



Determining When & How to Introduce Feedback for Timing

Successfully transitioning your patient from Phase I (Learn the Reference Tone) to Phase Two (Learn the Guide Sounds) to facilitate neural timing & synchronization

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to advance your clinical knowledge & implementation of the Interactive Metronome (IM) within the healthcare setting. This course will focus in more depth on feedback for timing & rhythm. When is it appropriate to introduce feedback for timing? What manner of feedback is best suited to your patient? How do you determine whether auditory, visual, or combined auditory-visual feedback will be most effective? In addition to high number of repetitions over the course of IM training, feedback for timing is crucial for improving neural timing, synchronization and functional outcomes. Individualizing your approach for patient-specific needs will be discussed. *This course is not offered for contact hours/CEUs.*

Target Audience:

This course welcomes the following professionals who have completed the Interactive Metronome Certification Course.

- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Speech and Language Pathology Assistant
- Audiologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Athletic Trainer
- Licensed Medical, Rehabilitation or Mental Health Professional
- Music Therapist

Instructional Level:

Intermediate

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Assess patient readiness for IM feedback (to improve neural timing & synchronization);
- Select the most appropriate manner and intensity of feedback, taking into consideration individual differences in cognitive & motor abilities;
- Appropriately adjust Difficulty, SRO, and Burst Threshold to facilitate improved neural timing & synchronization while making the training experience a positive & rewarding one for the patient.

**Note: This course covers information that pertains to licensed therapists and therapy assistants. OTA and PTA professionals must practice IM under the supervision of a licensed OT or PT.*

Specific Learning Outcomes for Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists:

- Assess patient readiness for IM feedback (to improve neural timing & synchronization for cognitive & communicative abilities);
- Select the most appropriate manner and intensity of feedback, taking into consideration individual differences in cognitive & motor abilities;
- Appropriately adjust Difficulty, SRO, and Burst Threshold to facilitate improved neural timing & synchronization while making the training experience a positive & rewarding one for the patient.

**Note: This course covers information that pertains to licensed therapists and therapy assistants. SLPA professionals must practice IM under the supervision of a licensed SLP.*

Instructor:

Dara Coburn, MS, CCC-SLP received her undergraduate and masters degree from the University of Central Arkansas and holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Dara served as the National Program Champion for Interactive Metronome within the HealthSouth Corporation. She currently serves as Interactive Metronome's Clinical Support contact person for Life Care Centers of America. Dara has been teaching IM Certification Courses since 2007 and has contributed to the development of the Adult Best Practice Certification Course and Fall Prevention Protocol. With expertise and experience in the field of neurological disorders, Dara has been able to accept this new treatment tool and successfully integrate it into her practice by modifying it to individually meet her patient's needs

Disclosures:

Instructor Financial Disclosure(s): Dara is an active member of Interactive Metronome's Clinical Advisory Board, for which she receives an annual honorarium from Interactive Metronome, Inc. She is the author/co-author of educational offerings on the clinical application of Interactive Metronome technology, for which she has received honoraria from Interactive Metronome, Inc. She does not receive royalties or any other form of compensation for the continued publication and use of educational materials she has authored/coauthored. Dara is also an instructor for Interactive Metronome, for which she receives a fee for teaching each course and reimbursement of travel expenses from Interactive Metronome, Inc. Dara provides clinical consultation to IM providers and receives a consulting fee from Interactive Metronome for these extended educational services from Interactive Metronome, Inc. She currently serves as Interactive Metronome's Clinical Support contact person for Life Care Centers of America and is compensated for this by Interactive Metronome, Inc. Dara does not sell or receive compensation for the sale of Interactive Metronome products.

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Agenda (60 minutes):

- Speaker introduction & disclosure
- Patient readiness for feedback
- Auditory feedback
- Visual feedback
- Intensity of feedback & IM settings to facilitate progress
- Facilitating appropriate motor planning and sequencing for optimal outcomes
- Q & A
- Online post-test & course evaluation

Instructional Methods:

LECTURE, PPT

Contact Hours/CEUs:

This course is not offered for contact hours/CEUs.