

Vestibular Rehabilitation SIG
APTA CSM Feb 16, 2007 Boston

Business Meeting:

Officers attending: Denise Gobert, Diane Wrisley, Michelle Gutierrez, Danielle Nightshade, Betsy Grace, Pat Winkler

Newsletter editor: Sharan Zirges

Total Attending: Approximately 47

1. Welcome by Denise Gobert
2. Chair Report: 2006 Vestibular Rehabilitation Year in Review

- a. Participation for Barany International Survey:

How does US Vestibular Rehabilitation (VR) practice compare with that of other International VR therapists? How difficult would it be for an internationally trained VR clinician (i.e. from the UK, Australia or Japan) to come to the US to practice VR or a US trained VR clinician to go abroad to practice? Is there a need for an international "Gold Standard"? Many clinicians and researchers suggest that the answer is "Yes."

Barany Society will be in Japan in 2008 will compile the information and determine what is the Gold Standard around the globe.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Kim Gottshall at KRGottshall@nmcscd.med.navy.mil

- b. Position Statement (Scope of VR Practice)

Who should be conducting Vestibular Rehabilitation? Can insurance companies pay Audiologists, Nurse Practitioners working in the ENT office? What makes physical therapists unique?

APTA does not have a statement on this.

We are moving forward on our position statement (White Paper). Clarifying what is the physical therapists role in a multi-disciplinary setting for vestibular rehabilitation.

As recent as this morning a special task group made up of Sue Whitney, Sue Perry (Neurology Section VP), Joan Bohmert, APTA Board Liaison for the Neurology Section, Kathy Brown, Liaison to House of Delegates and myself, developed and presented a condensed version of the position statement to the APTA Reference Committee. The committee accepted the statement today for submission to the House of Delegates in May 2007. The APTA is finally hearing our plea for a national statement of support to the VR physical therapist.

Updates coming soon.

- c. Neurology Section Strategic Plan (2006-2011)

We have to become the practitioner of choice for patients with vestibular related disorders.

Goals: for Vision 2020

Leadership roles- having the voice for policy issues: your leadership of the SIG is working with the Neurology Section for specialty training programs for current and future leaders- to take a step in representing the vestibular rehabilitation specialists.

This SIG is for you. It is only as strong as you make it. We want to represent you and your concerns.

Can contact Denise at d.gobert@alumni.utexas.net

3. Vice Chair- Diane Wrisley
Her position is to develop Programming

Any suggestions for future programming? Our goal is to serve the membership.
Can contact Diane at dwriskey@buffalo.edu

4. Secretary: Michelle Gutierrez
VR database- link from the Neurology website (www.neuropt.org)- we have control of this now, if you would like to be included- must be a Neurology section member. Please send your info (name, clinic, address, phone numbers, - whatever information you want to be public- to michelle@icsnm.com or link from the website.
Please check your info, if you are included, for any updates/corrections.

5. Nominating Committee report – by Danielle Nightshade (Betsy Grace, Pat Winkler)
 - a. Need to fill vacancies for Vice Chair- outgoing Diane Wrisley and Nominating Committee- outgoing Danielle Nightshade, begins June 2007.
 - b. People who have agreed to run for Vice Chair: Julie Tillson and Janene Holmberg.
 - c. People who have agreed to run for Nominating Committee: Kenda Fuller, Danielle Guzman, Sepan Palkhiwala.
 - d. Anyone else interested, please contact Danielle at nelle0417@hotmail.com
Or Betsy at Elizabeth.Grace@uphs.upenn.edu
Or Pat at pwinkler@regis.edu
 - e. Deadline for Nominations are March 1
 - f. Next year need to fill vacancies for Chair and Nominating Committee.
 - g. Other opportunities to get involved with the SIG:
 - i. Website coordinator- to check the functionality and update the website
 - ii. Newsletter co-editor- to assist with Sharan with the newsletter
 - iii. Task force to work with Neurology section practice committee
6. Newsletter Editor: Sharan Zirges
 - a. Please encourage your co-workers who can't make this meeting to look up on the website.

a. Any suggestions or submissions contact Sharan.Zirges@gentiva.com
Posted on the website 2 times a year.

7. Webpage Coordinator: Pat Sparto
He is stepping down, if someone is interested, please let us know.
8. Practice Liaison: Kim Gottshall
She is at ARO this week, so could not attend.
9. Programming: Movement Feedback: Devices and Rehabilitation Considerations
By Dr. Conrad Hall and Diane Wrisley PhD, PT, and Lars
Oddsson, PhD