

# Improving Visual Attention & Processing with Visual-Only IM



## Course Description:

Interactive Metronome (IM) is a unique application of technology that has been shown in clinical research to improve cognitive, linguistic, motor, and behavioral functioning through its impact on the brain's timing mechanisms. Part I of this advanced training in Interactive Metronome will enhance clinicians' assessment and treatment outcomes for visual attention & processing, critical components in reading comprehension, balance, and functional independence through isolating the visual component of IM. Rationale, candidacy, pre & post assessment, specific IM treatment tasks, and visual (alone) IM treatment hierarchy will be discussed. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend Part II of this course titled: Improving Visual Processing & Executive Skills with IM.

**\*Contact hours are offered pending successful completion of a written exam at the end of the course.**

## Target Audience:

This course welcomes the following professionals who have completed the Interactive Metronome Certification Course.

- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Speech and Language Pathology Asst
- Audiologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Certified Occupational Therapy Asst
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapy Asst
- Athletic Trainer
- Licensed Medical, Rehabilitation or Mental Health Professional
- Music Therapist
- Educator

## Instructional Level:

Intermediate

## Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify patients who will benefit from use of visual-only Interactive Metronome (IM) to rehabilitate visual attention & processing skills in order to improve balance & functional independence;
- Demonstrate evidenced-based practice through appropriate use of objective assessments to measure visual-only IM treatment outcomes;
- And demonstrate use of an appropriate IM treatment hierarchy to remediate visual attention & processing skills.

**\*Note: This course covers information that pertains to licensed therapists and therapy assistants. COTA and PTA professionals must practice IM under the supervision of a licensed OT or PT.**

## Specific Learning Outcomes for Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists:

- Identify patients who will benefit from use of visual-only IM to rehabilitate visual attention & processing skills in order to improve reading comprehension;
- Demonstrate evidenced-based practice through appropriate use of objective assessments to measure reading comprehension pre & post visual-only IM treatment;
- Learn specific IM treatment tasks and demonstrate use of an appropriate IM treatment hierarchy to remediate visual attention & processing, critical components of reading comprehension.

**\*Note: This course covers information that pertains to licensed therapists and therapy assistants. SLPA professionals must practice IM under the supervision of a licensed SLP.**

## Instructor:

**Amy Vega, MS, CCC-SLP** received her master's degree in speech-language pathology from the University of South Florida in 1994 and holds the Certificate of Clinical Competency from the American Speech Language & Hearing Association (ASHA). She specializes in adolescent and adult rehabilitation for patients diagnosed with traumatic brain injury, stroke, epilepsy, brain tumor & and other disease processes that affect communication, cognition, and behavior. She currently serves as Director of both the Clinical Education Department and the Clinical Advisory Board for Interactive Metronome, Inc.

and is their Continuing Education Administrator. She provides clinical support to IM providers globally, serves as Editor in Chief for IM's clinical publications and website FAQ/Best Practices search engine, develops IM certification materials, and is the master-trainer for IM certification instructors.

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**Agenda (60 minutes):**

- Speaker introduction & disclosure
- In Search of a Remedy to Improve Outcomes
- Measuring Outcomes: Can IM Improve Visual Attention & Processing?
- Analyzing Treatment Outcomes: Contributing Factors to Success or Failure
- Research to Support Clinical Rationale
- Hierarchical Approach to Treating Deficits in Visual Attention & Processing with IM
- Critical Elements of IM Training: What Contributes to Successful Outcomes?
- Case Illustrations
- Online post-test & course evaluation

**Instructional Methods:**

LECTURE, PPT, PHOTOS, CASE STUDY

**CEUs Offered for:**

0.1 ASHA (SLP)

0.1 AOTA / 1.25 NBCOT PDUs (OT/COTA)

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This course is offered for 0.1 ASHA CEU (Intermediate level, Professional area).

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- ASHA Member (includes Life member and International affiliates)
- ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) Holder
- Licensed by a state or provincial regulatory agency to practice speech-language pathology (SLP) or audiology
- Credentialed by a state regulatory agency to practice SLP or audiology
- Credentialed by a national regulatory agency to practice SLP or audiology
- Currently enrolled in a masters or doctoral program in SLP or audiology



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