Learning Objectives

MedBridge
Intervention for Aging Gait: Understanding Cognition & Frailty
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- Discuss practical application of the Slippery Slope of Aging theoretical framework to older adult patients related to gait function
- Explain the inter-relatedness of gait performance and the frailty spectrum and the PT implication for working with frail and pre-frail older adults
- Explain the inter-relatedness of gait and cognition and the PT implications for working with older adults (with and without cognitive impairment)
- Strategically utilize dual task training to address a patient’s specific deficits
- Justify realistic ambulation and mobility goals based upon individual patient needs, evidence, and theoretical frameworks (for example, slippery slope of aging, life space concept, energy reserve theory)

Chapter 1: Slippery Slope of Aging & Frailty

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Chapter 2: Gait & Cognition

- Explain the inter-relatedness of gait and cognition and the PT implications for working with older adults (with and without cognitive impairment).
- Strategically utilize dual task training to address a patient’s specific deficits.

Chapter 3: Plan of Care & Interventions

- Justify realistic ambulation and mobility goals based upon individual patient needs, evidence, and theoretical frameworks (e.g., slippery slope of aging, life space concept, energy reserve theory).