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 understanding of 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