

# GAIT & CLINICAL MOVEMENT ANALYSIS SOCIETY

*"Quality in Motion Analysis – From Start to Finish"*

2019 Annual Conference, March 26-29, 2019

Frisco Conference Center

Frisco, TX



*Frisco, Texas*

*is Far North Dallas.*



## CMLA Workshop



Gordon Alderink, PT, PhD

President, CMLA

March 27, 2019

# Workshop Objectives

- Update accreditation activity 2018
- Recognize retired CMLA Board members
- Overview of accreditation process
- Discussion of clinician's role

# Accreditation Activity 2018

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital (1<sup>st</sup>)
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Shriners Hospitals for Children - Houston (1<sup>st</sup>)
- Shriners Hospital for Children, Salt Lake (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Texas Children's Hospital – The Woodlands (1<sup>st</sup>)

# CMLA Mission Statement

*Commission for Motion Laboratory Accreditation, Inc.*

*CMLA*

*Now Accepting Applications!*

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## **Mission**

The Commission for Motion Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. (CMLA) is a nonprofit organization established and operated to enhance the clinical care of persons with disorders of human motion by evaluating and accrediting clinical motion laboratories by a set of standard criteria.

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# Commission for Motion Laboratory Accreditation, Inc.

*a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization*

## Member Societies

### **AAOS**

- Tom Novacheck, MD
- Robert Kay, MD

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- Wendy Pierce, MD
- Aloysia Schwabe, MD

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- Juan Garbalosa, PT, PhD  
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- Gordon Alderink, PT, PhD  
(President)
- Jean Stout, PT, MS  
(Review Panel Coordinator)
- Sylvia Ounpuu, MSc

# Recognition CMLA Board Members

- Freeman Miller, MD
  - CMLA Board of Directors 1996-2018
  - CMLA President 1996-1999
  - CMLA Treasurer 2010-2015
- Dennis Matthews, MD
  - CMLA Board of Directors 2003-2018

# Purpose of Accreditation

- Provide a “seal of approval” from an independent accrediting body
- Promote effective delivery of service with high quality standards
- Assure public confidence in clinical movement analysis
  - *Public*: media (US News & World Report), consumer and 3<sup>rd</sup> party payer
- Officially recognize laboratories delivering high quality service
- Encourage continuous quality improvement

# US News & World Report's Best Hospital Survey

- Question I19.1: Is the gait laboratory accredited by the Commission for Motion Laboratory Accreditation (CMLA)?
  - Yes
  - No
- If “yes”, to receive credit you must upload proof of accreditation.



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# CMLA Accreditation Application Format

- I. Administration & Personnel
- II. Equipment and Data Collection
- III. Data Processing/Data Management/Reporting

# Evaluation Criteria

- 87 Accreditation Criteria
- Developed over several years by the CMLA Board of Directors to include the most important policies, procedures, and practices required in all clinical motion laboratories
- Reviewed regularly for updates/changes as part of continuous quality improvement

# How is Accreditation Determined?

- Each application is reviewed by a panel:
  - Medical
  - Engineering/Technical
  - Clinical
- Panel makes recommendation to CMLA Board of Directors
- Board votes on the application
- Accreditation level achieved is determined by the number of major/minor deficiencies related to the established criteria

# Tips on the Accreditation Process

- Designate a primary writer → “team effort”
- Download/use applicant manual
- Address all requests/questions
- Create designated time to work on documents, stick to a schedule, & plan ahead
- Create accreditation electronic/paper filing system
- Accreditation usually not achieved on first submission
- See accreditation as process of improving quality patient care

# Clinical Gait Analysis: “Best Practices”

- 2017 GCMAS Annual Meeting tutorials
- Provided operational definitions to clarify quality assurance procedures
- Provided examples from accredited labs regarding:
  - Data Interpretation and Clinical Recommendations
  - Clinical Assessment
  - Force and Motion Systems
  - Dynamic EMG



# Draft Policy: Clinician's Role

- Aware of community's use of 2017 presentation information and identified need to add clarification
- 2018 created draft policy on clinician's role
- 2018 opened draft policy for public comment (from June-November)
- 2018 reviewed public comments and withdrew draft policy
- Added clarifying information to applicant manual and "best practices" resources (soon to be released)

THANK YOU

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