

Online course

Physical Treatment of Thoracic Disorders

3 presentations, video of practical elements, handouts, practice points to consolidate learning, multi choice quiz, & downloads of additional reading

Introduction

This Online course presents a comprehensive approach to the evaluation and management of thoracic spine & rib cage musculoskeletal pain disorders suitable for physical treatment and forms module 4 of the Certificate in Spinal Manual Therapy. Of special interest will be evidence based clinical practice, emphasizing clinical examination, evaluation through clinical reasoning, differential diagnosis, & management. This course explores the available evidence regarding the use of manual therapy and exercise and examination process to presents a comprehensive enable individualized management combining MT & exercise. Consideration is also given to serious pathology and the identification of barriers to recovery. This Online course will be presented through 3 recorded lectures, with embedded video of practical elements. Practice Points after each section have been designed to encourage implementation and deeper learning of the topics raised in the lecture. Each section is complemented by additional reading available for download. A multiple choice quiz completes the module. The course is designed for the clinician who is interested in an evidence based approach to the use of manual therapy and exercise to manage disorders of the thoracic spine & rib cage. It is anticipated that the course content will be suitable to individuals who are seeking to expand their knowledge in this area. Whilst the course will be presented at a high level this should not be seen as a barrier to participation for those with little or with no previous experience in this area. As a result of attending the course participants will gain greater understanding of the role of manual therapy & exercise in managing thoracic spine & rib cage disorders.



Course objectives

At the completion of this fully Online 6 hour program the participants will:

- Be conversant in clinically relevant anatomy, and pathoanatomy of the thoracic spine/ribcage
- Have understanding of relevant pain mechanisms, and their clinical relevance, and gain appropriate understanding of measures to address a variety of acute, chronic, and complex thoracic pain disorders.
- Be conversant with current evidence and clinical reasoning processes with respect to thoracic spine & rib cage manual therapy.
- Be familiar with a wide range of thoracic spine & rib cage examination procedures.
- Be familiar with determining a differential diagnosis based on an integrated clinically reasoned examination of the thoracic spine & rib cage.
- Be able to formulate an appropriate and effective manual therapy & exercise management program suitable for the assessed condition.
- Be proficient in applying an appropriate diagnostic specific manual therapy treatment strategy incorporating manual treatment techniques and exercise.

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Kim has developed a reputation as a leading figure in manual therapy education. He was formerly a lecturer and clinical teacher on the Postgraduate Diploma and Masters in manipulative therapy programmes at Curtin University for many years before establishing Manual Concepts with Toby Hall. He has conducted a variety of clinical workshops and courses based on current research and evidence, throughout Australia and in many countries around the world.

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Please follow the link for a list of his publications and conference presentations.

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Course Overview

This manual therapy programme is aimed at merging the examination of the joint, muscle and neural system into an integrated examination procedure of the thoracic spine and rib cage. We place strong emphasis on teaching clinicians the ability to perform an accurate and specific manual therapy examination of the thoracic spine, which is based on current evidence.

The examination process developed by Manual Concepts draws on the work of many different concepts in manual therapy. We believe that an eclectic approach, drawing on different concepts of examination and treatment, provides an effective approach to the management of a wide range of thoracic spine & rib cage pain disorders.

Joint System

As part of the assessment of the joint system we aim to teach a range of articular testing procedures to include pain provocative tests for specific structures as well as tests to determine specific motion segment dysfunction. A significant aspect of the assessment procedure is the use of combined movements. Equally important is the use of specific passive segmental motion testing and provocative tests for pain reproduction.

Neural System

While neural dysfunction is common in musculoskeletal pain disorders, and examination of the neural system forms an essential element of the physical examination of a patient with neck and lumbar related limb pain, these disorders are much less common in the thoracic region, hence they will only be briefly discussed. For more information in this aspect the reader is directed to Module 1 and 3.

Muscle System

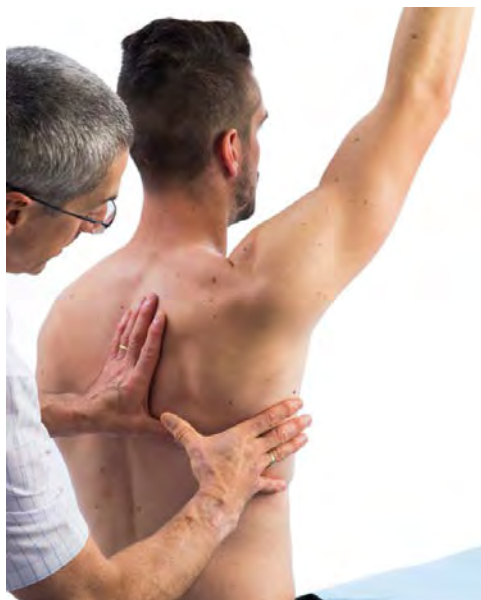
An emphasis of this programme is a systematic, graded, functional approach to the management of thoracic muscle dysfunction and motor control. There is very limited evidence with regard to the best form of exercise for thoracic region musculoskeletal pain. A range of exercises will be presented.

Management

A core principle of the programme is the ongoing analysis of the examination findings from the subjective and physical examination procedures to ascertain an appropriate manual therapy diagnosis, and management. This programme does not provide the participants with a recipe approach to treatment. Clinicians will be able to develop though sound methodology, appropriate treatment strategies.

