WHAT TO EXPECT

With a dynamic learning structure, first-class faculty, and a distinct platform for networking with colleagues, the NDTA 2020 Annual Conference is unlike any other industry event.

The only conference dedicated to the NDT practitioner.

Renowned Keynote Speaker:
Mary Massery, PT, DPT, DSc

A variety of expert presentations from NDT Instructors and several other disciplines.

Enticing food and beverage events, including reception and Awards Ceremony.

Relationship building opportunities that range from one-on-one interactions with experts and peers to Q&A periods and shared experiences.

Exhibitor Showcase with vendors displaying the latest products and services.

Podium and Poster Presentations featuring the latest evidence in the field.

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CONFERENCE HOTEL

WESTIN CHICAGO LOMBARD
70 Yorktown Center / Lombard, IL 60148 / www.westinlombard.com

Situated in the heart of Lombard, Illinois and just minutes from downtown Chicago, the Westin Chicago Lombard at Yorktown Center combines refreshing accommodations with the convenience of an urban setting. At the cornerstone of the revitalized Yorktown Center for shopping and entertainment, the hotel is sure to exhilarate you from the moment you arrive. The property offers 500 guest rooms and suites featuring rejuvenating Heavenly Beds®, flat screen televisions, and high speed internet access. Dining options include Holy Mackerel! for breakfast and dinner, Harry Caray’s Restaurant for lunch and dinner, and to-go items from Starbucks. Travel around the local area with the hotel’s complimentary morning and evening shuttle service.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

NDTA has secured a discounted rate of $134 + tax Single/Double rooms at the host hotel. The reservations deadline is March 3, 2020, 5:00pm (CT). It is recommended that room reservations are made as soon as possible, as these rates may not be available once the room block is filled. Rates and room availability cannot be guaranteed after March 3, 2020.

Room reservations in the NDTA room block help enhance the overall conference experience and afford the discounted room rates. They also enable NDTA to fulfill the contract with the hotel and help avoid the cost of unsold rooms. These savings are taken into consideration when determining conference registration fees. We ask for your support in booking the Westin Chicago Lombard to ensure our room block is filled.

BOOK YOUR CONFERENCE HOTEL BY USING ONLY THE APPROPRIATE HOUSING LINK.

Don’t be misled by others that claim to be our conference housing provider. NDTA does not solicit attendees for housing reservations. Make your hotel reservations:

Phone ............... 888-627-8359
Online ............... Click here to go to secure room block
The conference hotel is located in Lombard, Illinois with attractions within close proximity. If you have extra time, the downtown Chicago area is about 45 minutes away.

**NEARBY THINGS TO DO**

Yorktown Center / Morton Arboretum / Brookfield Zoo

**YORKTOWN CENTER**

If shopping is your pleasure, visit the Yorktown Center located within 10 minutes of the hotel. The 1.5 million square foot shopping center features over 150 specialty stores and 20 restaurants and is anchored by Von Maur and JCPenney. In addition, Target, Home Goods, and an AMC Theater are located on-site.

**AIRPORTS / TRANSPORTATION**

Chicago O’Hare Airport is 25 minutes from the hotel and Midway Airport is 45 minutes away. Shuttles, taxis, and car services are available at both airports.

For more things to do in Lombard and Chicago, go to www.visitchicago.com
## SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

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## OVERVIEW
The Schedule-At-A-Glance provides a daily overview of the NDTA Conference. For a complete list, receptions, meetings, social events, and activities, see pages 6-14. **REGISTER EARLY** to guarantee a seat in your preferred sessions.

NDTA reserves the right to adjust the schedule if needed.

## PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
NDTA Staff will be glad to assist you with special needs (i.e. wheelchair accessibility). Please email info@ndta.org to indicate your request.

## SPECIAL THANKS!
Thank you to the NDTA 2020 Annual Conference Committee. We appreciate all of the time, advice, and effort that you have contributed to planning the conference schedule and events.

**CHAIR:** Kim Westhoff **MEMBERS:** Bonnie Boenig, Pamela Eliske-Leonetti, Kris Gellert, Dora Gosselin, Jackie Grimmstein, McHaley Gilbert, Judith Rhodes, Oacy Veronesi, Kate Wealton.
FEATHERED SPEAKER

NDTA Annual Conferences feature world-class speakers who are recognized across the globe for their leadership, vision, and success.

