

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## **Simone Dorsch**

### **Education**

1993 Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy), The University of Sydney

2000 Master of Health Science (Neurological Physiotherapy), The University of Sydney

2012 Doctor of Philosophy, The University of Sydney

### **Current Employment:**

Australian Catholic University, February 2012 to present, Lecturer in Physiotherapy, School of Allied Health

StrokeED collaboration, 2010 to present, Presenter of Stroke education workshops including;

- Evidence Based Rehabilitation for Lower Limb skills after Stroke, a 3-day workshop taught nationally and internationally
- 1000 reps a day, a one day workshop taught nationally and internationally
- The Balance workshop, a one or two day workshop taught nationally and internationally
- Electrical Stimulation after Stroke, half day and 1-day workshops taught nationally and internationally

### **Professional Experience**

#### **Experience in curriculum development**

Development of movement science and neurology units for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy programme at ACU

Development of workshops for the StrokeEd collaboration, 1, 2 and 3 day workshops on Stroke and aged care rehabilitation, these workshops are presented regularly nationally and internationally

#### **Clinical experience**

Over 20 years experience in Traumatic Brain Injury and Stroke rehabilitation

2000 to February 2018, various positions at Bankstown Hospital Stroke Unit including 8 years as a Neurology Clinical Expert in physiotherapy

### **Professional Awards**

Australian Postgraduate Award 2007

ACU finalist in National 5 minute research pitch competition 2017

ACU Vice-Chancellor's award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning 2018. This is a national University award with only one recipient, or team, being awarded each year in the undergraduate teaching category. The Neurology Team were the successful recipients of this award in recognition of the development of neurological physiotherapy units of study that are underpinned by science and evidence-based rehabilitation. These units use blended and flipped learning strategies to facilitate the acquisition, application and assimilation of neurological rehabilitation skills for physiotherapy students.

## Honorary professional positions

1996 -2002	Committee member of Neurology Study Group of the Australian Physiotherapy Association
2001 -2002	Chairperson of National Neurology Group (NSW chapter)
2003	NSW representative on the National Neurology Group committee
2008-2009	Member of scientific committee for National Neurology Conference of the Australian Physiotherapy Association 2009
2012-2014	Committee Member of the National Neurology Group (NSW chapter)
2013-2014	NSW representative on National Neurology Group committee
2018	Chairperson of NSW chapter of the National Neurology Group committee and NSW representative
2018	Development of Educational resources for the National Stroke Foundation for the InformMe website

## Publications

- Dorsch S**, Weeks K, King L, Polman E (2019). In inpatient rehabilitation, large amounts of practice can occur safely without direct therapist supervision: an observational study. *Journal of Physiotherapy* 65:23-27.
- DeSousa D, Harvey L, **Dorsch S**, Glinsky J (2018). Interventions involving repetitive practice improve strength after stroke: a systematic review *Journal of Physiotherapy* 64:210-221.
- Dorsch S**, Ada L, Alloggia D (2018). Progressive resistance training increases strength after stroke but this may not carry over to activity: a systematic review. *Journal of Physiotherapy* 64:84-90.
- McCluskey A, Lannin NA, Schurr K, & **Dorsch S**. (2017). Chapter 40: Optimising motor performance and sensation following brain impairment. In M Curtin, M Egan & J Adams (Eds.). *Occupational therapy for people experiencing illness, injury or impairment: Promoting occupation and participation* (7th ed.). Elsevier.
- Scrivener K, Tourany R, McNamara-Holmes M, Schurr K, **Dorsch S** and Dean C (2017). Feasibility of a Nurse-Led Weekend Group Exercise Program for People after Stroke. *Stroke Research and Treatment* Article ID 4574385
- de Sousa DG, Harvey LA, **Dorsch S**, Leung J, Harris W.(2016) Functional electrical stimulation cycling does not improve mobility in people with acquired brain injury and its effects on strength are unclear: a randomised trial. *Journal of Physiotherapy* 62(4):203-8.
- Hassett L, van den Berg M, Lindley RI, Crotty M, McCluskey A, van der Ploeg HP, Smith ST, Schurr K, Killington M, Bongers B, Howard K, Heritier S, Togher L, Hackett M, Treacy D, **Dorsch S**, Wong S, Scrivener K, Chagpar S, Weber H, Pearson R, Sherrington C. (2016). Effect of affordable technology on physical activity levels and mobility outcomes in rehabilitation: a protocol for the Activity and MObility UsiNg Technology (AMOUNT) rehabilitation trial. *BMJ Open* 6;6(6).
- Dorsch S**, Ada L, Canning CG. (2016) Lower Limb Strength Is Significantly Impaired in All Muscle Groups in Ambulatory People With Chronic Stroke: A Cross-Sectional Study. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation* 97(4):522-7.

**Dorsch S**, Ada L, Canning CG (2014). EMG-triggered electrical stimulation for very weak upper limb muscles following stroke: a randomised controlled feasibility study. *Clinical Rehabilitation* 28(5); 482-490.

**Dorsch S**, Ada L, Canning CG, Al-Zahrani M, Dean C (2012). The strength of the ankle dorsiflexors has a significant contribution to walking speed in people who can walk independently after stroke: an observational study. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. 93(6): 1072-6.

