N Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140

This didactic, rehabilitation focused day-long workshop will provide detailed research and practical skill based knowledge on all facets of hand rehabilitation along the continuum of care for both the adult and pediatric burn injuries. This program is intended for all practitioners who work with burn injuries primarily or who wish to enhance their understanding of the dynamic aspects of care and rehabilitation of the burned upper extremity. This program will provide both lecture and hands on demonstration of critical skills essential in rehabilitation, wound care and scar management.

Course Faculty:

**Linda Ware OTR, CHT** Coordinator of Burn Rehabilitation Johns Hopkins Bayview Burn Center Baltimore, MD

Linda Ware is an occupational therapist and certified hand therapist with 30 years of clinical experience within the Johns Hopkins Burn Center and the Curtis National Hand Center treating both adult and pediatric burns and trauma. She has been a contributing member of the American Burn Association and American Society of Hand Therapists as well as a primary educator and lecturer for hand and upper extremity trauma. She has numerous publications in the burn and hand literature including most recently a professional scholarship as a co-author in the publication of *Hand and Upper Extremity Rehabilitation: A Practical Guide* 4th ed.

**Jennifer Conway OTR/L** Manager of Therapeutic Services Shriners Hospitals for Children Boston, MA

Jennifer is a graduate of Quinnipiac University and she is currently completing her Masters in Health Administration. She has over 20 years of clinical experience and has specialized in burn care for 15 years. She provides leadership and expertise in burn care to the PT, OT and Child Life departments for pediatric burn care. Jennifer has taught several online courses and is co-author on published journal articles on the topic of burns. She is a veteran contributor at the annual American Burn Association conference, local and international conferences with presentations of published abstracts, poster presentations, and post graduate course lectures.

**Lynne Benavides, OTR/L, CHT** Clinical Specialist in Hand Therapy Rhode Island Hospital Providence, RI

Lynne is a graduate of Quinnipiac University and has been working in burns and hand rehabilitation for over 25 years as an occupational therapist and certified hand therapist. She has been a contributing member of the American Burn Association and American Society of Hand Therapists as well as a primary educator and lecturer for hand and upper extremity trauma. She has published numerous articles in both the burn and hand therapy journals and serves as adjunct faculty for both the Community College of Rhode Island and the Bristol Community College.
Stephanie Velez PT, DPT, CWS  *Physical Therapist Burn and Wound*  Temple University Burn Center Philadelphia, PA

Stephanie has over 10 years of wound care experience working within the burn center as also as a wound care liaison for home care and nursing facilities in the Tri State Area. She has taught Burn Care Rehabilitation as a guest lecturer at Temple University, the University of the Sciences and is a recurring guest lecturer at Drexel University on Burn Care/debridement for the past 5 years. Her passion for burns has become a career long journey of learning, educating and most importantly helping others.

Rachelle Pretz PT, DPT, CLT  *Physical Therapist Burn and Wound*  Temple University Burn Center Philadelphia, PA

Rachelle is a physical therapist and certified Lymphedema Therapist at Temple University Hospital for the last 8 years. As team leader of the burn and wound care therapy team she has oriented new staff to the team, organized continuing education, helped develop best practice guidelines and initiated a monthly burn survivor support group. Rachelle has been committed to burn care and recently published in the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Branden Peterson, CP  *National Upper Extremity Specialist*  Hanger Clinic NE Region

Branden Peterson, CP graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics in 2001. He has been working with Hanger’s Upper Extremity Prosthetics Program since 2004. He currently is a National Upper Extremity Specialist and manages a team of local specialists throughout New York and Pennsylvania. Branden travels throughout the region to provide expert care to the most challenging upper extremity amputees. His years of experience have made him highly skilled in treatment of traumatic and congenital amputees of all etiologies.

Joe Kersch, CP  *Manager and Upper Extremity Specialist*  Hanger Clinic Philadelphia, PA

Joe Kersch, CP graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering in 2009. He received his Post Graduate Certificate in Prosthetics in 2010 through the University of Hartford and spent the next 5 years working with Hanger Clinic in southern Connecticut. In 2015 he moved to the Philadelphia area. Joe is now Hanger’s Local Upper Extremity Specialist for Philadelphia, as well as a clinic manager. His clinical focus is on the treatment of amputees using the most modern prosthetic technologies available.

Trish Tufaro OTR CLT  *Supervisor of Outpatient Hand and Occupational Therapy*  New York-Presbyterian Hospital New York, NY

Trish has been an occupational therapist for 17 years, graduating from the University of Scranton in 2000 with a BS in OT and then completed a post-professional certification in *Hand and Upper Quarter Rehabilitation* in 2004. Most recently she has become a Certified Lymphedema Therapist. She has worked in burns at both the Westchester Medical and currently at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell (NYP) in New York City, New York and contributes to the burn rehabilitation community through her work with adolescents at burn camp, research, publications and teachings.

$150.00 for professionals / $75.00 for students (with valid ID)

Registration is limited for this one day rehabilitation workshop – sign up now:

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