

Dynamic Neuromuscular Stabilization (DNS) according to Kolar

Basic Course “A”

Contact Hours: 18

Course date:

September 19 - 21, 2025

Location:

**Evolve Massage College
5th floor - 1445 Portage Ave
Winnipeg, MB
Canada**

**Located within the Uquutaq Medical Boarding Homebr
Formerly the Clarion hotel
Across from Polo Park**

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<https://www.expandlearning.ca/dns-a-1>

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Tentative Course Program

(the actual program will be sent to you by the local organizer)

Day 1 Friday – September 19, 2025

9.00 – 10.30	Developmental kinesiology, ontogenesis – basic principles.
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break.
10.45 – 12.30	Developmental stages in the 1st year of life – physiological & pathological development.
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch.
13.30 – 15.00	Stabilization of spine, trunk and pelvis in sagittal plane, breathing stereotype (ideal and pathological models).
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee break.
15.15 – 17.00	Stabilizing system of the spine: DNS postural tests – assessment principles.

Day 2 Saturday – September 20, 2025

9.00 – 10.30	Basic postural stabilization assessment and treatment principles.
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break.
10.45 – 12.30	Postural stabilization: basic supine positions corresponding with developmental positions: assessment and treatment/self-treatment principles: theory and demonstration.
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch.
13.30 – 15.00	Postural stabilization: basic supine positions corresponding with developmental positions: hands on workshop.
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee break.
15.15 – 17.00	Postural stabilization: basic supine positions corresponding with developmental positions: hands on workshop.

Day 3 Sunday – September 21, 2025

8.30 – 10.30	Postural stabilization: basic prone positions corresponding with developmental positions – theory and demonstration: assessment and treatment/self-treatment principles.
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break.
10.45 – 12.30	Postural stabilization: basic prone positions corresponding with developmental positions: hands on workshop.
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch.
13.30 – 15.00	Postural stabilization: demonstration of higher positions corresponding with development 3-14 months: intro to DNS course B. Final discussion.

More information about the course:

https://www.rehabps.cz/rehab/course.php?c_id=3529

Course Goals and Description

- Improve understanding of the basic principles of developmental kinesiology with an emphasis on development during the first year of life
- Identify and describe key milestones in human development
- Introduce the three level of sensorimotor control in functional assessment and treatment
- Demonstrate the relationship between development during the first year of life and pathology of the locomotor system in adulthood
- Introduce new terminology pertinent to rehabilitation such as functional joint centration, punctum fixum, punctum mobile and the integrated stabilizing system of the spine
- Define ideal postural stabilization from a developmental perspective: intra-abdominal pressure regulation, dual role of the diaphragm in stabilization and respiration, stabilization via co-contraction
- Identify common stereotypes of faulty postural stabilization (“open scissors syndrome”, forward drom posture, backward drom posture, “hour glass syndrome”)
- Explain and demonstrate biomechanics of undifferentiated, ipsilateral and contralateral postural-locomotion patterns; closed and opened kinematic chains, stepping forward and supporting function
- Evaluate and correct poor respiratory patterns
- Demonstrate the correlation between poor respiration patterns and functional pathology of the locomotor system
- Assess the integrated stabilizing system of the spine both visually and utilizing dynamic functional tests
- Integrate corrective exercises based on the DNS functional tests and developmental positions: exercise in undifferentiated static positions; position transfer during locomotor function; exercise progression using unstable surfaces; increased difficulty of the exercises utilizing resistance, dual tasking and other challenges
- Clarify how DNS corrective exercises can integrate with other exercise strategies
- Cover the basics of application of DNS concept in sport training
- Provide basic clinical management explanation for clinicians to better integrate the DNS approach in their regular practice, including patient education
- Optimally prepare students for the next level of training (Course “B”)

OPTIONAL EXAMINATION

Participants who would like to participate in the educational track towards becoming a certified practitioner can take this exam for an additional fee of 50 Euros.

The DNS A test is completely automatic and on line. As soon as you register, you will receive a unique link to start the test. The test is designed to sharpen your understanding and reinforce the concepts of DNS to make you a better trainer, therapist or physician. The test is comprised of 50 multiple choice questions, including 10 picture questions. You can spend as much time as you want to take the test.

To pass the test you must answer 35 out of the 50 questions correctly. You will get a maximum of three attempts to pass the test. As soon as you submit your test, you will receive your results immediately both on the screen and they will be sent to you via email.

At the end of the course, a Certificate of Attendance will be awarded by local instructor.

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Certificate of Attendance

BE IT KNOWN THAT

Peter Brown

HAS ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING COURSE WORK

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ACCORDING TO KOLÁŘ
A DEVELOPMENTAL KINESIOLOGY APPROACH**

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Robert Lardner, PT



Upon successful completion and passing of the DNS Test A, a Certificate of Achievement from Prague School of Rehabilitation will be awarded (electronic version by email).

