PHTY90002 The Pelvic Floor:Function&Dysfunction

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2015, Parkville  This subject commences in the following study period/s:  March, Parkville - Taught on campus.  On-campus lectures and tutorials, off-campus clinical placements
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 30 hours of lectures, 15 hours tutorials, practical sessions, 20 hours of clinical practice. Total Time Commitment: Students are expected to undertake a number of hours of self directed learning in this subject. Approximately 100 hours of self directed learning is suggested.
Prerequisites:	For Postgraduate Certificate: PHTY90040 Physiotherapy Professional Portfolio
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	None
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Subject Overview:	This subject covers anatomy, functional anatomy and neurophysiology of the pelvis and its contents, with particular emphasis on the pelvic floor muscles and fascia, micturition and the urinary tract. Types of incontinence and diagnostic procedures are discussed and physiotherapy assessment and management of different types of incontinence are studied theoretically and practically. Pathology of connective tissue and its relationship to prolapse, and surgical procedures in gynaecology are studied theoretically. The use of electrotherapy for diagnosis and treatment is included. An introduction to evidence based practice and computer database searching are provided.
Learning Outcomes:	On completion of the subject, students will be expected to be able to demonstrate the following:  • A sound knowledge of the anatomy, applied anatomy and function of the pelvis and pelvic floor and urinary tract, including the bladder and its outlet.  • The ability to identify the various forms of urinary incontinence seen in adult female patients  • The ability to clinically assess and treat an adult female patient who presents with complex urinary incontinence symptoms, including the use of adjunctive therapy  • The ability to identify the major features of muscle and exercise physiology that influence exercise programming in pelvic floor rehabilitation  • Understanding of the role of a physiotherapist in a clinical continence service

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