MARY MASSERY, PT, DPT, DSc

PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM / THURSDAY, MARCH 26 / 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM

6.0 CONTACT HOURS

BREATHING ALWAYS WINS!

KEYNOTE SESSION / FRIDAY, MARCH 27 / 8:00 AM – 12:15 PM

LINKED BY PRESSURE: BREATHING AND POSTURE

Mary Massery, PT, DPT, DSc, received her B.S. in PT from Northwestern University in 1977, her DPT from the University of the Pacific in 2004, and her DSc from Rocky Mountain University in 2011. Her publications and interests focus on linking motor behaviors to breathing and/or postural mechanics in both pediatric and adult patient populations. Dr. Massery has been invited to give over 900 professional presentations in all 50 US states and in 18 countries worldwide, including more than 100 presentations for the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Mary has received national APTA awards, including its highest clinical award, The Florence Kendall Practice Award for “outstanding and enduring contributions to the practice of physical therapy.” She has also been honored as Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by each of her three universities and received Northwestern University’s Alumnae Research Achievement Award. Mary continues to maintain a private practice in Chicago specializing in breathing and postural dysfunction.

Register today at NDTA.org/conference
THURSDAY, MARCH 26 / PRE-CONFERENCE / 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM

**T1 BREATHING ALWAYS WINS!**  
Mary Massery, PT, DPT, DSc / Glenview, IL

Breathing mechanics and postural control are linked! Using Dr. Mary Massery’s novel research and the “Soda Pop Can” postural control model, the instructor will push this connection further, demonstrating the link between glottal control, breathing and upright postural stability. A practicum lab identifying effective/ineffective breathing patterns with postural control will follow. Integrating effective breathing strategies from bed mobility to athletics complete the session.

**LEARNER OUTCOMES:**
- Describe how trunk pressures link breathing and postural control using the Soda Pop Can Model.
- State how the vocal folds, diaphragm, and the pelvic floor are related to trunk control, upper and lower-extremity function as well as to their obvious roles in talking, breathing, and continence.
- Demonstrate ability to visually assess breathing patterns in upright and recumbent postures and differentiate between effective/ineffective motor plans.
- Use a ventilatory strategy algorithm presented in class to optimally match breathing with movements from bed mobility to athletic endeavors.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 / GENERAL SESSION / 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**T2 BREATHING: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**  
Marybeth Trapani-Hanasewych, MS, CCC-SLP, C/NDT / Pittsburgh, PA  
Monica Wojcik, MA, CCC-SLP, BRS-S, C/NDT / Plantation, FL

This introductory course for physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech-language pathologists will focus on the evolution and role of the respiratory system in NDT. The alignment, with a solid base of support, is the foundation for the functional activities of all the three (3) disciplines working with infants, children and adults with neuromuscular system challenges. This short presentation will provide examples of respiratory treatment across the lifespan which ultimately will impact on the functional activities for all the disciplines. The future is yet to come as we continue to learn more.

**LEARNER OUTCOMES:**
- Discuss the evolution of respiratory treatment in NDT.
- Describe the role of the respiratory system in relation to functional activities for all disciplines across the life span.

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Mary Massery, PT, DPT, DSc / Glenview, IL

The diaphragm and vocal folds work together as essential modulators of trunk pressures; finely tuning upright postural control. They are the new “it” muscles! The speaker will explain the link between the glottis, the diaphragm and upright activities from swallowing, talking, reaching, standing, and up to walking. She will present current research and extrapolations compelling therapists to use voicing and breathing strategies in all their patient therapy plans.

LEARNER OUTCOMES:
- Describe how trunk pressures link breathing and postural control using the Soda Pop Can Model.
- Describe the five simultaneous roles of the diaphragm as related to breathing, postural control, gastroesophageal reflux, constipation, and venous return.
- Describe the necessity of the vocal folds in eccentric trunk control in upright tasks and make the case for using speaking valves for patients with tracheostomies.

FS12 A MOVING TARGET...NDT/EBP ?... COULD VICON MOTION CAPTURE HELP? / Columbia, CT

The focus of this session, to be held over two lunchtimes, will be our use of Vicon Motion Capture as a secondary outcome pre & post measure together with Goal Attainment Scaling. Could Vicon be utilised towards potential quantitative validation of family requested, participation level, functional change following contemporary NDTA intervention?

