2025 Pain Care Skills Training (PCST) & Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Combined Agenda

Active Therapies for Pain: A Physical Therapist's Guide to Improved Patient Outcomes

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Course Description: Learn from experienced board-certified physical therapists with specialties in orthopedics, neurology, and geriatrics in this hands-on workshop as it equips healthcare providers to confidently integrate active therapies into their lower body, back, and upper body pain treatment plans. Participants will learn to identify appropriate candidates for active therapies, develop individualized treatment plans, and modify exercises for specific patient needs, all while minimizing risks and maximizing patient outcomes. Attendees will gain practical skills and strategies they can implement immediately in their practice.

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Identify red flags and contraindications for active therapies in patients with lower body, back, and upper body pain.
- 2. Justify the selection of a particular active therapy approach based on patient presentation, evidence, and clinical reasoning.
- 3. Modify a given exercise or therapy to accommodate a patient's specific limitations or needs.
- 4. Develop an individualized treatment plan incorporating active therapies for a hypothetical patient with lower body, back, and upper body pain.
- 5. List at least three benefits of active therapies for lower body, back, and upper body pain that can be shared with patients.

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| 0730–0830 | Lower Body I. Current Evidence for Active Therapies for the Lower Body II. Hands-On Workshop for Lower Body Therapeutic Exercises III. Case Study Discussions |
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| 0830–0840 | BREAK |
| 0840–0945 | BackI.Current Evidence for Active Therapies for the BackII.Hands-On Workshop for Back Therapeutic ExercisesIII.Case Study Discussions |
| 0945–0955 | BREAK |
| 0955–1100 | Upper Body I. Current Evidence for Active Therapies for the Upper Body II. Hands-On Workshop for Upper Body Therapeutic Exercises III. Case Study Discussions |
| 100-1130 | Clinical Pearls and Panel Discussion |