
Learning Objectives

MedBridge
Geriatric Differential Diagnosis
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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to

- Analyze the need for medical screening and differential diagnoses as related to autonomous practice, typical age-related changes, multiple comorbidities, and complex diagnoses
- Integrate medical screening principles for an efficient examination schema applicable to physical therapy for the aging adult
- Determine factors that influence movement, activities, and participation in older adults, and their role in the differential diagnosis process
- Deduce which signs and symptoms in the aging adult that are within the scope of physical therapist practice and those that warrant a consultation or immediate communication with a physician
- Examine the contributions of the social determinants of health, the movement system, and the diversity in the aging population to the clinical decision-making process and health outcomes
- Analyze history and physical examination findings in a series of case studies in the clinical decision-making process