Training Program for Audiometrist

Day 1: Advanced Audiometric Techniques and Diagnostic Skills Morning Session: Advanced Audiometric Testing

1. Welcome and Program Overview (30 minutes)

- Introduction to training goals and schedule.
- Review of objectives and expected outcomes.
- 2. Advanced Audiometric Testing Techniques (1.5 hours)
 - Detailed procedures for advanced audiometric tests: pure-tone audiometry, speech audiometry, and tympanometry.
 - Hands-on practice with audiometers, including calibration and troubleshooting.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Assessment of Auditory Processing Disorders (1.5 hours)
 - Techniques for diagnosing auditory processing disorders (APD).
 - Administration and interpretation of specialized tests for APD.
- 5. Case Studies: Complex Audiometric Cases (1 hour)
 - Review and discussion of challenging cases involving complex hearing loss patterns.
 - o Problem-solving and diagnostic strategy development.

Lunch Break (1 hour)

Afternoon Session: Patient Management and Communication

- 1. Hearing Aid Technology and Fitting (1.5 hours)
 - o Overview of the latest hearing aid technologies and advancements.
 - o Fitting, adjusting, and troubleshooting hearing aids.
 - o Patient counseling on hearing aid use and maintenance.
- 2. Patient History and Counseling Techniques (1.5 hours)
 - Gathering detailed patient history related to hearing loss.
 - Effective counseling strategies for patients and their families.
 - Managing patient expectations and providing support.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Integration with Other Healthcare Services (1 hour)
 - Coordination with ENT specialists, audiologists, and other healthcare professionals.
 - Effective communication and case management in a multidisciplinary team setting.
- 5. Q&A and Review (30 minutes)
 - o Addressing questions and summarizing the day's content.

Day 2: Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques

Morning Session: Specialized Diagnostic Techniques

1. Review of Day 1 (30 minutes)

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Recap key points and skills from the previous day.

- Addressing any questions or concerns.
- 2. Electrophysiological Testing (1.5 hours)
 - Introduction to Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) and Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE).
 - o Techniques for administering and interpreting electrophysiological tests.
 - Hands-on practice with ABR and OAE equipment.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Hearing Conservation and Rehabilitation (1.5 hours)
 - o Strategies for hearing conservation in high-risk environments.
 - Rehabilitation techniques for patients with hearing loss, including auditory training and speech therapy.
- 5. Case Discussions: Rehabilitation and Hearing Conservation (1 hour)
 - Analysis of case studies involving hearing conservation and rehabilitation.
 - o Group discussions on effective management strategies.

Lunch Break (1 hour)

Afternoon Session: Local Health Issues and Outreach

- 1. Addressing Local Hearing Health Challenges (1.5 hours)
 - o Common hearing health issues in the local population and contributing factors.
 - Strategies for improving access to and quality of hearing care in resourcelimited settings.
- 2. Designing Community Outreach Programs (1.5 hours)
 - Developing and implementing community outreach programs for hearing health awareness.
 - Strategies for educating the public and reducing the prevalence of hearing loss.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Case Management (1 hour)
 - Best practices for collaborating with other healthcare professionals in managing complex cases.
 - o Coordination of care and integration of services.
- 5. Debrief and Feedback (30 minutes)
 - o Review of the day's activities.
 - o. Collecting feedback and addressing any concerns.

Day 3: Equipment Management, Quality Assurance, and Evaluation

Morning Session: Equipment and Quality Management

- 1. Review of Day 2 (30 minutes)
 - o Quick review of previous day's topics and skills.
 - Preparation for equipment management training.
- 2. Maintenance and Calibration of Audiometric Equipment (1.5 hours)
 - o Routine maintenance and calibration procedures for audiometric equipment.
 - o Troubleshooting common issues and ensuring equipment accuracy.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Quality Assurance and Infection Control (1.5 hours)

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- o Implementing quality assurance practices in audiometry.
- Infection control protocols and ensuring a safe environment for patients and staff.
- 5. Ethics and Professional Development (1 hour)
 - Addressing ethical issues in audiometric practice.
 - o Opportunities for professional development and continuing education.

Lunch Break (1 hour)

Afternoon Session: Integration and Evaluation

- 1. Integrated Clinical Scenarios (2 hours)
 - o Hands-on simulation involving complex cases and advanced techniques.
 - o Emphasis on integrating diagnostic skills, patient management, and teamwork.
- 2. Practical Skills Assessment (1 hour)
 - o Evaluation of practical skills through individual assessments.
 - Demonstration and application of learned techniques in simulated scenarios.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Written Knowledge Test (1 hour)
 - Test covering advanced diagnostic techniques, patient management, and equipment handling.
- 5. Certification and Closing Remarks (30 minutes)
 - Awarding of certificates of completion.
 - Summary of training outcomes and guidance on continued professional development.

6. Final Q&A and Closing (30 minutes)

- Addressing any final questions.
- Providing additional resources and support information.

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