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34 **Abstract**

35 Background and Purpose: A Diagnosis of stage IV Glioblastoma and its treatment often  
36 results in many impairments and functional limitations. This case report describes the  
37 effectiveness of strengthening, balance, and gait training activities measured by Berg  
38 Balance Scale (BBS) and ambulation distances on an individual 62 year old diagnosed  
39 with stage IV glioblastoma. The aim of this case study was to implement strengthening,  
40 balance, and gait training to improve balance and reduce risk of falls in a patient who had  
41 a diagnosis of stage IV glioblastoma, a metastatic brain tumor resulting in progressive  
42 neurological impairments.

43 Case Description: A 62 year old male, with a diagnosis of glioblastoma received balance  
44 training, strengthening, and gait training exercises 40 minutes per session 6 times a week  
45 for 8 weeks. The patient would performed gait training, balance and strengthening  
46 exercises using neuro-developmental treatment, facilitated movement, and task oriented  
47 interventions each session. The BBS and ambulation distances were utilized to assess  
48 patient's balance, coordination, and fall risk.

49 Outcome: Improvement in balance and coordination were observed, with increased  
50 stability in developmental postures and increased ambulation distances tolerated. Overall  
51 there was a decrease in the patients Berg Balance Scale score 27/56 to 18/56.

52 Discussion: The findings suggest there are possible benefits of strengthening, balance and  
53 gait training activities, including improvements in tolerance to ambulation, coordination  
54 and balance following practice in developmental postures. However there was no  
55 objective evidence of improvements in independent functional activities and a decline in  
56 their BBS score perhaps due to the progressive nature of the disease. Further research

57 should be done to examine the relationship between physical therapy interventions and  
58 functional restoration for patients with glioblastoma.

## 59 **Background and Purpose**

60 From 2005-2009 there were 1009,605 incidences of malignant brain tumors  
61 reported in the united states.<sup>14</sup> Specific incidence rates for malignant brain tumors ranged  
62 from 5.8 to 11.70 per 100,000 adults 20 years or older.<sup>14</sup> Glioblastoma is a malignant  
63 brain tumor often found in the cerebellum, which frequently affects the central nervous  
64 systems supporting glial cells.<sup>4</sup> These tumors are characterized by the presence of  
65 necrotic cells and increased vascularization around the tumor.<sup>4,1</sup> Glioblastoma, which is  
66 the most common neoplasm usually effecting people in the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> decade of life, is  
67 categorized from stages I through IV depending on the rate of growth and size of the  
68 tumor. Stage IV is the most rapidly growing and invasive glioblastoma.<sup>21</sup> These tumors  
69 may increase intracranial pressure, causing multiple symptoms and impairments  
70 depending on the size and location of the mass.<sup>4</sup> Common symptoms in patients with  
71 glioblastoma may include headaches, seizures, memory loss, language dysfunction,  
72 hemiparesis, and change in behavior, cognition, and/or sensation.<sup>4</sup>

73 Treatment of glioblastoma frequently involves surgery to excise the tumor  
74 followed by radiation therapy with the intent to destroy any remaining cancer cell is  
75 common practice in treating patients with stage IV glioblastoma.<sup>4,21</sup> Similar to the  
76 growing malignancy, these treatments often cause further progressive and even rapid  
77 neurological impairments due to their toxic nature.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately even with treatment  
78 the prognosis for patients diagnosed with a high grade glioblastoma is relatively poor  
79 with a mean survival rate of 12 to 18 months.<sup>21</sup>

