

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.

Practice
Resources on the
ANPT Webpage

Hello Academy Member! The ANPT Practice Committee is dedicating Part 2 of the November Message to resources from the SIGs and ANPT work groups, as well as a ANPT website highlight. We hope these resources will support you and your practice.

Breaking Update

In the Practice Committee's Message Part I sent out Oct 29, 2020, we told our members about a new CPT code -99072- to cover COVID-19 related costs during the pandemic. Unfortunately, CMS assigned a "B" procedure status, meaning it is a bundled code and won't be associated with any relative value units and payment policy indicators will not apply. Check with your Medicaid and commercial insurers regarding eligibility for payment and coverage of the code. More about this here.

Access the Synapse Online Education Center

The recent ANPT Practice Committee Survey revealed that members want to know how to access the Synapse Center to find interventions to be used with the neuro population. Here are four examples of Synapse Center courses specifically designed to provide intervention strategies:

- 1. <u>Contraversive Pushing: Physical Therapy Assessment and Management following Stroke</u>
- 2. <u>Huntington's Disease Module 3 Early/Middle State Interventions for Individuals with Huntington's Disease</u>
- 3. Rhythm and the Motor System: Gait Training in Persons Post-Stroke
- 4. Rhythm and the Motor System: Gait Training in Persons with Parkinson's Disease To access these and more intervention-related courses at the Synapse Center, follow this link or go to the ANPT and click on the Synapse Center in the top right corner of the home page. Engage in lifelong learning with this great resource!

ANPT Highlight

The ANPT Highlight is a new feature of the Practice Committee Message. Each issue will highlight a specific section of the ANPT website to further assist you in finding valuable resources for your patient care and profession.

To begin this new feature: check out the updated

<u>Coding and Reimbursement</u> Resource Page. You will find helpful resources and links on coding, billing, payment models, special topics related to reimbursement and more. The page can be found at on the <u>neuropt.org</u> webpage under Practice Resources.





PT Management of
Peripheral Nervous System Conditions
presented by Beth Crowner

Register today for the next the ANPT Practice Committee Hot Topics Webinar on neuropt.org.

Special Interest Groups Highlights

Joining a special interest group is free and can add value to your practice. See below for a highlight of what the SIGs are doing. Take a look at the ANPT website SIG information, sign up, get active!

Assistive Technology/Seating and Wheeled Mobility:

- We have a new and improved <u>website</u>! Check out the <u>NPIAP Wheelchair</u>
 <u>Seating Pocket Guide</u> to assist in selecting wheelchair seating components for pressure injury management.
- Find out about the free app <u>"My Wheelchair Guide"</u> by the United Spinal Association, which features wheelchair skills videos, maintenance checklists, and more!

Brain Injury SIG:

Our new topic of the quarter is brain tumors. Find out more facts <u>here!</u>

Degenerative Diseases SIG:

 Head over to the <u>ANPT Synapse Education Center</u> for exciting new podcasts on the Effects of Mental Singing on Gait in Individuals with Parkinson's Disease, Physical Therapy for Individuals with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and the Interactive Effect of Aging and Multiple Sclerosis. For quick access, enter "DD SIG" in the search bar.

Residency & Fellowship SIG:

- A list of <u>didactic resources</u> have been created for residency programs who are looking to supplement resident hours.
- A directory of <u>all neurologic residency programs</u> has been developed including those awaiting candidacy.

Spinal Cord Injury SIG:

 The SCI SIG Podcast, Discussions in Spinal Cord Injury Science (DiSCIS), has a new episode! Listen to the interview with Milap Sandhu about Acute Intermittent Hypoxia and <u>check out other great episodes here</u>

Stroke SIG:

 Check out our new Student Corner section where we are featuring short educational videos and engaging in discussions with students. Episode 1: Gait Impairments Post Stroke-using the Ranchos Los Amigos Gait Analysis format. Here is the link: <u>Student Corner</u>.

Vestibular SIG:

 The vestibular SIG members have been working to define educational pathways for providers interested in providing vestibular care. For those new to Vestibular, be sure to check out the Facebook live events on the <u>Vestibular SIG</u> <u>Facebook page</u>.

Translating Knowledge Into Practice: ANPT Task Force Highlights

The purpose of these groups is to help clinicians integrate evidencebased practice into clinical practice. See below for resources these work groups have developed.

Core Set of Outcome Measures CPG KT Taskforce

- A <u>Knowledge Translation Report Card</u> is now available to support patient education and shared decision making. This document includes quick references to normative values and cut off scores!
- There are 5 FREE online modules through the <u>Synapse Education</u>
 <u>Center</u> dedicated to the application of the Core Measures into practice. These self-paced modules are excellent for training staff and students on best practices in outcome measures.

Locomotor Training CPG KT Taskforce

- Are you advocating for appropriate intensities in your clinical practice? Here is
 a <u>list of references</u> that have been collated to help you in your advocacy
 efforts.
- Check out this <u>1-minute instruction video</u> on how to utilize the heart rate monitoring tools found on the <u>Locomotor Training: Clinicians Tools & Resource</u> <u>Page!</u>

Orthotics and Neuroprosthetics CPG KT Taskforce:

 Please take a few minutes to complete a <u>survey</u> regarding current practices on utilization and prescription of orthotics and neuroprosthetics for individuals with acute or chronic stroke.

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

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