

Wednesday 6th March 2019
Practice Update - Holistic Classification in Cerebral Palsy

| Time | Topic | Presenter |
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| 12.30 | Introduction | M Wynter |
| 12.45 | GMFCS update: When a picture paints a thousand words | P Thomason |
| 1.15 | MACS update: Clinical utility and stability | L Sakzewski |
| 1.45 | The Functional Communication Classification System (FCCS): Development and applications | K Caynes D Burmester |
| 2.45 | Break | |
| 3.15 | Correlation between the Eating and Drinking Ability Classification System (EDACS) and standardised assessment of oropharyngeal dysphagia in children with cerebral palsy | Dr K Weir |
| 3.45 | Screening for feeding difficulties and undernutrition in cerebral palsy | Dr K Bell |
| 4.15 | Panel discussion & Close at 4.45pm | |

Speakers

Ms Pam Thomason is Senior Physiotherapist and Manager of the Hugh Williamson Gait Analysis Laboratory at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Pam has worked for many years as both a clinician and researcher and has a special interest in the outcomes of children with cerebral palsy post interventions such as multilevel orthopaedic surgery and dorsal root rhizotomy.

Dr Sakzewski is a senior research fellow with the internationally recognised Queensland Cerebral Palsy and Rehabilitation Research Centre at the University of Queensland. Dr Sakzewski is leading nationally funded (NHMRC) multi-centre clinical trials testing the efficacy of intensive models of motor training, social skills programs and participation-focused therapy to enhance the functioning and quality of life of children with cerebral palsy. She has received >Aus\$10M in funding with 55+ publications. Dr Sakzewski graduated as an occupational therapist (BoccThy 1988) from The University of Queensland and completed her PhD at the University of Queensland in 2010. She has held continuous fellowships since completion of her PhD including training in implementation science through a NHMRC Translating Research into Practice Fellowship.

Katy Caynes is a speech pathologist with over 30 years clinical experience working with people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. Katy has held a variety of clinical, teaching, supervisory and senior management roles during her career previously at CPL a QLD organisation that supports children and adults with disability. Katy has expertise in movement analysis and support for communication and mealtime participation for individuals with neuro-motor impairment. Katy is in private practice and undertaking a PhD in functional communication and classification in cerebral palsy.

Debbie Burmester is the senior Speech Pathologist at CPL with over 17 years of clinical experience working with individuals with disability across the life span. Debbie has expertise in augmentative and alternative communication, inter-professional practice within a family and client centred framework and support of an individual's movement and participation for communication and mealtimes.

Dr Kelly Weir is a Conjoint Principal Research Fellow (Allied Health) at Griffith University & Gold Coast Health, Queensland Australia. She is a certified practicing speech pathologist with over 29 years clinical experience, predominantly in tertiary state-wide paediatric hospitals in Queensland, Australia. Kelly researches in the area of paediatric dysphagia (assessment and treatment); management of medically fragile infants and children in intensive care and acute care settings; and feeding disorders in children with cerebral palsy and other disability. She lectures in paediatric dysphagia at Griffith University, is an international speaker and has over 56 peer reviewed journal publications. Current research projects include evaluating a screening tool for undernutrition and feeding difficulty in children with CP; investigating instrumental evaluations of paediatric dysphagia; oral feeding and aspiration risk for infants receiving nasal high flow oxygen; health services for infants and children with requiring palliative and end of life care; and investigation of teats to support feeding for preterm infants.

Dr Kristie Bell (PhD) is an Accredited Practicing Dietitian with over 18 years' experience working with children with physical disabilities. Currently the Dietitian Consultant at the Queensland Children's Hospital, Kristie also holds a Senior Research Fellow position with the Centre for Child Health Research at the University of Queensland. In 2005, she completed her PhD on the nutritional requirements of children with cerebral palsy. With more than 41 full peer reviewed publications, Dr Bell has internationally recognised expertise in the area of nutrition for children with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities and in the nutritional assessment of hospitalised infants and children.