80           Despite the high rate of neurological and functional impairments in patients  
81 affected by brain tumors, there is not a well-established rehabilitation treatment for these  
82 patients.<sup>2</sup> Many studies have shown the potential benefits for patients receiving physical  
83 therapy after a diagnosis of a cancer, but few have focused solely on malignant brain  
84 tumors. Studies have shown that participation in physical therapy after tumor resection  
85 resulted in improved outcomes, including gains in functional status and higher rates of  
86 discharge to home with physical therapy after tumor resections.<sup>1</sup> Preoperative  
87 rehabilitation may not only help reduce length of stay, but may also decrease  
88 postoperative complication rates in patients undergoing surgery with different types of  
89 cancers.<sup>1</sup> A comparison study between patients receiving physical therapy and patients  
90 solely receiving the usual radiation oncology care found physical therapy to be beneficial  
91 in preventing a decrease in patient's quality of life.<sup>1</sup> Despite the many potential benefits  
92 of physical therapy for patients diagnosed with cancer many still do not receive any  
93 rehabilitation. A cross sectional survey in Seoul, Korea in 2008 looked at 402 patients  
94 who had a diagnosis of cancer and found out that 83.8% of the patients experienced  
95 problems with functional activity and 71.6% expressed interest in rehabilitation, yet only  
96 8.5% of these patients had ever been referred to physical therapy after their diagnosis.<sup>13</sup>  
97 Due to the poor prognosis of patients diagnosis of Stage IV glioblastoma, there is limited  
98 information regarding physical therapy's effects on the functional status of a patient  
99 within this patient population.

100           The purpose of this case report is to provide an overview of the specific physical  
101 therapy management strategies used during an in-patient rehabilitation stay for a patient  
102 with a diagnosis of stage IV glioblastoma. This case details the effects of physical

103 therapy interventions on the patient's functional abilities, as measured by the BBS and  
104 ambulation distances.

### 105 **Case Description**

106 The patient provided written informed consent for participation in this case study. He  
107 was a 62-year-old married male and father to a child diagnosed with Down syndrome. He  
108 had an extremely positive demeanor and very strong family and social support system  
109 upon admission. He was residing at a skilled nursing facility after sustaining a fall,  
110 without injury, two weeks after being diagnosed with a right sided brain mass. Chief  
111 complaints at the initial evaluation included left sided weakness and unsteadiness.

112 He reported being in good health and very active before his diagnosis of cancer.  
113 Along with general good healthy habits he denied any history of smoking, drugs, or  
114 alcohol abuse. The patient had no family history of cancer, his past medical history  
115 consisted of hyperlipidemia, type II diabetes, hypertension, and stage IV glioblastoma  
116 with right brain mass. Medications are listed in Table 1.

117 At the start of care the patient was independent at wheel chair level requiring  
118 moderate assistance and an assistive device during all functional transfers, ambulation,  
119 and performing stairs. He required supervision to perform bed mobility due to increased  
120 impulsivity, decreased safety awareness, left sided inattention and left sided hemiparesis.  
121 Results of a full systems review are provided in Table 2.

122 The patient and family expressed a chief goal to be able to walk with modified  
123 independence, using a front-wheeled walker, within the home and community without  
124 sustaining a fall.

125 **Clinical Impression 1**

126           Upon review of the patient's history and medical chart it was hypothesized the  
127 patient's impairments were left sided hemiparesis, increased impulsivity, and decreased  
128 safety awareness secondary to the diagnosis of stage IV glioblastoma. These primary  
129 impairments had led to decreased balance and increased fatigue, which increased his risk  
130 of falls. His activity limitations were difficulty walking and performing functional  
131 transfers, which limited his ability to participate in most functional activities and many  
132 activities of daily living without assistance. Further tests and measures done to confirm  
133 the hypothesis were Manual Muscle Tests, Berg Balance Scale, ambulation distance  
134 tolerated, light touch sensation, range of motion, and deep tendon reflexes. This patient  
135 continued to be a good candidate for a case report due to the lack of research reporting  
136 the effects of physical therapy treatment for improving balance and decreasing fall risk in  
137 patients with stage IV glioblastoma.

