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Therapy Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to ALL!

With the conclusion of the year 2009, I write you my final President's message. As always there is never a dull moment in our section.

Our current membership is 1017; 780 physical therapists, 61 physical therapist assistants, and 176 students. Building membership remains a key objective. Sharon Lucich and Karen Gibbs attended the Student Conclave this fall to educate and recruit students into the section. They continue to look for creative ways to attract APTA members to the section. *KUDOS to the entire Membership committee for their dedication, ideas and laughter.*

The Electrophysiology practice committee is currently fighting the battle in Utah to maintain the right to perform EMGs. This is another one of those annoying issues raised by AANEM across the country.

The Wound Management Special Interest Group (MWSIG) continues to flourish. They are working through reimbursement and practice issues. The entire wound care community received some great coding and reimbursement news in the past 2 weeks. There is a new CPT code, 29581, multi-layer compression wraps for venous leg ulcers. Kudos to the Vascular Surgery society, The Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC) and APTA for accomplishing this long awaited code.

The Electrotherapy committee continues to work with various states on TENS reimburse-

ment. There most recent activity has been in the state of Washington.

I encourage all of you to utilize these practice committees and SIGs to move your clinical issues forward. By focusing our efforts we are able to mobilize therapist, assistants and APTA to address issues quickly.

The issues of healthcare reform remains at the top of our priority lists. APTA continues to send out timely updates on Healthcare Reform. Mike Parker, our publications chair, please be certain to notify Mike if your email address has changed. Mike's email: mparker@umary.edu.

The section is in very capable hands, we have increased our membership to over 1,000, our treasury has over three years of operating expenses in reserve, and you have a strategic plan to drive the section's agenda over the next three years.

As a section we have the most diverse and eclectic membership, with more passion and drive than any other section. While our practice and reimbursement issues can be exasperating, you, the members of the section are an enjoyable, hard working and brilliant physical therapists, physical therapy assistants and students. I am proud to be a member of this section. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president, the successes during my presidency would not have been possible without your support.





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WMSIG Update

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We welcome all our new members and are excited with the efforts of our new Membership Committee, Chaired by Susan Lucich. If you are a member of the Section, and are or want to be a member of the WMSIG and have not been receiving our email blasts, please notify Sharon at sharon.lucich@clarion.org There are no dues required – just the desire to work together with colleagues in the interest of wound management.

Our current officers and committee members are as follows:

President:

Harriett B. Loehne

Vice-President:

Melissa Johnson

Secretary/Treasurer:

Jaimee Haan

Nominating Committee (elected positions):

Stephanie Woelfel, *Chair*

Sharon Lucich

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Rose Hamm

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Mary Kroohs

Mary Jo Geyer

Membership Committee

Sharon Lucich, *Chair*

If you would like to serve on any of the above committees, please contact the Chair. Email addresses are listed in the Newsletter. This is a wonderful way to become active in the SIG.

Don't forget about the integumentary scenarios, an excellent resource for evidence-based treatment and wound management, available on the APTA Hooked on Evidence site. Those include burns, neuropathic ulcers, vascular ulcers, and pressure ulcers. Soon to follow will be arterial, gangrene, pyoderma, necrotizing fasciitis, MRSA, and road rash. The Research Committee is working on more references for the subsequent scenarios.

One of our most exciting and long awaited announcements was made in November by CMS[®] when they announced a new Category I Current Procedural Terminology (CPT[®]) code to describe the “**Application of multi-layer venous wound compression system, below the knee.**” The new code is **29581** and will become effective January 1, 2010.

CSM next year is in San Diego February 17-20, 2010! This is a beautiful city with a great schedule for programming, including wound management that has been put together by Karen Wientjes, outgoing SCE&WM Program Chair, and incoming Chair Stephanie Woelfel. There will be a preconference course on pressure ulcer care and sessions on burn wounds in the outpatient setting, microbiology and bacterial strategies, telemedicine for wound management, the PT on the Home Health Wound Care Team, as well as PT in acute care pressure ulcer prevention.

In addition we will have our SCE&WM Business Meeting Friday, February 19. But don't forget our **WMSIG Round Table Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2009, from 8:00 - 9:30 AM.** Because we have changed to a term of three years for officers and committee members in accordance with the Section change, the only election we will have this year is for a member of the Nominations Committee. If you would like to run or nominate someone, please get in touch with Stephanie Woelfel. We will recognize new members and those who have added accomplishments to their CVs, discuss current wound management issues, and enjoy talking and networking with all our colleagues.

