



## Message from the Practice Committee

The Practice Committee increases Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy involvement with the Departments of Government Affairs and Reimbursement at APTA. Participates in activities, which promote and modify the practice of neurologic physical therapy. Serves as a resource to accrediting agencies to establish guidelines to neurologic practice.

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Hello Academy Members!

The ANPT Practice Committee is excited to bring you part 2 of our 2 step series in the Message from the Practice Committee. This issue is meant to connect you to many resources coming out from the ANPT workgroups that can help advance your practice. Scroll down to see resources from ANPT Committees, SIGs, and Task Forces.

### **Practice Committee - Save the Dates**

Below are resources sponsored by the ANPT Practice Committee.

Please mark your calendars!

#### **Movement Systems Webinar**

**Date:** December 13, 2018 7pm (EST)

**Presenters:** Patti Sheets, PT, MHS, DPT, NCS and Lois Hedman, PT, DScPT, MS

**Information:** Stay tuned for registration information for this live webinar. A recording of the webinar will also be available at a later date on the ANPT Synapse Learning Center for CEU's.

#### **Join us at CSM for the ANPT Practice Forum titled "Utilization of Knowledge Translation in Neurologic PT Practice"**

**Date:** Friday January 25th from 3-5pm

**Presenters:** Beth. Crowner, Julie K. Tilson, Amelia Siles, Miriam R. Rafferty

**Information** (Please see CSM programming information for full description):

- This session will provide physical therapists with recommendations to support the effective implementation of knowledge translation (KT) in neurologic physical therapy clinical practice.
- There will be an overview of the creation of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG's) and processes to use KT to promote best practice in neurologic physical therapy.
- Representatives from the Academy's Knowledge Translation Task Forces will provide examples of how KT can be applied to clinical practice.

#### **Advancing Neurologic PT Practice: Special Interest Group (SIG) Highlights**

Joining a special interest group is free and can add value to your practice. See below for a highlight of what the SIG's are working on for their members. Take a look, [sign up](#), get active!

#### **Assistive Technology/Seating and Mobility (AT/SWM) SIG**

- The AT/SWM SIG is working hard to advocate for people using specialized Complex Rehab Technology (CRT) for their manual wheelchair mobility. November 15 is a National Call In Day for HR 3730, a bill that will protect individually configured CRT for persons who use manual wheelchairs. Congress needs to hear from you. Use this website to show your support and advocate for our patients! [www.oneclickpolitics.com/widget/oneclick/3802](http://www.oneclickpolitics.com/widget/oneclick/3802).
- For more information on the topic, please see the this website. [www.protectmymobility.org](http://www.protectmymobility.org)
- Please see our poster at CSM to learn about the FREE WC Seating and Mobility Learning Modules located in the Synapse Learning Center. Check out the modules here: [www.anptsynapsecenter.com/public/page-courses/](http://www.anptsynapsecenter.com/public/page-courses/)

#### **Brain Injury (BI) SIG**

- The BI SIG is organizing activities by quarterly topics. Each topic includes an abstract, journal club, and clinical discussion night and fact sheets. The topic for April-June was hypoxic/anoxic brain injuries. The topic for July-September was concussion. *The October-December topic is BI-EDGE.*

#### **Balance and Falls (BFSIG) SIG**

- BFSIG launched social media pages, a #NFPAD (National Falls and Prevention Awareness Day) initiative, and posted a prevent falls competition (\$500 prize!). This group launched a [call to action](#) to support #NFPAD and share their events with members.

#### **Degenerative Diseases (DD) SIG**

- Congrats to *Maggie Morehouse*, our newly appointed Social Media Pro and *Mackenzie Wilson*, our new and noteworthy Publisher. Maggie and Mackenzie were chosen from over 50 student applicants!
- You can now find [Clinician Resources](#) on our webpage with up to date resources related to evidence-based practice when working with individuals with degenerative conditions!

#### **Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) SIG**

- The SIG has developed the [Award for Clinical Excellence in SCI Care or Service](#). This award is to honor a SCI SIG member whose major professional involvement is currently with individuals with Spinal Cord Injury. To be considered, candidates must:
  - Be a current member of the ANPT SCI SIG
  - Have 5+ years of clinical practice in neurology (including SCI)
  - Individuals may be nominated by SIG members, non-SIG members, or may self-nominate.

#### **Stroke SIG**

- The first Stroke SIG monthly podcast is out! [October's podcast](#) is an interview with the Core Outcome Measures Task Force.
- Register with the [Stroke SIG](#) to receive updates and more information.

## **Translating Knowledge into Practice: ANPT Task Force Highlights**

The ANPT has developed task forces to help clinicians integrate evidence based practice into clinical practice. See below for resources these work groups have developed to make evidence-based practice easy and feasible.

#### **Vestibular Hypofunction CPG Knowledge Translation Task Force**

- 1) A quick reference of recommendations from the [Clinical Practice Guidelines on Peripheral Vestibular Hypofunction](#) is ready for use!
- 2) [Check out algorithms for diagnosis and treatment of vestibular hypofunction.](#)

#### **Core Outcome Measures CPG Knowledge Translation Task Force**

- 1) [Standardized protocols](#), published in July 2018, are now available for the core set of outcome measures identified in the CPG.
- 2) Join us at CSM on Thursday, January 24th from 8-10 am for the following session: "Implementing a Core Set of Outcome Measures for Adults with Neurologic Conditions."

#### **Health Promotion and Wellness Knowledge Translation Task Force:**

- 1) Join us for the 2-day preconference course at CSM titled "[Health Promotion and Wellness Strategies Applied to Neurorehabilitation](#)." This is a blended online and live course, with online modules to be watched prior to CSM.
- 2) The online education materials and 2-day course will become stand-alone course following CSM. Stay tuned!

**We hope you have found these resources useful. The ANPT Practice Committee welcomes your feedback and questions. Please send all inquiries to Heather Knight at [info@neuropt.org](mailto:info@neuropt.org).**

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