

# Course Description

The goal of this activity is to train regional primary healthcare providers on carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) and other compressive neuropathies, including occupational and non-occupational risk factors. The course will cover best practices for the diagnosis, treatment and clinical management of CTS, and it will introduce prevention strategies using the industrial hygiene hierarchy of controls.

In this self-paced online course, practitioners work through clinical cases and public health scenarios, describing both patient and workplace management of compressive neuropathies.

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### What Will You Learn?

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

- Discuss the difference in prevalence of CTS in general and working populations.
- Name four examples of occupational and non-occupational risk factors for CTS.
- Describe at least two pathological changes that can lead to increased carpal tunnel pressure.
- Describe two ways in which nerve conduction studies can be used to make a diagnosis of neuropathy.
- Identify three key strategies in a team approach to successfully return the CTS patient back to work.

# Course Faculty & Speakers



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### Who Should Take This Course?

This course was designed for health care providers, including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants; public health professionals; case managers.

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