

## **Colonel Douglas Kersey Neuromusculoskeletal Evaluation Course**

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The Colonel Douglas Kersey Neuromusculoskeletal Evaluation Course for Physical Therapist was a great success this year. This was an intensive hands-on course, which included over 40 attendees from the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Public Health Service. The course incorporated several classes on the Physical Therapists role in a deployed environments and CBRNE Training. Several days were spent at Camp Bullis focusing on Traumatic Amputee Care, Deployment for PTs and Wound Care for PTs. IN addition, the attendees received an excellent course on Triage for PTs followed by a challenging and realistic EMT Lane focusing on traumatic injuries.



We didn't lose focus however of our primary mission which is to increase the knowledge and skills of our therapists in the most current musculoskeletal evaluation and treatment procedures. Adding to the expertise of our nationally recognized military faculty were several renowned civilian therapists including Russell Paine and Dr. Tom McPoil. This cutting edge course provided a great vehicle to spread the concept of evidence-based practice to physical therapists across the DOD system. NMSE 2003 is Sept 8-19. Applications are being accepted for 2003 course now. POC is MAJ Tracy Smith or CPT Gail Dreitzler at 210-221-7522/7513.

