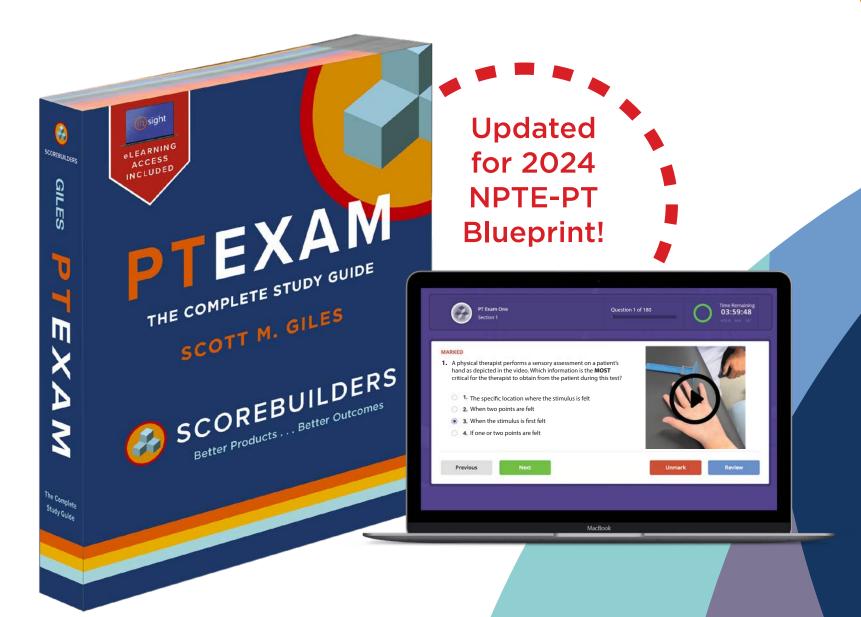
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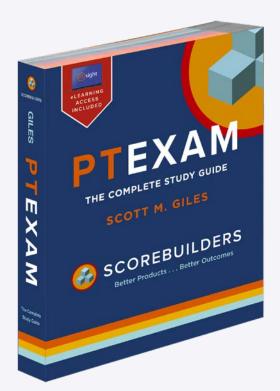




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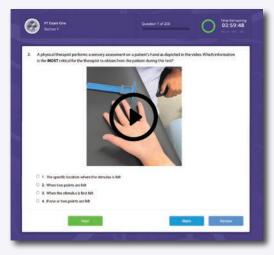


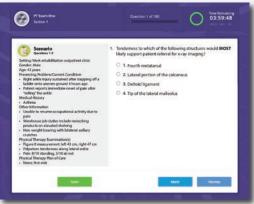
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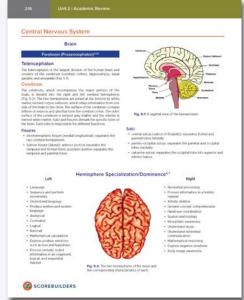
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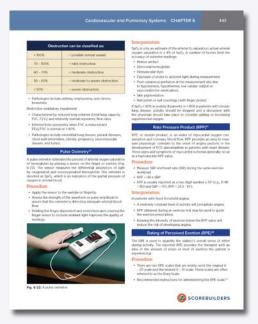
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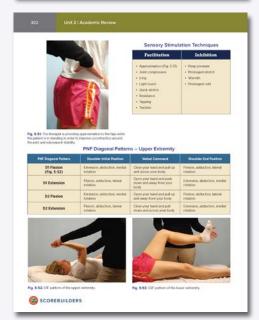
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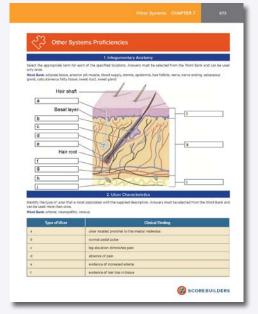


















