

Learning Objectives

MedBridge

Cardiovascular Examination Part 1: Vascular Diseases

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Course Objectives:

- Review the pathophysiological mechanisms of cardiovascular disease to better appreciate the disease processes observed in clinic
- Gain an understand how common cardiovascular diseases may influence the response to interventions provided in clinical practice
- Describe the prevalence of cardiovascular diseases in physical therapy practice based on epidemiological studies
- Develop clinical pattern recognition a detailed presentation of common signs and symptoms will be presented for common cardiovascular syndromes and conditions
- Perform the following examination techniques in order to perform a thorough vascular examination:
 - Blood Pressure seated
 - Blood Pressure standing
 - Blood Pressure during exercise
 - Palpation of arterial pulses
 - Palpation of the chest
 - Capillary refill
 - Buerger's test
 - Metronome test