

BAHT Level II

Splinting the Hand: Practical Skills and Clinical Reasoning

DAY ONE

- 09.00 Registration
- 09.30 Aims and objectives, examination explanation

Health and safety for splinting

Equipment for thermoplastic splinting (ALL)

- 09.45 Functional Anatomy (SM)
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.05 Assessment for splinting (NG)
- 11.45 Materials and their properties (EJ)

12.45 Lunch

- 13.45 Principles of static splinting and the splinting process (SM)
- 14.30 Introduction to pattern making (NG)
- 15.00 Tea
- 15.15 Finger gutter splints
 - Present case
 - Group work to design pattern

Feedback

Fabrication (all of same splint design)

- 16.45 Principles of strapping including practical for gutter
- 17.30 Close

DAY TWO

- 8.30 Clinical Reasoning for wrist extension splinting with case studies and clinical indications
 Group work to design patterns
 Feedback
 Fabrication and strapping
- 10.30 Coffee
- 10.50 Clinical Reasoning for POSI splinting with case studies and clinical indications
 Group work to design patterns
 Feedback
 Fabrication and strapping
- 12.45 Wound Healing (EJ)
- 1.00 Lunch

2.00 Clinical Reasoning for thumb splinting with case studies and clinical indications
 Group work to design patterns
 Feedback
 Fabrication of two different splints and strapping
 4.00 Tea

- 4.15 Theory and use of static, serial static, static progressive and dynamic splinting (SM) Theory of tissue stretch (NG)
- 5.30 Close

DAY THREE

- 8.30 Review Session
- 9.00 Assessment and Clinical Reasoning for splinting the OA / RA hand

Case Studies

Fabrication and strapping

- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.20 Critical appraisal of off the shelf splints (EJ)

12.00 Case studies – small group work clinically reasoning splinting solutions for three - four cases. Pattern making and fabrication.

For example:

- MCP flexion stretch post 5th MC#
- LF & RF extension post Dup Fasciectomy
- 1.00 Lunch
- 1.45 Case studies continued
- 3.00 PIPJ POP casting (All)
- 3.45 Tea
- 4.00 Written Exam
- 5.10 Finish
- All group work will be taught by all three tutors
- Total Teaching Hours: 20