

### Social Media Changes

The AOPT recently changed its policy pertaining to social media outlets for the SIGs. Individual SIGs no longer have individual Twitter accounts, but rather operate within the AOPT's Twitter account: @OrthopaedicAPTA. Content specific for the Imaging SIG, however, is identifiable by looking for #PTImgSIG. We are still adapting to this change, but please consider looking for the Imaging SIG's hashtag for our specific information.

### Scholarship

Hopefully, this does not arrive too late for you in getting the word out or your application submitted. The Imaging SIG is again making a scholarship to CSM available for those with accepted abstracts/proposals. This will be the third occasion on which a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to encourage research toward imaging in physical therapy practice. Look on the AOPT's web site, then go to the Imaging SIG's pages to find the listing for the scholarship on the left side list. This will continue to be an annual event.

### Webinars—Technical Content and Advocacy

In a joint effort with the Foot and Ankle SIG, our webinar series with the American Institute for Ultrasound in Medicine continues. On Thursday, December 5, at 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. EST, Karin Grävare Silbernagel, PT, ATC, PhD, will be presenting “Optimizing Treatment of Achilles Tendon Injuries Using Ultrasound Imaging.” Please go to [aium.org](http://aium.org) and look for “CME Center” at the top of the page and then select “Webinar Series” from the drop down menu to find the listing for this webinar. If you are unable to attend live, recordings of this and prior webinars are available on [aium.org](http://aium.org) or also on AIUM's youtube channel. There is no cost to view the webinars.

By the time you read this, the webinar will have happened, but the recording is still available on the AOPT's website. Evan Nelson, Connie Kittleson, and Kip Schick presented “Strategies to Implement Direct Imaging Referral in PT Clinical Practice: The Wisconsin Experience” on Wednesday, October 2nd at 12:00 p.m. EDT. This team has put together a strong presentation highlighting the experience and insights of establishing radiography referral privileges as part of physical therapist practice in Wisconsin.

### APTA Study on Imaging Referral Legal Authority

APTA will soon be releasing the results of its study of practice acts and associated legal language across all the jurisdictions in the United States. As of this writing, data on 25 states have been compiled and the remainder are underway. This study analyzes not only the physical therapy practice act in each state, but also other practice acts which could interact with the physical therapy practice acts as well as any other associated statutory or administrative language, regulatory board opinions, attorney general opinions, and case law. Details on publication of this information will be forthcoming.

### Elections

During November, the Imaging SIG will be voting for a member of the Nominating Committee. Within the structure of all SIGs, these are 3-year terms with the final year serving as Chair. Please learn about the candidates and vote. Serving on this committee is a pathway to future leadership potential for the SIG as well as getting to know those members of the SIG and understanding its function. Elections for Vice President and President of the SIG will be coming in subsequent years. Now is the time to start building toward leadership roles or encouraging others to do the same.

### Strategic Plan

#### Practice:

The survey to gather information on imaging content in residencies is in process, but will require time to complete. Another information gathering project is also underway, but this time from an advocacy perspective. The Imaging SIG will soon be contacting components to determine the prioritization of acquiring imaging referral privileges within those jurisdictions, if not already existing. While taking a few months to gather and distill, this data will potentially be very informative as to provide insights as what jurisdictions are prioritizing imaging referral as well as possibly revealing trends occurring nationally as we continue to move on a path of widespread imaging referral privileges.

#### Research:

George Beneck and the Research Committee have compiled some excellent work that will lead to advancement of imaging in physical therapy practice. If you go to the AOPT website and then next go to the Imaging SIG pages, you will see an item on the left side of the page referring to mentors. The Research Imaging Mentor webpage is now available for viewing. Thanks to the help from Greg Dedrick, Murray Maitland, Meg Sions, Lena Volland, and Matt Wyland, 20 expert mentors were identified and their availability for mentoring is posted. The link is below.

<https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/imaging/imaging-sig-mentors>

In addition to providing resources for those interested in pursuing research in imaging, these mentors will also collaborate with the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy's Research Committee. The Imaging SIG's Research Committee's members, Daryl Lawson, Greg Dedrick and Matt Wyland, identified 6 new imaging researchers available to assist in reviewing imaging-related abstracts for CSM. This availability for reviewers fills a longstanding need for the lack of such experts in the review process.