Deep tendon reflex (DTR) testing can assist the therapist in determining the type of pathology that exists. Absent DTRs will indicate a lesion in the reflex arc itself. If absent reflexes accompany sensory loss in the distribution of the nerve that is supplying a particular reflex, the lesion is found within the afferent arc of the reflex and is located in either the nerve or dorsal horn. If an absent DTR accompanies paralysis, fasciculations or atrophy, the lesion is found within the efferent arc of the reflex and may include the efferent nerve antarior born calls on both

Peripheral neuropathy is the most common etiology surrounding absent reflexes. Associated conditions can include diabetes, alcoholism, vitamin deficiencies such as pernicious anemia, certain cancers, and certain to assenic, vincristine). Neuropathies will typically present with sensory, motor or mixed impairments and may affect all components of the reflex arc.

Hyperactive DTRs are found when there is interruption of the cortical supply to the lower motor neuron (secondary to upper motor neuron lesion). The interruption exists above the segment of the reflex are, with other findings determining localization of the exact lesion. Assessment of the DTRs can provide information as to the level of lesion that exists within the central nervous system.

Spotlight on Safety provides students with critical safety information relevant to selected physical therapy topics.



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Musculoskeletal System Proficiencies

3. Musculoskeletal Lower Extremity Anatomy II

Identify the appropriate term for each of the specified locations. Answers must be selected from the Word Bank and can be used only once.

Word Bank: abductor digiti minimi, abductor hallucis, flexor digitorum brevis, flexor hallucis brevis, lumbricals, quadratus plantae



Proficiencies provide students with an opportunity to determine their competency in a variety of academic areas.





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DOCUMENTATION OF RECORDED MEASURES³

Health care providers work in an integrated fashion to deliver patient care. The patient medical record is one of the primary ways that health care providers keep each other informed of current patient status and other relevant information. As a result, it is critical that health care providers document relevant information in the medical record in a timely and accurate manner. Failure to meet this standard potentially results in ineffective medical care and may jeopardize patient safety.

The results of goniometric measurements can be used to illustrate this point. Let's assume that a therapist reviews the medical record of a patient recovering from a motor vehicle accident, in which the patient sustained multiple lower extremity injuries. Upon reviewing the medical record, the therapist determines that in successive notes the patient's right knee range of motion was described as 10-105 degrees and 10-0-105 degrees.

Although the recorded measurements appear extremely similar, they are in fact very different. 10-105 degrees indicates that the patient's range of motion begins at 10 degrees of knee flexion and ends at 105 degrees of knee flexion (95 degrees of total available movement). Conversely, the use of "0" between the starting and ending values indicates the patient has 10 degrees of knee hyperextension and 105 degrees of knee flexion (115 degrees of total available movement).

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CHAPTER ESSENTIALS



Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Systems Essentials

- The components of the cardiac conduction system include the sinoatrial (SA) node, internodal tracts, atrioventricular (AV) node, common AV bundle or bundle of His, right and left bundle branches, and Purkinje fibers.
- Sympathetic nerves stimulate the heart to beat faster (chronotropic effect) and with greater force of contraction (inotropic effect). Parasympathetic nerves slow the heart rate (chronotropic effect) primarily through their influence on the SA node.
- The Valsalva maneuver produces increased intrathoracic pressure, increased central venous pressure, and decreased venous return and should be avoided, especially by patients with heart, blood vessel or lung disease.
- 12. Pulmonary edema can be fatal if not treated. Seek immediate emergency medical assistance if the signs or symptoms of acute pulmonary edema develop including extreme shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, a feeling of suffocating or drowning, wheezing or gasping for breath, anxiety, restlessness or a sense of apprehension or a cough that produces frothy sputum tinged with blood.
- Arterial blood gases evaluate acid-base status (pH), ventilation (PaCO₂), and oxygenation (PaO₂). Mean arterial blood gas values in adults at sea level are: pH = 7.4; PaCO₂ = 40 mm Hg; PaO₂ = 97 mm Hg; HCO₃ = 24 mEq/L.
- A complete blood count (CBC) measures red blood cell count, total white blood cell count, white blood cell differential, platelets, hemoglobin, and hematocrit.