Happy Holidays and hope to see you in San Diego in February!

Service: It Makes a Difference

By Mike Parker, Publications Chair

The President's Message, Reimbursement News, CSM Programming, Government Affairs Information, Membership Matters, EMG Corner, Nominating Committee Updates, CSM Section Abstracts, and WMSIG Updates are a resume of the articles regularly submitted by the Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management Section Officers and Committee Chairs. Their consistent commitment to write and submit quality articles has made the CEWM Newsletter a valuable and timely source of pertinent information for our members. Thank you for your service, you truly make a difference.

Combined Sections Meetings Program for the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management—San Diego, California 2010

By Stephanie Woelfel

Incoming Program Chair

Chair Nominating Committee-WMSIG

CSM 2010 (San Diego, CA –February 17-20) is fast approaching and the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology & Wound Management is excited about the dynamic programming we have available this year. Below you will find the “Schedule at a Glance” for the sessions we are sponsoring. For more information on these topics or CSM in general, please refer to the CSM 2010 link on the APTA website (www.apta.org). We hope to see you all there – it’s going to be a great meeting!

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

PRE-CONFERENCE

Emerging Pressure Ulcer Care: Options, Updates and Outcomes

Speakers: Barbara Bates-Jensen RN, PhD

Laurie Rappl PT, CWS

Stephanie Woelfel PT, MPT, CWS, FACCWS

Thursday, February 18, 2010

10:30 am to 12:15 pm

Treatment of the Burn Wound in the Outpatient Setting

Speaker: David Lorello PT, DPT

10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Communities of Practice: Keys to Designing Effective Clinical Education Experiences

Joint programming with Education – see website for details

2:30 pm to 2:15 pm

The Clinical Use of Electrical Stimulation for Pain Control: There is More than One Option

Speakers:

Airelle Hunter-Giordano PT, DPT, OCS, SCS

Tara Manal PT, DPT, OCS, SCS

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

The Prognostic Value of EMG and NCV Testing for Clinical Outcomes and Function

Speakers:

Major James T. Mills III, PT, MS, ECS, OCS

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shaffer, PT, PhD,

OCS, ECS

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Health Literacy and Older Adults: Implications for Physical Therapy Practice

Joint programming with Education, Geriatrics and Health Policy & Administration – see website for details

Friday, February 19, 2010

8:00 am to 10:45 am

Microbiology of the Local Wound Environment, Bacterial Strategies for Immune System Evasion

Speakers: Rose Hamm PT, DPT

Tammy Luttrell PT, MS, CWS, FACCWS

8:00 am to 11:00 am

EMG/NCV Testing Roundtable

Discussions and Forum

Topics include:

Clinical Electrophysiological Testing of Plantar Nerves, Friend or Foe?

and

The Diagnosis and Management of Isolated Spinal Accessory and Long Thoracic Nerve Lesions After Radical Neck Dissection

These topics are followed by an open EMG forum discussion addressing other relevant topics and practice issues related to EMG and NCV testing.

Speakers: Thomas Glumac PT

Edward Schrank PT, DSc

Todd Telemeco PT

Major James T. Mills III, PT, MS, ECS, OCS

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

SCEWM RESEARCH PLATFORMS

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

The Promise of Telemedicine for Wound Management

Speaker:

Harriett Loehne PT, DPT, CWS, FACCWS

Joint programming with Home Health and Education

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

SCEWM BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, February 20, 2010

8:00 am to 9:30 am

WMSIG ROUND TABLE & BUSINESS MEETING

8:00 am to 10:45 am

Functional Electrical Stimulation for Persons with Neurologic Gait Dysfunction: Theories to Practice

Kari Dunning PT, PhD; Keith McBride PT;

Candy Tefertiller DPT, ATP, NCS;

Suzanne Tinsley PT, PhD

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8:00 am to 10:30 am

Integrating Curriculum Content Through Case-Based Instruction from Rationale to Design to Implementation

Joint programming with Education –
see website for details

1:00 pm to 2:45 pm

The Physical Therapist in the Home Health Wound Care Team

Joint programming with Home Health and Geriatrics – see website for details

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

The Acute Care Therapist's Role in Pressure Ulcer Prevention

Joint programming with Acute Care –
see website for details

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

ELECTROTHERAPY FORUM

Welcome New Members

August 12, 2009 to November 19, 2009

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Megan Alys Rowan
Michella Terease Castrataro
Seth Aaron Harper
Al Melendez
Ryan Gene Stahler
Christopher Chad Adkins
Anna Alicia Mercante
Deborah Leigh Allen
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Christopher M. Sbertoli
Amanda Jean Wingo
Priscilla Mendoza
Lisa Michele Ruiz
Bill Matthew Janota