138 **Examination**

139           The examination focus was to assess the patient's functional abilities and  
140 determine his fall risk due to being referred to the skilled nursing facility after sustaining  
141 a fall secondary to a recent diagnosis of stage IV glioblastoma. Due to facility protocols,  
142 physical therapists addressed the patients's lower extremity impairments, functional  
143 mobility and transfers while occupational therapists addressed patient's upper extremity  
144 impairments and activities of daily living. A plan for the examination was developed and  
145 executed by evaluating pain using the Visual Analogy Scale for current pain, range of  
146 motion using goniometry, sensation testing with light touch, manual muscle testing, deep  
147 tendon reflex testing, coordination testing using rapid alternating movements of heel to

148 shin, functional transfers, bed mobility, ambulation distance tolerance with assisted  
149 device (front wheeled walker), as well as the BBS to assess the patients risk of falling.  
150 For results of tests and measures see Table 3. The BBS was chosen due to its  
151 recommendation from the Traumatic Brain Injury Task Force for use in this population as  
152 well as its reported excellent test re-test reliability.<sup>17</sup> Other psychometric properties have  
153 not been identified for the BBS in patients with brain tumors. Although validity and  
154 reliability are not documented for the BBS with this population, this assessment tool has  
155 been found to have excellent validity and reliability in identifying fall risk for populations  
156 who have impairments and balance dysfunctions similar to the patient in this case report,  
157 making it a beneficial outcome tool to quantify the patients fall risk and balance  
158 dysfunction.<sup>15,19</sup> A significant decrease in patients in sight and safety awareness were  
159 noted during the patient's evaluation.

## 160 **Clinical impression 2**

161 The patient's primary impairments were left sided hemiparesis, increased  
162 impulsivity and decreased safety awareness. These lead to secondary impairments of  
163 decreased balance and decreased endurance. Subsequently the patient required the use of  
164 a front-wheeled walker and contact guard to maximum assistance when ambulating or  
165 performing functional transfers, which greatly restricted his ability to participate in  
166 functional tasks and ability to work. The combination of the left sided hemiparesis and  
167 lack of safety awareness put the patient at an elevated-risk of falling also indicated on the  
168 BBS. (table 3)

169 The primary diagnosis taken from the Guide to Physical Therapy was "Impaired  
170 motor function and sensory integrity associated with progressive disorder of the CNS."



171 This diagnosis was chosen given the malignant nature of glioblastoma. The ICD-9 code  
172 719.7, difficulty walking, was the physical therapy diagnosis due to the patient's primary  
173 concern, his inability to ambulate independently.

174 The patient's prognosis was fair to make functional improvements with physical  
175 therapy due to the aggressive and progressive nature of the patient's tumor. As  
176 highlighted earlier, there continues to be improving evidence on the benefits that physical  
177 therapy and other therapies can have for patients with brain tumors. However, it is  
178 difficult to predict what functional improvements may be seen through therapy.

179 A plan of care was developed consisting of the patient being seen 40 minutes per  
180 session, six times a week while continuing his radiation and other treatments. Short and  
181 long term goals were developed. (Table 4) Therapy sessions involved neuromuscular re-  
182 education, gait training, and therapeutic exercises with the goals of increasing the  
183 patient's functional abilities and decreasing his risk of falls by addressing his  
184 impairments. The patient participated in balance training using neurodevelopmental  
185 postures utilizing different surfaces, level of support, and incorporating dynamic  
186 activities. Each posture was initiated in a static position, with the patient attempting to  
187 maintain the posture. It was then progressed to maintenance of the posture while  
188 performing a dynamic activity. The posture was then progressed again to maintain the  
189 position statically on an unstable surface, and finally to the performance of the posture on  
190 an unstable surface while performing a dynamic activity. Once all of these progressions  
191 had been successfully accomplished the patient then progressed to the next, more  
192 challenging neurodevelopmental posture. The patient also performed gait training using a

193 front-wheeled walker with manual assistance provided by the therapist, with the goal to  
194 improve his functional endurance and tolerance to ambulation.

195 The patient was reevaluated after every 10<sup>th</sup> session and performed all tests and  
196 measures performed during the initial examination. (Table 3).