Chapter Essentials allow students to reinforce their mastery of critical academic content.







CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

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- Flexibility, strengthening, and endurance exercises
- Functional, gait, and balance training, including the proper use of assistive devices
- Education on activity modification, exercise, body weight management, and methods of unloading arthritic joints



- Manual therapy, including joint and soft tissue mobilizations
- Aquatic exercise
- Cryotherapy/thermotherapy



TENS or other forms of electrical stimulation

A clinical practice guideline (CPG) is a statement that aims to provide a framework for the optimal care of a patient. The guideline generally consists of a list of recommendations regarding the diagnosis, prognosis, interventions, and assessment of outcome for a specific medical condition.

Abdominal Pain Quadrant and Potential Etiologies 17,20							
Left upper quadrant	Right upper quadrant	Left lower quadrant	Right lower quadrant Kidney stone Ureteral stone Meckel diverticulum				
Gastric ulcer	Hepatomegaly	Perforated colon					
Perforated colon	Duodenal ulcer	lleitis					
Pneumonia	Cholecystitis	Sigmoid diverticulitis					
Spleen injury	Pneumonia	Kidney stone	Appendicitis				
Spleen rupture	Hepatitis	Ureteral stone	Cholecystitis				
Aortic aneurysm	Biliary stones	Intestinal obstruction	Intestinal obstruction				

Gastrointestinal System Terminology

separate anatomic structures.

Anastomosis: Joining of two ducts, blood vessels or bowel segments to allow flow from one to the other. An anastomosis may be naturally occurring or may be created during embryonic development, surgery or by pathologic means.

Ascites: Fluid in the peritoneal cavity, usually causing abdominal

Barlum: A substance that, when swallowed or given rectally as an enema, makes the upper gastrointestinal tract visible on x-ray

Blopsy: Removal of a sample of tissue taken from the body for study, usually under a microscope

Colectomy: The surgical removal of part or all of the colon. Colonoscopy: Visual inspection of the interior of the colon with a flexible, lighted instrument inserted through the rectum.

Colostomy: The surgical creation of an opening from the colon through the abdominal wall.

Constipation: Infrequent or difficult passage of stool, secondary to an increase in the hardness of the stool.

Diarrhea: Abnormal frequency or volume of stool that often appears as a symptom of certain gastrointestinal pathologies

Informative academic information assists students to review and relearn critical NPTE-PT content.









CLINICAL PREDICTION RULE

The Ottawa Knee Rules is an instrument used for patients with an acute blunt trauma to the knee in which a fracture may be suspected. If the patient meets the criteria within the instrument, they should be referred for radiographs to rule out a fracture.

Predictive Factors

- Age is > 54 years old
- Tenderness at the fibular head
- Isolated tenderness of the patella without other bone tenderness
- Inability to flex the knee 90 degrees
- Inability to bear weight for four steps (both immediately and in the emergency department)

If the patient meets any of the five criteria within the instrument, they should be referred for radiographs.

A clinical prediction rule (CPR) is a research-based tool that is intended to assist therapists in making clinical decisions. CPRs can be useful to therapists in their decision making process to help enhance patient outcomes.

GOLD

Cerebral Palsy

DIAGNOSIS

What condition produces a patient's symptoms?

Cerebral palsy (CP) is an umbrella term used to describe a group of non-progressive movement disorders that result from brain damage. CP is the most common cause of permanent disability in children.

An injury was most likely sustained to which structure?

There is a wide variety of neurological damage that can occur with injury. Autopsy reports have indicated lesions that include hemorrhage below the lining of the ventricles, damage to the central nervous system that caused neuropathy and anoxia, and hypoxia that caused encephalopathy. Hypoxic and ischemic injuries disrupt normal metabolism that results in global damage to the developing fetus. CP is classified by neurological dysfunction and extremity involvement. Spastic CP involves upper motor neuron damage; athetoid CP involves damage to the basal ganglia.