New Investigator 2010 Fellowships Applications Currently Accepted by the Foundation for Physical Therapy

The Foundation for Physical Therapy is currently accepting applications for the 2010 New Investigator Fellowship Training Initiative in Health Services Research (NIFTI-HSR). This fellowship is designed to fund doctorally-prepared physical therapists as developing researchers in health services research and improve their competitiveness in securing external funding for their future research through mentored research training experiences. The Foundation will award \$73,000 over two years in which the sponsoring institution will match for a total award of \$146,000. Deadline for applications is January 26, 2010 at 12:00 Noon (ET). For more information and eligibility regarding this fellowship in health services research, please visit the Foundation Web site at www.FoundationforPhysicalTherapy.org.



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Membership Matters

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By Karen Gibbs,
CEWM Membership Chair

Hello Everyone! Just wanted to bring you up to date with membership. We've been pretty active since our last newsletter.

Our Section was represented at the National Student Conclave (NSC) in Miami, FL, in October. This may be the first time, or at least the first time in a long time, that our Section has had a booth in the exhibit hall for this conference. Sharon Lucich, a member of the Membership Committee, and I spent two days talking to students about clinical electro, physical agents, and wound care. We were amazed at the number of students who were excited about wound care! They came by the booth in droves with questions about their integumentary courses and patients seen during clinical rotations. Some were interested in continuing education opportunities while others wanted to talk about specific interventions. Our new triangle shaped highlighters were a huge hit – thanks Sharon for coming up with the idea and making it happen!!

Our booth display was right on target with updated pictures of students engaged in integumentary and physical agent laboratory activities - so a big "THANK YOU" to Sharon Lucich and Rose Hamm for responding to the request for student pictures. I've included a couple

pictures here, but more NSC 2009 pictures are available on the website.

If anyone has pictures that would be appropriate for our booth display, email them to me. We want to keep the booth updated and changing to keep a fresh display for conferences. We need pictures from all three arms of our Section so each can be adequately represented - I can only display what I receive so please get your pictures to me.

The Membership Committee is working on developing a listserv to make communication among members easier. Having a separate listserv for each of the three arms of the Section

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CEWM booth display, 2009 NSC, Miami, FL



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is looking like the best option. If you would like to be involved in getting this up and running, get in touch with me ASAP.

Our next event will be CSM in February. I would like to extend an invitation to members to help staff our booth at CSM. I'd especially like to invite our new officers to volunteer as an opportunity to meet some of the members. The one hour time slots are listed below. We are required to cover the "unopposed" hours but if you can be at the booth during any of these times, email me at kgibbs@txstate.edu – you can take more than one spot if you like and you don't have to volunteer alone – sign up with one of your buddies and do it together. Last year the booth turned into a gathering place for members and we had a great time so sign up and come on down!

Thursday, Feb. 18th

3:30-4:30
4:30-5:30 & 5:30-6:30 (unopposed hours)

Friday, Feb 19th

10:30-11:30
11:00-12:00 & 12:00-1:00 (unopposed hours)
1:00-2:00, 2:00-3:00, & 3:00-4:00

Saturday, Feb 20th

10:30-11:30
11:00-12:00 & 12:00-1:00 (unopposed hours)
1:00-2:00

We're always open to suggestions on how we can be of service to the membership, so let us know what's on your mind. I hope you all enjoy the holidays and I look forward to visiting with you in February at CSM. Come by the booth and you too can have a really cute CEWM highlighter ☺

Take care everyone!



Sharon Lucich, WMSIG Membership Chair (on the top left) and **Karen Gibbs**, Section Membership Chair (on the top right) were thrilled to meet new Section and WMSIG Members, students, from the right of Sharon, **Suzanne Bodian** (next to Sharon), **Erin Anderson** (bottom-left), **Ashlei Kelly** (bottom-right) and **Maria Arini** (next to Karen) who were present at the National Student Conclave Meeting this past October in Miami. These students were very eager to share stories about their clinical experiences and their new-found interest in wound management. WELCOME TO THE SECTION!