### 197 **Intervention**

198 The patient received 48 sessions of physical therapy over a period of 12 weeks.  
199 He was scheduled for 45-minute daily treatment sessions, six times a week. Therapy  
200 session length varied slightly depending on patients fatigue levels and compliance during  
201 each session.

202 Coordination, communication, and documentation:

203 Initial evaluation and each session was documented using electronic medical  
204 system and any changes in the plan of care were noted at time of change.

205 Communication with patients, family, in house physician, occupational therapy, speech  
206 therapy, and nursing staff was done through electronic medical system and verbal  
207 communication about patients level of current status. The therapy team communicated  
208 about the patients continued need for skilled therapy and discharge status at weekly  
209 meetings.

210 Patient, Client, and family related instructions:

211 The patient was educated about his current conditions, safety recommendations  
212 and physical status at initial evaluation. Plan of care was established at initial evaluation,  
213 which would entail strengthening, balance training, and gait training. Due to the  
214 impulsive nature of the patient, secondary to his diagnosis of stage IV glioblastoma,  
215 instructions were given frequently. Simple one and two-step commands were used to

216 encourage understanding. Visual cues using a mirror and demonstrations, along with  
217 tactile cueing with manual support were used to further improve the patient's  
218 understanding and success performing interventions. The patient was informed of the  
219 safety recommendations of remaining at the wheelchair level without assistance and the  
220 required home modifications. The recommended home modification included removal of  
221 throw rugs, installation of grab bars, shower chair, and constant supervision due to  
222 patient's elevated fall risk.

223 Procedural interventions:

224         The plan of care was developed with flexibility to allow changes to the length of  
225 individual sessions dependent on the patient's fatigue levels or compliance. The patient  
226 often presented with variable level of fatigue and agitation, requiring modification of  
227 individual treatment session length. The interventions provided including interventions of  
228 neuromuscular reeducation using neurodevelopmental postures to address the patient's  
229 stability. The re-educational activities then progressed to mobility once success had been  
230 established in static postures.<sup>20</sup> The patient began by obtaining neurodevelopmental  
231 postures. (Figure 1) He then attempted to maintain the posture statically with contact  
232 guard to moderate assist, visual cues with mirror, and maximum to minimal verbal cues  
233 from therapist to maintain proper posture for 15 to 30 seconds. This was performed 3 to 5  
234 times with adequate rest breaks determined by patient's fatigue. Once the patient  
235 successfully maintained postures statically with minimum assistance and cueing the  
236 posture was progressed to include performance of a dynamic activity. Dynamic activities  
237 included reaching across midline, overhead, to the floor, picking up objects, throwing and  
238 catching objects, and other functional activities. Once successful at maintaining posture

239 with dynamic activities the intervention was progressed to an unstable surface using a  
240 blue Therex foam reference. The progression of static to dynamic would again be used  
241 while on an unstable posture. After all four progressions had been successfully completed  
242 within the neurodevelopmental posture, a new more difficult posture would be introduced  
243 from which the patient went through the progressions again. (Table 5)

244 Gait training was performed with a front wheel walker and intermittent therapist  
245 assistance, maximum assistance to contact guard, to improve the patient's functional  
246 mobility and tolerance to activity with the goal of improving endurance. Ambulation  
247 distance was increased as the patient successfully performed distances with decreasing  
248 level of therapist assistance required. (Table 5).

249 These interventions and progressions were chosen due to previously demonstrated  
250 benefits of performing balance and coordination training on functional abilities for  
251 populations with brain tumors and other neurological conditions.<sup>11,20</sup> The interventions  
252 provided stemmed from theories of neurodevelopmental patterns, stability being  
253 necessary before controlled mobility, and the task oriented approach to rehabilitation and  
254 their successful application with neurological populations.<sup>20</sup> The goal of each  
255 interventions was to improve the patients functional abilities by normalizing movement  
256 patterns, repetitive practice, and improving strength, stability, and endurance.

