
Module One: Holistic Management of Spasticity and Hypertonia
Module Two: The Use of Botulinum Toxin for the Management of Spasticity

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Modules about?

There are two modules which link together to give clinicians, in particular nurses and AHP's an opportunity to explore the multitude of issues which may impact on an individual with an upper motor neurone lesion in relation to hypertonia and spasticity. In addition the second module focuses on using botulinum toxin for the management of spasticity, with clinicians becoming competent injectors by the end of the module. Successful completion of Module One is required before entry onto Module Two.

What level are the Modules set at?

Each of the Modules are 20 Credit, M Level Modules.

Where will the learning be based?

The formal teaching will be based at Walkergate Park, Centre for Neurological Rehabilitation in Newcastle. However, students on the modules will be clinicians working within a service treating patients with hypertonia and spasticity and will be expected to carry out self directed learning in their own workplace. In addition students on the second module are required to have to have an identified Medical Clinical Mentor (Consultant or Specialist Doctor) who routinely carried out intramuscular injections of Botulinum Toxin. This Medical Clinical Mentor will support them in developing competencies and will be responsible for signing off competencies.

When will the Modules start?

Module One will start in September and will be expected to be completed by January
Module Two will begin in March and will be expected to be completed by September.
It is planned therefore that students will be able to complete both modules within one year.

How much will the Modules cost?

Each Module will cost **£650** per student for the 2013-2014 intake.

Where can I request support for funding?

Students can approach their NHS Organisation for funding through the CPD Tier 1 contract. Each of the Botulinum Toxin companies working within the UK are willing to receive requests. Potential students can make individual applications directly to the companies but there is no guarantee of support.

Their contact details are:

Allergan – Alasdair Bailey, Product Specialist – Neurosciences: C.N.S.

1st Floor, Marlow International Parkway, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 1YL

Tel: +44 (0) 16284944444 bailey_alasdair@allergan.com

Ipsen – Leah Higham, Senior Territory Manager - Neurology Business Unit (North East) Ipsen Biopharm Limited, 190 Bath Road, Slough, Berkshire SL1 3XE

Tel: +44 (0) 779 524 4508 leah.higham@ipsen.com

Merz Pharma Uk Ltd – Emma Murray, 260 Centennial Park, Elstree Hill South, Elstree, Herts, WD6 3SR

Tel: +44 (0) 20 82360000 Emma.murray@merzpharma.co.uk

In addition disability support groups may also be willing to provide individual sponsorship for the modules.

How can payments be made?

Payment for the modules should be made through Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (NTW). Unfortunately the Trust is unable to accept payment by credit or debit cards.

Cheques should be made payable to ‘Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Trust’ and sent to:

Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
Finance Department
Arran House
St Nicholas Hospital
Jubilee Road
Gosforth
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 3XT

Payment can be made by direct banking transfer and in that case students should contact the Finance Department to be provided with the account and sort code.

ARNTW@NTW.NHS.UK

TEL - 0191 2466822

NTW staff can arrange for payment to be made through withdrawal of an agreed amount from their monthly pay.

In addition an invoice can be provided to any company on application.

How do I apply?

Initial expressions of interest should be made through

Spasticitycourseenquiries@ntw.nhs.uk

Applications should be made through the admissions office of Teesside University

sohscadmissions@tees.ac.uk

Further details about the modules are available on:

www.ntw.nhs.uk (**About Us** section)

www.tees.ac.uk

Who do I contact if I want to fit these modules into a full Masters Level Award?

If you wish to discuss how to fit these modules into a full level Masters please contact the Programme Lead for MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Neurological Rehabilitation)

Katherine Jackson on Katherine.Jackson@tees.ac.uk