



OHSIG Q4 Newsletter 2022

Education Committee: Getting ready for CSM information:

- **OHSIG Annual Membership Meeting:** OHSIG will be holding this meeting virtually on February 7th at 6pm-7pm EST | 5pm-6pm CST | 4pm-5pm MST | 3-4pm PST. Zoom link will be:
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157161448?pwd=OTdobGROOWZ6OEhHZWlVHhHQXhaZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 821 5716 1448
 - Passcode: 147777
 - One tap mobile: +16465588656,,82157161448#,,,,*147777# US (New York)
- **OR-13907 Navigating a Rewarding Career Path in Occupational Health:** This is OHSIG's sponsored educational program at CSM in San Diego:
 - Learn from experts about core competencies to promote excellence and career success from 1st authors of required courses to achieve the Occupational Health Practitioner Certificate: **Joshua Prall, PT, DPT, EdD, Wayne Macmasters, PT, DPT, Leslie Pickett, PT, DPT** and **Katie McBee, PT, DPT.**
 - This program will be held on Saturday, February 25th, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.
 - When this program concludes, we plan to recognize and celebrate the first cohort of physical therapists and occupational therapists who achieved the Occupational Health Practitioner Certificate.

Please attend other CSM networking events for the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy CSM:

- **AOPT Membership Meeting:** Thursday, February 23rd, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM:
- **AOPT Membership Celebration** on Friday, February 24th:
 - 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM: Rose Recipient Platform Presentation
 - 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: AOPT Awards Ceremony
 - 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM: AOPT Membership Appreciation Party

Nominating Committee: Don't Forget to Vote!

- **OHSIG Leadership Elections:** OHSIG has a competitive slate of two candidates for the Vice President and two candidates for the Nominating Committee Member positions.
 - Electronic voting is open until November 30th. Check for your email invite to vote that was sent by AOPT on November 1st, or the reminder on November 22nd.

Practice Committee: State Resource Liaison Initiative!

- **OHSIG State Resource Liaison Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held virtually on April 11th at 6pm-7pm EST | 5pm-6pm CST | 4pm-5pm MST | 3-4pm PST **is open to all AOPT members!**
 - **Rating Musculoskeletal Impairment: A Core Competency for PT Experts** will be presented by Christopher R. Brigham, MD, Senior Editor of the *AMA Guides (Sixth Edition)* and editor of *Guides Newsletter* and *Guides Casebook*. He will describe how use of the *AMA Guides* will enhance your evaluations and expand your practice. The *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment Sixth Edition 2022* is the most recent edition; however, some jurisdictions use earlier editions. The majority of impairment assessments are for musculoskeletal injuries; therefore, a physical therapist can provide a valuable role in these evaluations by understanding how to use the *Guides*, obtain accurate clinical measurements, and apply the processes and the criteria in the *Guides* to define impairment. Dr. Brigham's organization has developed virtual training for use of the Fifth and Sixth Editions of the *Guides*.
 - Join Zoom Meeting Link (ID: 868 5622 1335, Passcode: 319278):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86856221335?pwd=a2JKWEU2aHJsRE8vU01oU0VHUmlvdz09>

Research Committee: Occupational Health Practitioner Certificate

- The first 2 steps that are AOPT independent study courses have been completed and available for sign-up.
- The third step interactive webinar is available for sign-up and will officially launch on January 20th and is titled, [Facilitating Therapy Services for Total Worker Health®](#).
- The OHP Certificate Program is inclusive of Occupational Therapists, who may join as AOPT individual partners to receive similar recognition and continuing education pricing as PT members of AOPT. The web-site describing the OHP program may be accessed at: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/occupational-health/occupational-health-practitioner-certificate-program>.
- AOPT members and individual partners who complete the OHP Certificate will be promoted as a benefit of belonging to recognize this accomplishment on an OHSIG page.
- OHSIG plans to recognize our first cohort of Occupational Health Practitioners at CSM 2022.

Member Spotlight:

Bruce Knudsen, MPT, Cert. MDT serves as OHSIG's State Resource Liaison with the Indiana Chapter and Physical Therapy Education Programs. He provides on-site physical therapy services to commercial vehicle drivers and office employees based at the Schneider National Operating Center in Indianapolis, IN. This is a direct-to-employer contract held by his employer, Atlas Injury Prevention Solutions. Bruce has a passion for advocacy to reduce organizational and regulatory barriers to direct access by physical therapists at the entry-point of care. He aspires to be the first physical therapist licensed in Indiana to qualify as a Certified Medical Examiner (CME) to perform Department of Transportation (DOT) Physicals of Commercial Vehicle Drivers. Bruce graduated with his MPT in 1993 from the Mayo School of Health Sciences and became certified in Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy through the McKenzie Institute. He is adept at delivering MDT for early intervention for professional truck drivers, providing telehealth, truck cab ergo assessments, injury screens, biometric testing, fitness training, physical therapy, and fitness classes to optimize work participation and lifestyles of workers in the transportation industry.



Communications Committee: RC-11 has passed the House of Delegates!

- RC-11 is a position statement to support unrestricted access at the entry-point care. It was born as a strategic initiative by OHSIG leaders. This inspirational motion was introduced by AOPT's Chief Delegate and Practice Committee Chair, James Spencer, PT, DPT, OCS, CSCS and adopted by the 2022 APTA House of Delegates.
- We appreciate the feedback and co-sponsor support from many APTA state chapter and academy delegations to advance a broader position that describes the role of physical therapists at the entry-point of healthcare:
 - **ACCESS TO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AS ENTRY-POINT PRACTITIONERS FOR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION, WELLNESS, HEALTH, AND DISABILITY DETERMINATION**

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The American Physical Therapy Association supports unrestricted access to physical therapists as entry-point practitioners for activity participation, wellness, health, and disability determination.

Physical therapists make unique contributions to the health care system and participation in society. Physical therapists, as part of a comprehensive management plan:

- Deliver a broad range of services including, but not limited to, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, intervention, coordination of care, prevention, wellness, and referral to other health care practitioners when indicated.
- Identify the cause and/or nature of an individual's injuries, symptoms, emergent conditions, impairments, activity limitations, participation restrictions, biopsychosocial factors, environmental barriers, and facilitators.
- Render diagnoses, using relevant diagnostic tests and classification labels.
- Determine an individual's functioning and extent of physical disability in all aspects of life (such as health, recreation, employment, daily living, transportation), and for regulatory, insurance, and legal purposes.
- Prescribe or recommend physical activity, accommodations, adaptive and assistive technology, diagnostic tests, and other interventions to optimize functioning and participation in society.

Members Only! Our OHSIG Facebook Closed Group

Don't miss out on the conversations available only to active OHSIG members! Recent posts have included informative and instructional FCE cases and regulatory updates that are relevant to the realm of Occupational Health.

Join the conversation [link](#) and share recent articles, recommendations, and thoughts!

As always, thank you for being a part of the Occupational Health Special Interest Group!