EMG/NCV Practice Committee Update

By Andrew Robinson
Chair EMG/ENC Practice

Proposals for Editorial Changes in the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice

The EMG/NCV Practice Committee Co-Chairs, Andrew Robinson and Sunny Mills, have held discussions with SCEWM Section members, David Greathouse (ABPTS member), Bob Sellin (SCEWM President-elect), Elaine Armantrout (ACE President) and Joe Threlkeld in order to develop editorial recommendations for the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, 2nd Ed in reference to both electrophysiological examination and evaluation and kinesiological EMG. The proposed editorial changes are intended to a) clarify the meaning of the term "Electrophysiological integrity" that appears in the Guide and b) to insure that these areas of PT practice are appropriately identified under the "Tests and Measures" and "Preferred Practice Patterns" provided by physical therapists. These changes may assist physical therapists and others interested parties in understanding the scope of physical therapist practice.

Revision of Entry-level PT Curriculum Guidelines

A second activity underway is a revision of the Section's Curriculum Content Guidelines for Electrophysiological Examination and Evaluation. The goal in this effort is to link the ENMG educational guidelines with the Normative Model of PT Professional Education and Guide

EMG NEWS

By Justin Elliott, APTA Director State Government Affairs

Jeff Slear PT ECS with Richard P. Nielsen, PT, DHS, ECS

Since the last newsletter, all the previously highlighted states have had essentially no activity to report. However Utah has had an issue develop that merits bringing it to the membership's attention. A coalition of insurance companies in Utah is developing a policy that would provide for only physicians to be paid for EMG/NCV studies. In order to halt this, Dr. Richard Nielsen, working with the Utah chapter of APTA, has met with some of the medical directors of these companies. The results of these meetings are not yet known and further meetings are planned.

to PT Practice. The initiative is designed to illustrate how most of the prerequisite knowledge and skill required to perform and interpret needle EMG and nerve conduction studies is already provided in entry-level PT academic programs and to stimulate academic programs to provide educational experiences that fulfill the remaining recommended curricular objectives. Opportunities to review and discuss the proposed revision will be provided at the 2010 Combined Sections Meeting.

Participation of Clinical Electrophysiologists at CSM 2010

Guidance to the activity of the EMG/NCV Practice Committee is provided by the Section's strategic plan posted at www.aptasce-wm.org/. Many of goals of this plan are relevant to ENMG practice yet progress in fulfilling these goals has been slow. The EMG/NCV Practice Committee Co-Chairs would like to invite all physical therapists practicing or interested in electrophysiological evaluation to the EMG Forum to be held Friday February 19th 2010 from 10-11 AM during CSM in the San Diego Convention Center. As clinical electrophysiologists we routinely turn to the Section for support when faced with legislative or reimbursement challenges to ENMG practice. We are now turning to every ENMG member of the Section for your support. Please plan to attend CSM in 2010 and volunteer to help us meet the goals in our strategic plan that allows us to preserve, protect, and advance this valuable dimension of PT practice.

As readers of this column know, various medical organizations have tried to restrict physical therapists performance of EMG/NCV studies legislatively in the past, and they have not been successful. In order to achieve their goal, they have now shifted their focus to the payment arena. What is attempting to be done in Utah has been and is going on in other states as well. APTA is aware of the situation. If you encounter a similar situation in your area, you must contact your state organization as well as Justin Elliott at APTA. They will be able to bring many resources to support our efforts to stop this infringement on our practice.

Where Wound Care Professionals Go for Answers

SAWC SPRING

THE SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCED WOUND CARE



The Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) and Wound Healing Society (WHS) meeting is internationally known as the premier educational program for anyone who specializes in wound care. No other meeting has more programs and sessions directly catered to the wound care clinician. The SAWC Spring/WHS 2010 meeting will offer more than 60 clinical sessions and host a major exhibition of products and services.

WHY ATTEND THE SAWC/WHS IN 2010?

- Whether you see patients in private practice, a hospital, or a wound care clinic, the SAWC Spring/WHS 2010 conference allows you to stay on top of emerging trends and technologies in wound treatment.
- No other wound care conference offers the level of education, the number of sessions dedicated to wound care clinicians, or the quality of key thought leaders who speak at the SAWC Spring/WHS each year.
- With dedicated exhibit hall hours, the SAWC Spring/WHS showcases the most innovative new products and emerging technologies used to improve patient outcomes.
- SAWC Spring/WHS provides extensive networking opportunities to share challenging cases and optimal treatment strategies.

We sincerely hope you will join us in
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, APRIL 17 - 20, 2010,
for what surely will be a rewarding business experience.

For more information about this meeting, please visit the
Symposium on Advanced Wound Care website at www.sawc.net

The official Meeting site of the



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