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BE IT KNOWN THAT

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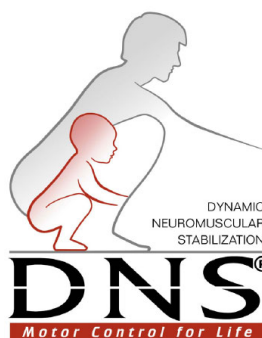
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EXAMINATION: **October 20, 2025**

Alena Kobesova MD, PhD



Upon successful completion and passing of the courses A-D and tests, a Certificate of DNS Practitioner from Prague School of Rehabilitation can be awarded. You will be recognized as a Certified Practitioner in the Dynamic Neuromuscular Stabilization approach. After obtaining the final diploma, you can be listed among **DNS Certified Practitioners** on the website of the Prague School for a fee of 20 EUR for an unlimited period. You are required to take at least one DNS course every 3 years to retain your certification status.

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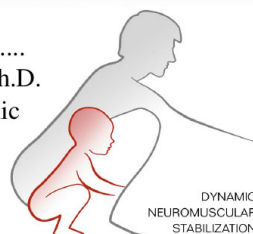
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PRESCRIBED COURSES
AND HAVING DEMONSTRATED PROFICIENCY BY PASSING ALL
REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS REGARDING THE PRINCIPLES,
DIAGNOSTIC & THERAPEUTIC APPLICATION OF DNS.

THUS CONFER THE TITLE OF:

**Dynamic Neuromuscular Stabilization
Certified Practitioner**

September, 2013

Prof. Pavel Kolar, PaedDr., Ph.D.
Head of Rehabilitation Clinic
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Course Instructor



Robert Lardner, PT

Robert Lardner graduated from the Department of Physical Therapy, Lund's University, Sweden in 1991. He has worked in inpatient / outpatient rehabilitation facilities in Sweden prior to moving to Illinois in 1992, where he worked as a staff physical therapist at McNeal Hospital, Clearing Industrial Clinic and a supervisor of physical therapy at Mercy Hospital.

He has also been in charge of physical therapy services at a number private outpatient and sports clinics, and in addition teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses at both the Southern California and the National Universities of Health Sciences. He has studied with Professors Janda, Lewit and Kolář from the Czech Republic who are pioneers in functional rehabilitation and manual medicine. Over the years he has taught different courses in the field of rehabilitation utilizing techniques and approaches of leaders in this field whose philosophies he deeply appreciates, these include manual therapy, gait and movement analysis, exercise, and reflex philosophies & techniques. At present he is also an international DNS (Dynamic Neuromuscular Stabilization) instructor.

Currently, he is in private practice in Chicago and continues to teach various seminars throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia.

Author of the DNS concept



Professor Pavel Kolar, P.T., Paed. Dr., Ph.D.

Professor Kolar is a physiotherapist by training. His instructors, Professor Karel Lewit and the late Professors Vaclav Vojta and Vladimir Janda, profoundly influenced him in his evolution of DNS. He is the Director of the Rehabilitation Department, University Hospital Motol, School of Medicine, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. He also acts as an adviser to the Director of the Hospital and serves as vice-dean of bachelor and master study at Second Medical Faculty, Charles University, Prague.

As Director of the Rehabilitation Department, Professor Kolar oversees the following:

1. The Rehabilitation Unit for adult patients, both outpatients and in-patients.
2. The Rehabilitation Unit for children: outpatient and inpatient.
3. The Pain Management Unit: outpatient and inpatient.
4. The Spinal Unit.
5. The School of Physiotherapy.
6. Department of Sports Medicine.

Professor Kolar is renowned for his work in rehabilitation, in addition to his utilization of DNS methods to celebrities in the world of sports, politics and entertainment. He has been appointed team clinician for the Czech Olympic teams, Soccer team, Davis Cup tennis teams and national ice hockey teams. He gained wide recognition for his treatment of former Czech President Vaclav Havel, which included traveling and serving as the President's personal clinician when he went abroad. Because of the profound influence of DNS to rehabilitation in the Czech Republic, Professor Kolar was awarded the prestigious "Presidential Award for Professional Excellence" by Czech President Vaclav Klaus in 2007. This award is typically reserved for those in their later years after many decades of significant contributions to society, while Professor Kolar's contribution of DNS earned him the coveted award while still in his early 40's!!

Professor Kolar is currently directing an extensive research project in his department concerning developmental kinesiology and its application in early diagnosis of central nervous system disorder in newborns and infants. He and his trained therapists utilize DNS techniques in the treatment of newborns and infants with cerebral palsy. Professor Kolar is also currently involved in a second research project, studying "stabilization and respiratory function of the diaphragm" and its relation to conservative treatment of back pain syndromes.

In 2009 Pavel Kolar successfully completed his Ph.D. His thesis was: "Dynamic MRI and spirometric analysis of diaphragmatic activity". From 2009 to 2012 Prof. Kolar accepted an appointment as Adjunct Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Murdoch University, Australia.

Professor Kolar has taught DNS in numerous countries all over the world.

Professor Kolar resides in Prague with his wife and three children.