What additional information should be obtained to confirm the diagnosis?

Diagnosis of CP is regularly confirmed through an extensive neurological evaluation, patient observation, and patient history including developmental progress, and the presence of pathological reflexes. Differential diagnosis is performed to rule out other potential disorders.

EXAMINATION

What history should be documented?

Important areas to explore include past medical history, risk factors, maternal course of pregnancy, medications, family history, current characteristics, social history, and social support system.

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A physical therapist treats an infant diagnosed with torticollis with marked lateral flexion of the neck to the right. As part of the infant's plan of care the therapist performs passive stretching activities to improve the patient's range of motion. The MOST appropriate stretch for the patient is:

- 1. lateral flexion to the right and rotation to the right
- 2. lateral flexion to the left and rotation to the left
- 3. lateral flexion to the right and rotation to the left
- 4. lateral flexion to the left and rotation to the right

Question

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Torticollis is characterized by lateral flexion of the head toward the affected side and rotation toward the unaffected side. The condition is caused by a contracture of the sternocleidomastoid muscle.

- Stretching in lateral flexion to the right would be inappropriate since the question indicates that the patient presents with marked lateral flexion of the neck to the right. The direction of the stretch for the rotation component is accurate.
- 2. Stretching in lateral flexion to the left would be beneficial, however, patients with torticollis present with rotation to the opposite side. As a result, the rotation component should be stretched to the right and not the left.
- 3. This option more accurately characterizes the clinical presentation of the patient than it does the necessary stretch. The question indicates that the patient presents with marked lateral flexion of the neck to the right and therefore it would not make sense to stretch to the right. The direction of stretch for the rotation component is also inaccurate.
- 4. Stretching the patient in lateral flexion to the left and rotation to the right is the correct answer since it is opposite of the patient's current contracture (i.e., marked lateral flexion of the neck to the right and rotation to the left).

Correct Answer: 4 (Palisano p. 184)



Correct Answer and Resource

This section provides the correct answer and the author name and page number that substantiates the correct answer. A bibliography provides complete information on each resource including the edition used.

Video Explanation

Video explanations provide candidates with the opportunity to watch videos that compare and contrast good, better, and best options for select examination questions.

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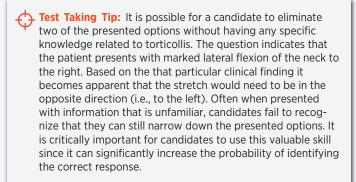
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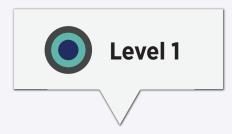


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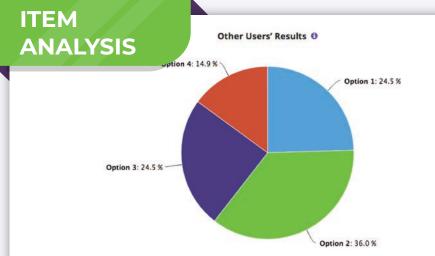
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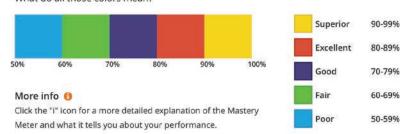


The **item analysis** feature allows candidates to identify the percentage of candidates answering the question correctly and the specific percentages of candidates selecting each of the four options. Candidates can utilize this information to critically evaluate their approach to answering questions and improve future decision making.

MASTERY METER

Mastery Meter

What do all those colors mean?



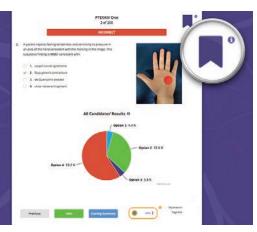
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SYSTEM AND CONTENT OUTLINE ANALYSES

	Number Correct	Total Questions	% Correct	Mastery Meter		
Musculoskeletal System	23	39	60%	Fair	0	Details
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Other Systems	20	22	90%	Superior	0	Details
Non-Systems	22	31	70%	Good	0	Details

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