



Delaware Physical Therapy Association's Summer Lecture Series:

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

for Working with People Who Have Dementia

Tuesday,
July 31st, 2018
6:00pm-8:00pm

The Christiana Care John H. Ammon Medical Education Center
4755 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Christiana Hospital Campus,
Newark, DE 19713

By participating in this seminar you will be able to:

1.

Describe the communication challenges that are associated with the brain changes in various forms of dementia.

2.

Translate various non-verbal ways people with dementia may communicate to express their physical, psychological and social needs.

3.

Implement changes in your verbal and non-verbal approach while working as a care partner for people with dementia.

Presented By: [Dr. Cathy Ciolek](#) | PT, DPT, FAPTA

Dr. Ciolek is President of Living Well With Dementia, LLC- providing education and consultation to promote well-being and positive expectations for people with dementia. She has nearly 30 years physical therapy clinical experience working with older adults across the continuum of care and is a Board Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist. Additionally, Cathy is a Certified Dementia Practitioner® as well as a Certified Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Trainer®. She was recently recognized as a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association for her advocacy efforts for older adults.

Communication is the basis for every interaction between human beings and involves providing a message and interpreting a message for each person. The brain changes that occur in people with dementia interferes with their expression of verbal messages as the disease progresses, but also with how they interpret and process incoming information. Similarly, the message conveyed is more than just words used as it involves non-verbal communications even more than verbal. This course will help you take a second look at how your approach and word choices impact a person with dementia and how care partners (professionals, providers and family members) can better translate the messages people with dementia are providing.

Free to attend. Free CEUs for DPTA members, and CCHS Rehab employees, otherwise \$25. All members of the community are welcomed!

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