

Vestibular service models – from triage to full clinical balance assessment

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Overview:

Balance services in audiology make up a small percentage of the full audiological field in Australia. This can be due to general assumptions of the clinician feeling they lack knowledge and experience in the field, the time it takes to perform balance tests and the minimal return of investment, particularly for private businesses. With developments in how we can test the balance system in recent years, we can better address these assumptions that make assessment more accessible to clinicians and clients alike. This workshop will cover the updates in vestibular assessments and the models of balance services from a screening to diagnostic level. This workshop will also include a hands-on practicum on how to deliver these tests and allow for discussion of application with your existing clinics.

Learning Objectives:

- Overview of basic anatomy and physiology of the balance system and how the proposed service models address the relevant anatomical structures
- Theoretical and practical overview of balance assessment battery
- How to integrate balance services into new or existing clinic