

Learning Objectives

MedBridge

Advanced Physical Therapy Examination of Clients with Parkinson's Disease

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Course Objectives:

- Develop the ability to differentiate symptom clusters of the various Parkinson-plus syndromes to develop a working diagnosis and physical therapy plan of care for these clients.
- Understand the motor symptoms related to idiopathic PD and each of the Parkinson-plus syndromes and how each presents clinically.
- Discuss interventions specific to the major Parkinson-plus syndromes.
- Determine outcome measures with good validity and reliability for use in clients with Parkinson's disease.
- Develop the ability to select appropriate outcome measures based on the individual qualities of each client and the stage of disease.
- Describe the key features of outcome measures listed in the PD EDGE recommendations and discuss advantages and disadvantages of each measure.