257 These Interventions were provided throughout the entirety of the patient episode  
258 of care.

## 259 **Outcomes**

260 An increased ambulation distance was demonstrated; however an initial decline in  
261 Berg Balance Scale score followed by a slight increase in score, which remained below

262 patients initial evaluation score, was noted. (Table 6). The patient was unable to make  
263 progress towards his goal of walking independently, requiring the use of an assistive  
264 device and maximal assistance to contact guard during ambulation.

## 265 **Discussion**

266         The prognosis for patients with brain tumors is generally not favorable with a  
267 five-year survival rate of 33.9%.<sup>14</sup> Due to the aggressive nature of stage IV glioblastoma  
268 the survival rate decreases further, ranging from 12-16 months.<sup>21</sup> Although many factors  
269 can affect the prognosis such as patient's age, length of symptoms, and type of tumor;  
270 they all pointing in a less favorable direction for the patient's prognosis and rehabilitation  
271 potential.<sup>14</sup> The patient had a fair prognosis for therapy due to the fact stage IV  
272 glioblastoma is one of the most aggressive brain tumor, his sudden onset of symptoms,  
273 progressive decline of functional abilities, advanced age, and pre-existing co-morbidities.

274         With little research identifying relationships between physical therapy and  
275 glioblastomas, this case report highlights possible interventions and progression for a  
276 patient within this population. These interventions and progressions were chosen due to  
277 previously demonstrated benefits of performing balance and coordination training on  
278 functional abilities for populations with brain tumors and other neurological  
279 conditions.<sup>11,20</sup> The interventions provided stemmed from theories of neurodevelopmental  
280 patterns, stability being necessary before controlled mobility, and the task oriented  
281 approach to rehabilitation and their successful application with neurological  
282 populations.<sup>20</sup> The goal of each interventions was to improve the patients functional  
283 abilities by normalizing movement patterns, repetitive practice, and improving strength,  
284 stability, and endurance.

285           Possibly due to the progressive nature of the disease, there was a decline in the  
286 patient's Berg Balance Scale indicating an elevated fall risk from initial evaluation to  
287 discharge. While other findings have suggested possible improvements in balance with  
288 patient populations with less aggressive brain tumors or similar impairments, those  
289 results were not seen in this case.<sup>1</sup> An improvement was noted in the patient's ability to  
290 maintain and function within each neurodevelopmental posture from initial evaluation to  
291 discharge. An increase in ambulation distance was noted over the patient's episode of  
292 care, but no prior research was identified relating patient's diagnosed with stage IV  
293 glioblastoma or brain tumors and physical therapies effect on endurance measured by  
294 ambulation distances.

295           This case report suggests a possible benefit of selective therapy, using gait  
296 training and neurodevelopmental postures, to improve strengthening, balance and  
297 endurance within this population. Future research on the effect of physical therapy on  
298 functional ability for patients with stage IV glioblastoma and other brain tumors is  
299 needed to identify further definitive benefits for these patient populations.

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<b>Table 1.</b>	
<b>Medication</b>	<b>Indication</b>
Acetaminophen*	Pain
Glucagen Hypokit	Type II Diabetes
Enoxaparin Sodium	Blood thinner
Hydrochlorothiazide*	Hypertension
Levetiracetam*	Seizures
Lisinipril*	Hypertension
Metformin	Type II diabetes
Sertraline*	Depression
Famotidine	Stomach ulcers
Humalog	Blood sugar control
Butalbital-acetaminophen-caffeine	Head aches
Clonazepam	Anxiety
Trazidone*	Insomnia
Onadsetron	Nausea
Dexamethasone*	Anti-inflammatory
*Independent risk factor of increases fall risk <sup>(10)</sup>	

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<b>Table 2.</b>	
<b>Systems Review</b>	
Cardiovascular/Pulmonary	Intact
Musculoskeletal	Impaired: Left Lower Extremity Manual muscle test grossly 4-/5, Right Lower Extremity 4+/5
Neuromuscular	Impaired: Left sided hemiparesis, Increased impulsivity, decreased safety awareness secondary to right sided brain mass. Bilateral lower extremity Coordination: RAMs intact, Bilateral lower extremity sensation intact: light touch.
Integumentary	Intact
Communication	Intact, Slight slur in speech secondary to brain mass
Affect, Cognition, Language, Learning Style	Alert and oriented to person, place, and time. English language, patient is a visual learner and able to follow multiple step directions.