LEARNER OUTCOMES:
- Understand why we chose Vicon Motion Capture as a secondary outcome measure and its advantages and limitations.
- Explore with us our Protocol for choosing the children for Vicon, and then applying and removing Vicon markers.
- Follow throughout at intervals during the presentation, how Vicon was able to measure a teenager’s improved cycling performance, towards her targeted summer Triathlon event.
- Integrate how Vicon Motion analysis can be paired with a Goal Attainment Scaling filming Protocol.
- Investigate and experience with us the data analysis phase.
- View the preliminary results compared with the families’ participation daily task requests.
- Consider other related potential NDTA Contemporary Practice Model™ quantitative outcome measures such as ‘Datavu’.
- Learn about the NDTA Research Committee’s role in supporting clinical research initiatives related to the NDTA Contemporary Practice Model™.
**F2  HUMAN ASYMMETRY’S AFFECTS ON BREATHING, POSTURE, AND MOVEMENT PATTERNS**

Lisa Mangino, PT, DPT, PCS, C/NDT, PRC / Chapel Hill, NC

This introductory session is designed to assist physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech & language pathologists, and other members of the pediatric interdisciplinary team in their understanding of the influence of inherent human asymmetry on breathing, posture and movement patterns. Participants will have a better understanding of the value of training symmetrical respiration as well as the alternating reciprocal movement patterns that support optimal respiration. Common compensatory movement patterns seen in children and adults at different functional levels, with and without medical diagnoses, will be identified. These include the overuse of asymmetrical respiratory patterns, system extension and right-sided lateralization. Specific respiratory assessment tools will be presented. Specific treatment recommendations for immediate clinical application will address the identified respiratory and movement pattern impairments, along with play activities for enhanced patient compliance and interest.

**LEARNER OUTCOMES:**

- Outline the influence of asymmetrical organ placement and diaphragm function, rib cage movement and air flow on posture.
- Describe common pediatric compensations like the overuse of system-wide extension, hyperinflation and right-sided lateralization.
- Identify how to assess and enhance the child’s autonomic perception of respiration, proprioception, and grounding by strengthening awareness of postural reference centers.

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**F3  ABOVE AND BEYOND THE BASICS OF RESPIRATORY FUNCTION**

J. Lyndelle Owens, MCD, CCC-SLP / Dallas, TX
Marybeth Trapani-Hanasewych, MS, CCC-SLP / Pittsburgh, PA

This session is designed for the intermediate level Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists who work with teenagers through adults. Functional patient problems with respiration are often shared across disciplines. During this short course, participants will learn the integration of shared handling skills for respiration leading to achievement of very accurate and discipline specific functional goals. The Speech Language Pathologist with limited handling experience will become comfortable with basic handling strategies directly applicable to improved respiratory fill. The Occupational and Physical Therapist with more experience in hands-on treatment of patients will learn the application of handling of the head, neck and trunk related to respiratory functions.

**LEARNER OUTCOMES:**

- Describe the unique anatomy and physiology of the rib cage and its relationship to the pelvis, shoulder girdle head and neck in functional activities of respiration.
- Demonstrate two treatment strategies to increase respiratory fill and exhalation gradation utilizing rib mobility activities for all disciplines.
- Demonstrate two treatment strategies of the head and neck related to alignment and postural control in activities for all disciplines.
This intermediate-level course for speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists will focus on the importance of changes in thoracic cage alignment, mobility, stability, and musculature activity and their influences on oral and pharyngeal function and respiratory coordination with functional activities in infants and children with neuromuscular system challenges. The thoracic cage, composed of the rib cage, shoulder girdle complex, and upper extremities, modifies in its alignment and musculature activity connecting the head and neck with the pelvis/hips/lower extremities while providing a foundation of stability for oral and pharyngeal function for feeding, swallowing, and sound production as well as the respiratory coordination and control essential for safe swallowing and for ease of initiation and sustained duration of phonation. Comprehensive pediatric evaluation and treatment services must include the thorough analysis of and the incorporation of strategies focusing on thoracic cage alignment and musculature activity as a means for achieving functional outcomes which lead to isolated oral and pharyngeal movements and the respiration depth and sustained control to support the integration of these movements into function.

LEARNER OUTCOMES:

- Discuss changes in the alignment, mobility, and stability of the thoracic cage which will significantly impact on oral and pharyngeal alignment and musculature activity.
- Describe impairments of the thoracic cage and its musculature that limit movement of the diaphragm, restricting the depth of inhalation and its coordination with sustained exhalation.
- Formulate strategies directed toward increasing active thoracic cage stability as a foundation for improved cheeks/lips, jaw, and tongue movements for eating, drinking, and sound production.

Optimal positioning and postural control are important goals that physical therapists and NDT practitioners hope to achieve in all individuals with whom they work. However, cardiorespiratory disorders frequently place substantial demands on the physiological and neurological systems of the body resulting in impaired postural control as well as the need to use a variety of body positions and postures to improve homeostasis among the key systems of the body. Examination and management strategies of various cardiorespiratory disorders will be reviewed, discussed, and practiced with a focus on achieving optimal positioning and postural control in individuals with cardiorespiratory disorders.

LEARNER OUTCOMES:

- Understand and educate others about optimal positioning and postures in health and cardiorespiratory disorders.
- Understand and implement examination techniques of optimal positioning, posture, and postural control in cardiorespiratory disorders.
- Understand and implement management techniques of optimal positioning, posture, and postural control in cardiorespiratory disorders.
### FS13 A MOVING TARGET...NDT/EBP ?... COULD VICON MOTION CAPTURE HELP?

**Dr. Kathryn Bain / Freshwater Creek, Australia and Suzanne Davis Bombria, PT, C/NDT / Columbia, CT**

**PART 1 (FS12) FRIDAY. See page 7 for details.**

### FS5 POSTURE, MOVEMENT AND CONTROLLED RESPIRATION:
**IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUNCTION AND PARTICIPATION**

*Therese McDermott-Winter, CScD, CCC-SLP, C/NDT / Chicago, IL*

The task of integrating aspects of postural control, alignment and respiratory control in the completion of functional activities is a challenge for all disciplines working with individuals with neuromuscular disorders. However, breathing doesn’t always have to win; integration of dynamic respiratory control is a key to enhancing functional skill regardless of the discipline providing treatment. Whether or not the therapist is executing a treatment plan to directly address functional limitations in vocalization, speech production/intelligibility and communication, all disciplines must consider the relationship between speech breathing, postural control and movement.

In this session, we will specifically focus on a model of controlled respiratory exchange for speech function (speech breathing), which differs from quiet respiration in terms of phase time, depth of inspiration, diaphragmatic action and recruitment of the abdominal musculature for function. Current research, case studies and treatment models will be presented to explore improvement of dynamic respiratory coordination and control, with specific consideration of how application of the Contemporary NDT Practice Model can complement, and more directly impact the postural system to improve function and increase participation for our clients.

**LEARNER OUTCOMES:**

- Define the differences between respiratory patterns of quick inspiration and controlled exhalation for speech (speech breathing) and typical ventilation with balanced inspiratory and expiratory phases.
- Delineate the anatomical/physiological relationships between the respiratory/laryngeal systems and postural control strategies.
- Describe treatment strategies that may be utilized to increase rib cage mobility and expansion, spinal and head/neck alignment, shoulder girdle stability, abdominal activity and balance of flexor/extensor synergies for improved respiratory coordination, increased vocal intensity and increased duration of phonation with potential impact upon postural control.
- In application to case studies presented, discuss development of a treatment plan sequence applying elements of the NDT Practice Model to facilitate improved coordination of controlled respiration with postural control.
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills in discussion for sequencing or adapting treatment when ineffective movement patterns result.
Addressing the mobility and functional needs of the adult patient with stroke or brain injury presents many challenges. It’s hard to look everywhere at once, and most of us have learned to identify and address our “preferred” area of the body, whether we are PT, OT, or SLP. However, many of our difficulties in helping patients achieve their goals comes from the fact that ALL parts of the body need to coordinate together to achieve the balance and motor control needed for function.

