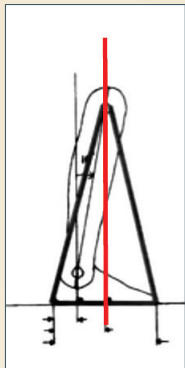


Research over the past eight years has challenged us as professionals to consider that traditional methods may limit patient outcomes. Consider a clinical education workshop focused on a scientifically validated approach to evaluating and fitting orthotic devices that often achieves breakthrough results for patients.

The DRAFO® Difference

Until now the industry focus has been primarily swing phase control. The goal of Bracemasters Clinical Education is to demonstrate the absolute necessity to focus on stance phase of gait.

The program defines these techniques and procedures in detail providing valuable resource information to the attendees. Attendees are also introduced to an orthosis specifically designed to work with these methods.



The Dynamic Response Ankle Foot Orthosis (DRAFO®) is unique to the field of orthotics in this important way: the design is simplistic in use, but complex in function, allowing for manipulation of how the foot and leg react with the ground thus having the ability to affect the entire body to enhance overall function.

Contact Bracemasters for more information or to schedule a workshop at your location.

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Course Content and Schedule

- Introduction to new paradigm shift in lower extremity management – 10 minutes
- History of lower extremity management – 30 minutes
- Importance of core stability – 20 minutes
- Basic biomechanics of the lower extremity – 20 minutes
- New approach to patient assessment and alignment based on research and data from Owen, Weck, and Cusick – 1 hour
- Evaluation and casting demo (video if patient model not available) – 20 minutes
- Fit and fine tuning process – 20 minutes
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- Case studies – 15 minutes
- Design specifics and utilization – 10 minutes
- Outcomes Toolbox – 30 minutes
- Discussion/Roundtable – 15 minutes
- Quiz/Course evaluation – 30 minutes

Learning Outcomes

- Clear understanding of the biomechanics of the foot and ankle
- Understanding of the relevance and importance of gait mechanics especially through stance phase
- Understand the need not to force alignment of the foot and ankle and the consequences when one does
- Learn how to align/tune an Ankle Foot Orthosis to maximize function

Content Methodology

Lecture presentation with video case studies, live patient demos (when available), and written materials

Requirements for Satisfactory Completion

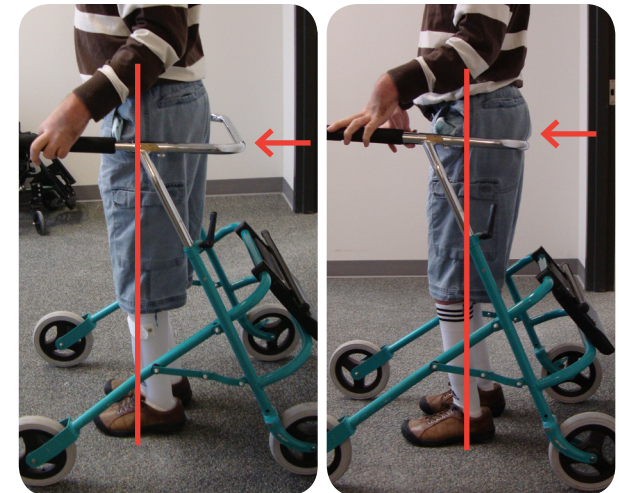
- Attendance
- Post-workshop quiz
- Question and answer segment



Dare to imagine... a holistic approach to patient management that provides consistency, repeatability, and positive outcomes for you and your patient.

Now imagine...this same approach is backed up by scientific validation and research, an approach which when learned simplifies patient care and orthotic design.

When applied properly the DRAFO program produces immediate measurable objective outcomes. The first outcome you see and can measure is standing balance. It is not uncommon to see improvement in gait and stability once your patient begins to ambulate. One of the major keys to this success is realizing that the forcing of alignment is extremely detrimental to our patients.



Stable Alignment

Unstable Alignment

