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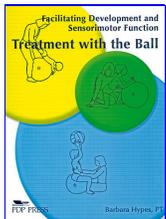
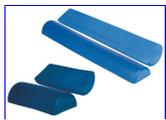
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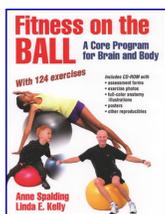
• Origins



Hearing [Barbara Hodge, PT, C/NDT Instructor for Neuro-Developmental Treatment \(NDT\)](#), who presented Gaining Postural Stability for School Function at the most recent Therapro Saturday morning seminar, I was reminded of my own origins as an occupational therapist and how privileged I was as an entry level therapist in the early 1970s to encounter 2 of the giants in my field: [A. Jean Ayres at a seminar in Madison, WI](#) and Berta Bobath, a physical therapist who originated the NDT Treatment Approach, at an 8 week course given at the Kiwanis Children's Rehabilitation Center of the Curative Workshop of Milwaukee, WI where I was working at the time.



From the Bobaths (Berta accompanied by her husband Karl), I learned many new techniques; using [balls in therapy](#) - for reducing spasticity, improving balance, stability and overall sensorimotor function, and many, many other uses - was pioneered by Berta Bobath. Even more important I learned to think about therapy in a different way, as a patient driven activity rather than a diagnosis driven activity. What was most important was understanding the cues from the patient and tailoring the therapy to what the cues said were possible.



I know I would not have been the same therapist without these encounters. I was lucky to be in the right place at the right time. But I was curious and always looking for new approaches for delivering therapy. Occupational therapy has come a long way in the 40+ years since then. We now incorporate findings from modern neuroscience and evidence-based research into our therapy. So, there are always new opportunities to be in the right place at the right time!

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Gymnic Balls

Designed especially for therapeutic exercise, these bright round balls can be used in almost every developmental position. Great for building muscle tone, stretching, low back support, and much more.



PhysioRolls

Like a therapy ball, the Physio Roll provides an ideal medium for balance, strengthening and proprioceptive activities. The "saddle seat" provides stability, comfort and confidence so clients of every age and nearly every diagnosis may participate in ball therapy. Big in volume but light in weight.



Inflatable Roll

Great for working with children in prone, 4-point, sitting and standing! Durable, latex free vinyl material. Deflate to compact size; great for traveling. Comes with its own pump.



Seminars

All seminars are free, and are held Saturdays from 9-11 AM in our Showroom.

Upcoming confirmed events:

August 17, 2013

[I Can Work: A Work Skills Curriculum for Special Needs Programs](#)

Speaker: Angie Mahoney, M.Ed.

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