

7-4-12 Elist Discussion on Therapeutic Assessments

On July 4th, Sue writes:

For everyone interested in assessment in therapeutic aquatics -- the [2804 - Therapeutic Aquatic Assessment Specialty Certificate Program](#) is now available through ATRI On-Line Ed. This is a 15 hour course including classroom and water implementation of the Water Orientation Test, Alyn (WOTA 1 and 2), as well as a variety of other assessments useful for in-water assessment during therapeutic aquatics.

If you attended the 1 hour session on assessment in Sanibel and want to investigate further, or if you need information on how to bridge the land/water assessment barrier, this course is for you. Learn how to design your own in-water assessments directly related to land-based goals. Work with rubrics. Become familiar with other standardized water assessments. Discover how anyone can assess progress without leaving the pool.

For more information, go to ATRI.org and click On-Line Education.

On July 9th, Johan writes:

It is good to see that outcome measures in aquatic therapy get more important. Actually I am in the middle of such a course: www.aquaoutcome.net in Spain.

We're developing core sets for 4 diseases: COPD, chronic non-specific LBP (lower back pain), knee OA (Osteoarthritis) and/or replacement and Pediatrics CP.

Our students are composing these sets based on robust psychometric properties as reported in literature and are matching this to what has already been used in aquatic therapy research. Then they'll include other (clinometric) properties like practicality and costs in order to advise measures both for clinical practice and research.

Obviously we're looking at water-based measurement and land-based instruments as well. We hope to be able to publish results in due time.