Lecture, videos, and lab activities during this presentation will help participants recognize and understand the significance of some of the interaction/integration issues demonstrated by our patients. Once problems have been identified, participants will have the opportunity for mentored practice of specific treatment strategies to help patients gain control of multiple segments of the body and their interactions, enhancing the participants’ realization that “It All Matters!”

LEARNER OUTCOMES:
- Define postural control and identify at least three common postural control challenges faced by adults with neurological diagnoses.
- Identify at least three faulty body segment interactions when viewing a video of patient function.
- Facilitate a change in the interaction of body parts, when working with a course participant.
- Recognize when a strategy is not optimal, during practice of a treatment strategy on a course participant.
- Modify handling during practice of a treatment strategy on a course participant.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 / ROUND TABLE WRAP-UP / 5:15 PM – 7:15 PM

The Roundtable Wrap-Up session is a time to gather all the information presented throughout the conference and synthesize it, as well as apply it directly to clinical practice. It is an interactive group discussion time where identified questions relating to the overall conference topic are discussed in detail within small groups. Then, the small groups pose questions to a panel of experts.
GENERAL CONFERENCE INFO

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Full Registration: Full conference registration includes access to all sessions and the Exhibit Hall, continental breakfasts and refreshment breaks each day. It also includes both receptions, as well as the Awards Ceremony on Friday evening and the Roundtable Session on Saturday.

Single Day Registration: Single Day registration is available for attendance to one day of the conference only and includes materials and events taking place solely on that day. The Awards Ceremony and Reception on Friday are NOT included. A ticket for this event can be added to your registration for $75.00.

Pre-conference Registration: There is a separate fee for the pre-conference session being held on Thursday, March 26, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm. Continental breakfast and morning and afternoon refreshment breaks are included.

Lunch Presentation Registration: Lunch presentations will be held on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28, 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm. The presentations (FS12 and FS13) are included with full conference registration only. There is a separate fee for single day registrants. See page 15.

Lunch Buffet: As a convenience to attendees, a lunch buffet will be available on Friday and Saturday for $25 each day. Advance purchase required by March 20, 2020.

GUESTS
A guest is defined as a family member, spouse, significant other or personal friend. A co-worker, business associate, or student within the industry does not qualify as a guest and should register on an individual basis. A Conference Guest Ticket may be purchased for $75.00 for admission to all general events including Exhibit Hall access Thursday-Saturday. This does not include admission to any educational sessions or the Awards Ceremony. Guests may attend the Awards Ceremony by purchasing a ticket in advance for $75.00.

BADGES
Badges will be provided on-site and are required for attendees and guests at all events.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
The NDTA 2020 Annual Conference offers a number of different presentations to choose from during the concurrent sessions on Friday and Saturday. Select topics that are most relevant to your practice with either the pediatric or the adult population. Review the session information and indicate selections on your Conference Registration.

Continuing education hours granted by the various accrediting agencies are available to Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and Speech-Language Pathologists for all sessions attended.

PRE-SELECTION OF SESSIONS REQUIRED.
REGISTER EARLY TO GUARANTEE YOUR SEAT!

CLIMATE AND ATTIRE
Lombard, IL has a mild climate, with average temperatures in March from a high of 50° to a low of 23°. Wear informal attire for comfort and movement. It is always recommended that you bring extra layers of clothing as the room environment is centrally controlled by the hotel.

CONSENT FOR USE
Registration for the conference constitutes an agreement by the attendee for NDTA’s use and distribution (both now and in the future) of the participant’s name, likeness, image, voice, comments, and/or appearance in any and all media, including the Internet, for any purpose consistent with the mission of NDTA.

PRESENTATION MATERIALS
All session materials will be delivered to the conference attendees electronically. NDTA cannot provide hard copies or on-site printing. As with previous conferences, we ask that you download and print or input the files onto your device prior to attending the conference. There will not be internet access in the meeting rooms.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS A GREEN CONFERENCE!
CONFERENCE EVENTS

PRESIDENT’S WELCOME
THURSDAY, MARCH 26 / 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
The NDTA President’s Annual Meeting and Welcome is one of the many important events at the 2020 Conference. Attendees are encouraged to come, listen, share ideas, and get involved. Hosted by the Membership Committee, the Annual Meeting highlights NDTA accomplishments and invites attendees to weigh in on a collective vision for the future of the organization. The program is always productive, interesting, and interactive. Scholarship Award winners will also be introduced.

