Therapists are from Saturn, Patients are from Jupiter: Houston, We Have a Problem! Achieving Effective Communication to Benefit Your Practice Using the OPN Method

This special event is a fundraiser for the Marvin Lepley Memorial Fund.
All proceeds from this event will go directly to this fund.

Friday March 23, 2018, University of Minnesota (6.5 contact hours)

The Ozer Payton Nelson (OPN) Method is a communication program that promotes trust, freedom of expression and understanding through the use of a cyclical structured format. What sets the OPN Method apart from other communication methods is the OPN Method guides the clinician as to how to engage the patient throughout the process from evaluation to discharge. This format is not a checklist or simple guidelines to follow. The OPN Method explains what questions to ask and the order in which to ask the questions. The OPN Method’s simplicity is its driving force. It can work in nearly any healthcare setting for patients (and families) with any diagnosis. Join us for an interactive day of learning and practice with this method. **Cost:** $199.00; Registration opens Dec 1, 2017.

Marv was a 1952 graduate of the U of M who devoted 35 years of service to the OT program as a faculty member and program director. Many alum will remember Marv as their anatomy lab instructor. Upon Marv’s death in 2009, a memorial fund was established by his family. All proceeds from this event will go directly to this fund. The speakers have all agreed to travel here and present at no cost, so nearly all of the fee collected will go directly to this fund.

**Course Instructors:**

**Craig Nelson**, MS, OTR/L is one of the creators of the OPN Method. He is the former Director of Rehabilitative Services at Hiram W. Davis Medical Center in Petersburg, Virginia and Director of Rehabilitative Support Services at Southside Virginia Training Center in Petersburg, Virginia. He earned his B.S. in Occupational Therapy at the University of Minnesota and his M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling at Syracuse University. His experience includes 20 years on the OT faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University. He co-authored two books on involving patients in goal-setting and more than 15 articles in refereed journals.

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