Participants

There is no pre-requisite in terms of manual therapy experience. The programme offers a high level of information and clinical expertise, providing all participants, regardless of previous experience and knowledge a stimulating learning environment. Previous participants have highly recommended Manual Concepts courses. They have reported excellent feedback in terms of material content. In these Covid times we are not able to provide face to face courses, hence the best option is Online courses until the situation improves.

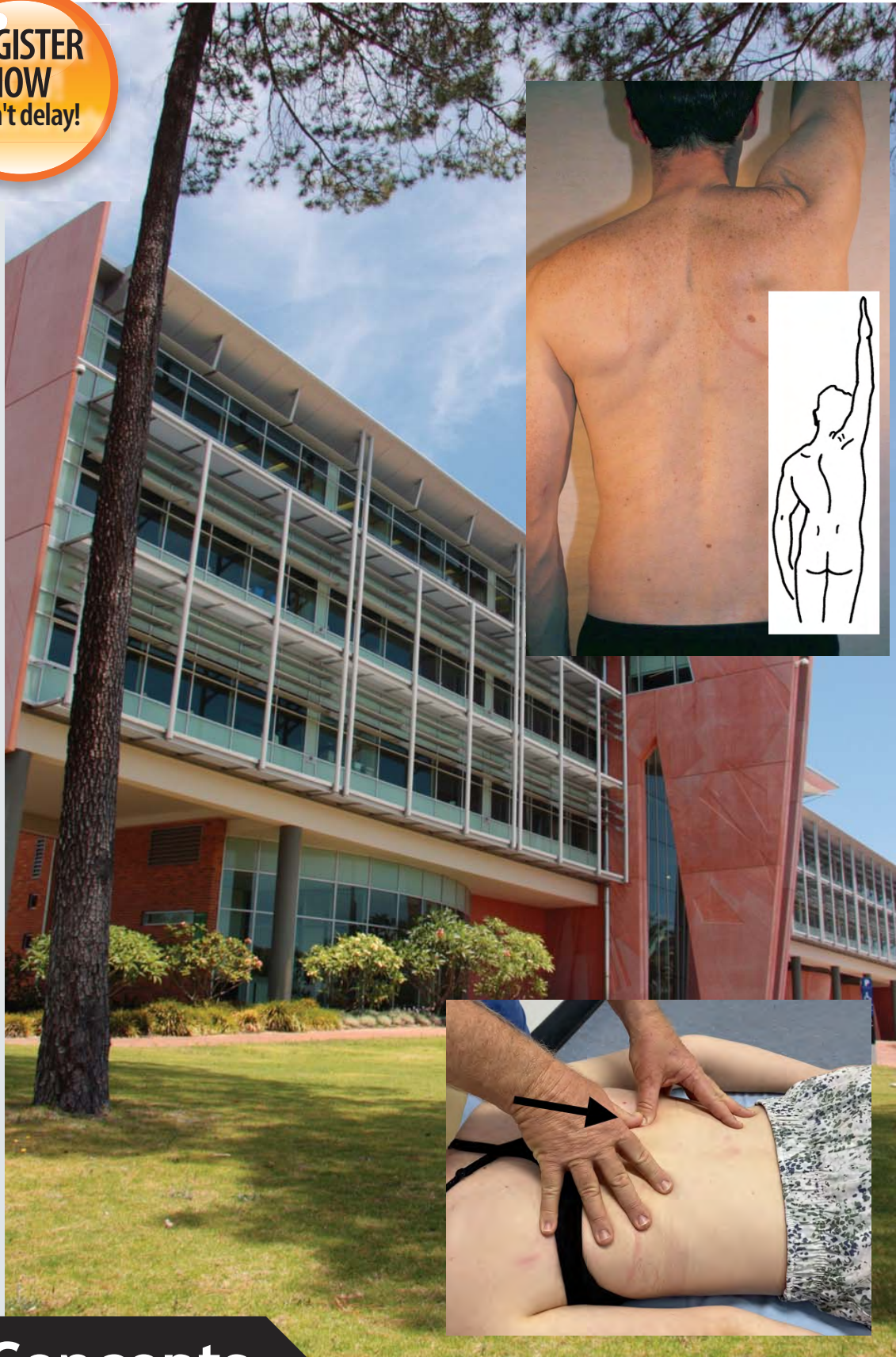


Course information

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Content

Combined video content of 282 minutes.

Each section comprises a high quality video of a presentation to watch online, at your own pace, each with an accompanying comprehensive handout.

Each section is followed by a "Practice Point" to facilitate practice/learning of presented material. The course is completed by a multiple choice quiz at the end of the final section. Extensive additional readings are provided for download after each section.

Background

1.1 Introduction - 77 min

An introduction to the concept of physical treatment of thoracic disorders and ways to optimize outcome.

Examination & management

1.2 Evaluation - 89 min

Evaluation of the thoracic spine articular & neural systems including dynamic control, combined movements, & segmental mobility and pain provocation tests. Examination of the rib cage is also included=

1.5 Management - 116 min

Management of thoracic spine & rib cage movement impairment using manual therapy & exercise

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