Alzahrani M, Dean C, Ada L, **Dorsch S** and Canning CG (2012). Mood and balance are associated with free-living physical activity of people after stroke residing in the community. *Stroke Research and Treatment* 2012, 470648.

Sherrington C, Pamphlett PI, Jacka JA, Olivetti LM, Nugent JA, Hall JM, **Dorsch S**, Kwan MM, Lord SR (2008). Group exercise can improve mobility among older people in an outpatient rehabilitation setting: a randomised controlled trial. *Clinical Rehabilitation* 22; 493-502.

Ada L, **Dorsch S**, Canning C (2006). Strengthening interventions increase strength and improve activity after stroke: a systematic review. *Australian Journal of Physiotherapy* 52; 241-248.

## **Grants**

Sherrington C, Lindley R, Crotty M et al (Chief investigators). Bongers B, Treacey D, **Dorsch S** et al (Associate investigators). *Affordable technology to improve physical activity levels and mobility outcomes in rehabilitation*. NHMRC 2013 \$1.4m.

Desousa D, Harvey L, **Dorsch S** and Liu J. *Does cycling with electrical stimulation (ES) improve strength and walking ability in stroke survivors? A randomised controlled trial*. National Stroke Foundation 2013, \$11450.

Schurr K, **Dorsch S**, Sherrington C, McCluskey A, Togher L. *Optimising Rehabilitation Outcomes*. Ingham Health Research Institute, Western Zone Research Infrastructure 2008, \$152 500

**Dorsch S**, Ada L, Canning C. *The effectiveness of EMG triggered electrical stimulation in increasing strength and activity in acute, very weak stroke patients*. Physiotherapy Research Foundation 2006, \$4967

**Dorsch S**, Ada L, Canning C. *Does EMG-triggered electrical stimulation improve strength and activity in acute, very weak stroke?* NSW Physiotherapists Registration Board 2006, \$7476

## **Invited workshops – proposed for 2019**

NASAM stroke rehabilitation, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, February 2019

World Congress of Physical Therapy, Switzerland: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, May 2019

Neurorehabilitation Hospital, Sandiango, Chile: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice and The Balance Workshop, October 2019

Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Bournemouth, United Kingdom: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, Date TBC 2019

## **Invited presentations/workshops – 2014-2018**

Skive Hospital, Skive, Denmark: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, September 2018

Skive Hospital, Skive, Denmark: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, September 2018

Glostrup Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, September 2018

Glostrup Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, September 2018

Glostrup Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark: The Balance Workshop, September 2018

Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, August 2018

AllianceRehab, Townsville: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, August 2018

Stroke 2018 Conference, Sydney: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, August 2018

MobileRehab Professional development conference: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, July 2018

Sunshine Coast University Hospital: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, June 2018

Queensland Rehab Physio Network conference, Sunshine Coast: Balance workshop June 2018

Gold Coast University Hospital: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, May 2018

Illawarra Shoalhaven local health district, NSW: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, May 2018

Concord Hospital, Sydney, NSW: The Balance Workshop, May 2018

Agewell Physiotherapy, NSW: The Stroke Guidelines, May 2018

Ipswich Hospital, QLD: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, April 2018

Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, November 2017

Calvary Hospital, Sydney, NSW: The Balance Workshop, November 2017

Greenwich Hospital, Sydney, NSW: The Balance Workshop, June 2017

Queanbeyan Hospital, NSW: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, June 2017

Bega Hospital, NSW: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, May 2017

Royal Brisbane Hospital, QLD: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, April 2017

Royal Rehabilitation, NSW: Electrical Stimulation workshop, March 2017

Central coast local health district, NSW: Electrical Stimulation workshop, March 2017

Glostrup Rehabilitation Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, January 2017

Hammel Rehabilitation Hospital, Brondeslev, Denmark: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, February 2017

Hunter Stroke Service, NSW: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, November 2016

Smart Strokes Conference, Canberra ACT: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, August 2016

Hunter Stroke Services, NSW: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, May 2016

Gold Coast Hospital QLD: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, May 2016

Townsville Hospital QLD: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, June 2016

Camden Rehabilitation Hospital NSW: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, April 2016

Graythwaite Rehabilitation Hospital: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, February 2016

One Rehab service Adelaide SA: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, February 2016

Logan Hospital Rehabilitation Service QLD: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, November 2015

Wangaratta Hospital VIC: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, November 2015

Braeside Hospital NSW: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, October 2015

Maclean Hospital NSW: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, June 2015

Coffs Harbour Hospital NSW: 1000 Reps a Day: Strategies to Increase Intensity of Practice, May 2015

The Department of Rehabilitation Glostrup Hospital Copenhagen, Denmark, Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, December 2014

Glostrup Rehabilitation Hospital, Denmark: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, December 2014

Hammel Rehabilitation Hospital, Denmark: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, December 2014

Brighton Health Campus, QLD: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, October 2014

Gold Coast Hospital, QLD: Evidence-based lower limb re-training after Stroke, March 2014

## **Invited Reviewer**

### **National Stroke Guidelines 2017**

Invited reviewer for the NHMRC of the National Stroke Foundation clinical guidelines

### **Peer review Journals**

Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy  
Clinical Rehabilitation  
Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Journal of Physiotherapy  
Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine  
BMC Neurology  
Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair