Rehabilitation Concepts in Muscle, Joint, Brain and Nerve Physiology
Mini-Elective
Spring 2016

**Course Dates:** January 11, February 1, 8, 22
Mondays, 1:00-5:00 PM

**Maximum Students:** 8

**Class Year:** MS1

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**Description:**
This four-session mini-elective introduces students to rehabilitation concepts in the physiology of muscle, joints, brain and nerves. Sessions are held at various locations for hands-on experience and observation. The goal of this program is to explore the relationship among anatomy, physiology, and human motion. This course highlights ways rehabilitative efforts and technology can be used to diagnose and treat disorders of the neuromuscular system. Through both didactic and hands-on exposure at these sites, this series covers topics including:

- The use of musculoskeletal ultrasound to identify normal and pathological structures of joints
- The pathophysiology and treatment of traumatic brain injury and concussion.
- Anatomy of joints and techniques used to guide injections
- The use of Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography as a way to diagnose neuromuscular diseases.

**Objectives:**
- To understand the physiology of traumatic brain injury
- To understand the anatomy of the major joints
- To become familiar with Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography and understand their role as an extension of the physical examination.
- To review nerve and muscle physiology, including muscle recruitment as demonstrated by EMG.

**Requirements:**
- Active participation in all 4 course sessions.
Course Outline
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Course Director:
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Faculty:
Dr. Gary Galang
Dr. Amanda Harrington
Dr. Kentaro Onishi
Dr. Suehun Ho
Dr. Jennifer Shen

Location:
Various locations outlined below.

Special Instructions:

Professional dress is requested for the spasticity and TBI groups. Please wear scrubs for the other two sessions.

Week One: January 11, 2016
Spinal Cord Injury, Spasticity, Baclofen Pumps, and Botox Injections
Location: Meet in Mercy Inpatient Spinal Cord Injury Unit Resource Room 7015
Instructor: Dr. Amanda Harrington

Week Two: February 1, 2016
Musculoskeletal Ultrasound
Location: Kaufman Building Conference Room 201
Instructors: Drs. Kentaro Onishi and Suehun Ho

Week Three: February 8, 2016
Traumatic Brain Injury
Location: Meet at inpatient Brain Injury Rehab Unit, Mercy Hospital, 6th Floor, Resource Room 628
Instructor: Dr. Gary Galang

Week Four: February 22, 2016
Electromyography and Nerve Conduction
Location: Meet at inpatient Brain Injury Rehab Unit, Mercy Hospital, 6th Floor, Resource Room 628
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Shen