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<b>Table 3.</b>			
<b><u>Test and Measure</u></b>	<b><u>Admission</u></b>	<b><u>Discharge</u></b>	<b><u>Psychometric Properties</u></b>
Bilateral Lower Extremity Manual Muscle Testing	Right 4+/5, Left 4-/5 grossly	Right 4+/5, Left all 4/5 except ankle dorsi flexion 2-/5	Excellent test re-test reliability(ICC=.98) Sensitivity=.35 Specificity=.9 <sup>(5)</sup>
*Berg Balance Scale	27/56 moderate fall risk	18/56 high fall risk	Test Re-test reliability, ICC .986 with patients with TBI <sup>(14,18)</sup>
*Ambulation Distance Tolerated	125 feet minimum to moderate assistance x1	500 feet contact guard to minimum assistance x1	N/A
Range of Motion	Within functional limits Bilateral Lower Extremity	Within functional limits	N/A
Bilateral Lower Extremity Deep Tendon Reflexes	2+ bilateral Patellar and Achilles tendons	2+ bilateral Patellar and Achilles tendons	P<.001 when comparing taping method & experimental method tapping velocity <sup>(21)</sup>
Bilateral Lower extremity Sensation	Intact, light touch dermatomes L1-S2	Intact light touch dermatomes L1-S2	N/A
Bilateral Lower Extremity Coordination	Bilateral rapid alternating movements: heel to shine, intact	Bilateral rapid alternating movements: heel to shine, intact	N/A
Pain VAS	0/10	0/10	Excellent Test Re-test reliability r=.94, P<.001 <sup>(8)</sup>
Functional Transfers	Moderate assistance	Contact guard to moderate assistance	N/A
Bed Mobility	Supervision assistance	Supervision assistance	N/A
*Outcome measures used			

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<b>Table 4.</b>	
Short-term Goals (2 weeks)	Long-term Goals (4 weeks)
1. Transition safety from supine to sitting on edge of bed with modified independence.	1. Ambulate community distances (300-500ft) with modified independence and front-wheeled walker.
2. Perform 7 stairs with bilateral railings and stand by assistance of therapist.	2. Improve Berg Balance Scale score to 40/56.
3. Perform all functional transfers with contact guard assistance and moderate verbal cues.	3. Improve MMT score to 5/5 of bilateral lower extremities.

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<b>Table 5</b>				
Interventions	WEEK 1-2	WEEK 3-4	WEEK 5-6	WEEK 7-8
Neuromuscular reeducation	Quadruped balance activities.	High kneel balance activities	Half kneel balance activities	Standing balance activities
Progression	Abdominal support on stability ball	Manual support form PT	Manual Support from PT	Manual Support from PT
Static	Without Support	Without Support	Without Support	Without Support
Dynamic	Alternating reaching with B/L UE & LE	Reaching B/L UE	Reaching B/L UE	Alternating Reaching with B/L UE & LE
Static	On two inch foam mat	On Blue TherEx pad	On Blue Ther Ex pad	On Blue Ther Ex pad
Dynamic	Alternating reaching with B/L UE & LE	Reaching B/L UE	Reaching B/L UE	Alternating Reaching with B/L UE & LE
Gait Training with AD	50-100 feet	100-200 feet	200-300 feet	>400 Feet

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<b>Table 6</b>						
Sessions	1	10	20	30	40	48
Berg Balance Scale Score	27/56 High Fall Risk	27/56 High Fall Risk	14/56 High Fall Risk	14/56 High Fall Risk	16/56 High Fall Risk	18/56 High Fall Risk
Ambulation Distance	125 feet	200 feet	200 feet	300 feet	300 feet	500 feet