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STROKE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy

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Stroke Corner Video: Bilateral Upper Extremity Priming



Join Lauren Souders, MOT, OTR/L, CBIS, CSRS from the NeuroVlog for a discussion of a research article on upper extremity bilateral priming after stroke.

Bilateral priming simply involves attention and focus on moving the two arms in high repetition prior to upper extremity rehabilitation. Lauren discusses the high effectiveness and neuroscience principles supporting this clinically-practical technique.

NEW Advanced Proficiency Pathway in Neurology for the Physical Therapist Assistant

KNOWLEDGE
IS POWER 

The APTA PTA Advance Proficiency Pathways program has just added a Neurology Pathway developed by an ANPT Task Force. This program is for increasing a PTA's knowledge and skills in neuro physical therapy. There are four enrollment periods during the year. [Learn more about the program, deadlines and prerequisites here.](#)

Your Patients Can Help Us #FightTheCut!

TAKE
ACTION!

Did you know that the APTA has a [Patient Action Center](#) where they can access resources to help with PT advocacy?

The damaging payment cuts and flawed PTA differential system being proposed in the 2022 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule are about **patient access**. If the rule is adopted as proposed, beneficiaries can anticipate reduced access to needed care, just as communities struggle with recovery from the effects of a pandemic.

APTA also offers an [online flyer that includes a QR code](#) to make the process of sending comments to the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as simple as possible: **Just print out the flyer**, post copies where you think they'll

be noticed, and encourage everyone to grab the QR code with their phones and follow the simple instructions from there.

#FightTheCut Flyer

Engage with the Stroke SIG at the ANPT Conference

ANPT Annual Conference Schedule is Published and Registration is Still Open

Registration link [here](#). Click the button below to access the full conference schedule

There is so much stroke content to explore, both in asynchronous sessions and the synchronous program

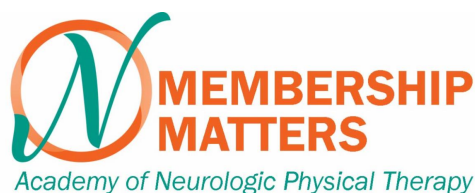
Mark your calendars for synchronous Stroke content and Stroke SIG programming (a few highlights below)

- **Saturday, October 2 (9:00 AM EST): Video Chats with the ANPT SIGs**
- Saturday, October 2 (2:00 PM EST): Deeper dive into responders/non-responders
- Saturday October 2 (3:25 EST): Moving Forward with Movement System
- Saturday October 2 (7:00 PM EST): Video Chat on Measurement
- Sunday October 3 (9:00 AM EST): Video chat on high-intensity gait training
- Sunday October 3 (12:00 PM EST): Neurologic Physical Therapy Practice of Today and the Future Panel

Recordings of synchronous/live sessions, will be available starting October 5th along with the on-demand sessions, posters and exhibit hall through November 22.

FULL SCHEDULE

VISIT THE STROKE SIG ONLINE!



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