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**Course Title:** OT Practice Guidelines 104

**Sub-Title:** Clinical Reasoning

**Course Description:** OT Practice Guidelines 104, Clinical Reasoning, is a 1-hour course designed for the beginning clinician interested in exploring various aspects of clinical reasoning. This course will review the three elements of clinical reasoning: scientific, ethical and artistic. The five steps involved in the thought process will be reviewed from the formation of the pre-assessment image to the hypothesis evaluation. Several clinical reasoning strategies will be outlined as well including: procedural reasoning, interactive, conditional, narrative and pragmatic. The five stages of development of clinical reasoning from the novice to the expert and the associated level of functioning will also be explored. At the end of this course, the learner will have a more comprehensive understanding of various aspects of clinical reasoning

**Target Audience:** OT/OTA

**Course Length:** 1 hour

**Course Author/Instructor:** O'Brien, PhD, OTR/L / Brown, MS, OTR/L, CHT

**Educational Level:** Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced

The course is written at the intermediate level, but learners of all levels will benefit from the information.

**Course Objectives:**

At the conclusion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Explain the nature of clinical reasoning
- Understand the 3 elements of clinical reasoning
- Describe the thought processes and strategies of clinical reasoning used by OT practitioners
- Compare the clinical reasoning skills of the novice vs. the expert
- Identify 3 ways the OT practitioner can develop clinical reasoning skills

**Outline of Content:**

**Hour #1**

Introduction

Elements of Clinical Reasoning

Thought Process During Clinical Reasoning  
Clinical Reasoning Strategies  
From Novice to Expert: Development of Clinical Reasoning Skills  
Summary

**Instructional Methods and Formats:**

Online course available 24/7 at [www.OnlineCE.com](http://www.OnlineCE.com) includes PDF downloadable course. See course formats for additional details.

**Course Completion Requirements:**

A minimum passing score of 100% is required for course completion. You will have as many attempts as needed until your passing score of 100% is achieved. Upon successful completion of course, you will receive your certificate of completion and AOTA eligible CEUs.

**AOTA Classification Codes:**

Category 1: Domain of OT

Category 2: Occupational Therapy Process

Category 3: Professional Issues

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