INNOVATIVE APPROACHES FOR EVALUATION AND DEVICE-BASED TREATMENT OF GAIT DISORDERS IN CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• Review the use of motion capture, electromyography (EMG), and mobile neuroimaging to characterize walking function and pathology in individuals with cerebral palsy.
• Identify key design considerations for development of wearable robotics exoskeletons in neurorehabilitation applications.
• Discuss recent results of a pilot clinical study utilizing a powered exoskeleton to improve crouch gait in children with cerebral palsy.

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