INSTRUCTOR GROUP WELCOME RECEPTION AND EXHIBIT HALL GRAND OPENING
THURSDAY, MARCH 26 / 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Join in an evening of cocktails and camaraderie featuring the NDTA Instructor Group! Appetizers and a cash bar will be available. Interact with NDTA leadership, conference presenters, and colleagues from around the world. Don’t miss this opportunity for unique, personal and insightful conversations and the chance to greet old friends and make new connections.

EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE
THURSDAY, MARCH 26 – SATURDAY, MARCH 28
Get up-close and hands-on with today’s latest equipment and applications for the therapeutic community. Vendors will be available to answer questions and demonstrate how their products and services influence the profession. Enjoy refreshments, special activities, get recharged, network with old and new friends, and see unique products – all within the Exhibit Hall walls.

Thank you for visiting our exhibitors. Your support aids in funding many aspects of the conference and helps keep the cost of attendance affordable. The Exhibit Hall is the place to be for...

REFRESHMENT BREAKS: Grab a refreshment while browsing the exhibits during the afternoon break on Friday and mid-morning and afternoon on Saturday.

WELCOME RECEPTION: Visit the exhibit booths while enjoying food and beverages, and socialize with colleagues and friends on Thursday evening.

**EXHIBITOR PRESENTATIONS:** Two additional contact hours may be available, pending exhibitor presentation submissions.
CONFEERENCE EVENTS

2020 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE CEREMONY & RECEPTION
FRIDAY, MARCH 27 / 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM

The Award of Excellence is the most prestigious honor NDTA bestows on an individual and will be presented during this special occasion. Past recipients will also be recognized for their outstanding achievements. Following the ceremony, the Awards Reception will take place in the Exhibit Hall to celebrate and pay tribute to the 2020 AOE Recipient. Watch for the announcement of the winner of this year’s award!

EVENT TICKET REQUIRED!

This event is included with full conference registration. Event tickets for single day registrants and guests are available for advance purchase of $75.00 per person. Subject to limited availability.

NDT RESEARCH FUND CAMPAIGN

Donate to help fund NDT research. Through tax-deductible contributions, invest in the future of NDT based practice, help ensure that NDT is recognized as evidence based, and advance excellence in neuro-rehabilitation. As an NDTA donor, join a dedicated community of supporters that share a commitment to securing the future of NDT. Giving makes a difference!

Flexible donation levels are available in the amount of $25, $50, or $100. Raffle entries matching level of generosity will offer the chance at winning a sponsored prize! NDTA Conference Donor buttons will designate contributors as ambassadors of NDT research and recognize philanthropic commitment.

Contribute today with your conference registration or make a donation on-site at the conference. Thank you for your support!

POSTER SESSIONS
FRIDAY, MARCH 27

The 2020 Poster Session showcases ideas and offers an interactive format for presenters to engage colleagues and exchange concepts and resources. These visual displays may present a description of an innovative idea or program, an analysis of a practical problem-solving effort, or a report of a research study. Support your colleagues and gain new insight.

CALL FOR POSTERS!

Go to NDTA.org/conference for submission information
**REGISTRATION**

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| **SATURDAY ONLY (Member)****                    | $275             | $375          | $475                |
| **SATURDAY ONLY (Non-Member)****                | $295             | $395          | $495                |
| **SATURDAY LUNCH PRESENTATION (FS13) ADD-ON**   | $25              | $25           | N/A                 | *(Included in full conference registration. Purchase lunch tickets separately)*
| **SATURDAY LUNCH TICKET**                       | $25              | $25           | N/A                 |

* Pre-conference not included. ** Awards Reception / Lunch Presentation not included.

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The NDTA Annual Conference provides a unique convergence of networking, learning, and fun into a single package. Conference attendance dramatically enhances both your professional and personal development, as well as providing you with tools and skills which cannot be taught online. The focused nature of learning at a conference allows you to dig deeper into your topic of interest and to meet experts and influencers face-to-face.

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- NDTA Contemporary Practice Model™ Certificate Course in the Management of Children with Cerebral Palsy and other Neuromuscular Disorders

Please note these are new certificate course titles. There is no change to the course content.

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