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The authors compiled literature on water exercise from around the world and applied the information to a variety of situations. The book presents several current theories as well as a historical view for each theory and description of treatment implementation. The theories and principles are presented with the use of a regional- and system-based approach. *Aquatic Exercise for Rehabilitation and Training* also has the following features:

- Descriptions of the physiological responses—including those of the pulmonary, renal, musculoskeletal, and neuromuscular systems—to immersion and water exercise, preparing clinicians for how the body reacts to an aquatic environment

- Indications and contraindications for participation in water programs, providing an understanding of how the physical properties of water and exercise combine advantageously

- Descriptions of the responsibilities of various aquatic team members and patient management across the full spectrum of care

Aquatic Exercise for Rehabilitation and Training is liberally illustrated and comes with a DVD that demonstrates nearly half of the book's exercises and highlights key points for each. The DVD also contains printable evaluation sheets that will help you identify your clients' needs, evaluate specific therapies based on those needs, and choose the best therapies for your clients.

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presents current concepts, explains how to apply them, and assists readers in determining optimal intervention plans for each client. The text covers the gamut of aquatic exercise for rehabilitation and training, addressing all populations and ages. The authors provide information for adapting programs for various clientele: injured athletes, older adults, and people with special exercise needs, such as patients with cerebral palsy, brain injury and stroke, multiple sclerosis, and rheumatoid arthritis.

Use *Aquatic Exercise for Rehabilitation and Training* with confidence as you design exercise programs for your clients. Learn how to assess your clients' needs, provide specialized training for various populations, and prescribe neuromuscular training, core musculoskeletal training, and upper- and lower-quarter musculoskeletal training. This book and DVD is a valuable resource, no matter who your clients are, as you help them rehabilitate and train in water.

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