

**OHSIG – Annual Report  
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**OHSIG President Report**

The OHSIG has participated in numerous initiatives and activities this past year that support our purpose as identified in the SIG EIG Policy.

**A. i. Provide educational programming to Section membership**

1. Schedule 3-4 hours of programming specific to occupational health at CSM. This year's programming includes Safe Patient Handling and Body Mechanics is not enough.
2. A Pre-Con was scheduled to occur, but due to insufficient attendance, it was cancelled.

**ii. Serve the Section as an educational & practice resource for Section Members**

1. Submit articles to Orthopaedic PT Practice specific to occupational health
2. Respond to questions submitted to Orthopaedic Section and APTA specific to occupational health on an as needed basis.
3. A plan has been developed to get the revised FCE Guidelines out to OHSIG membership.
4. Quarterly Newsletter is sent via email OHSIG membership. Topics are relevant to OH education and practice.

**iii Develop and recommend practice standards & terminology**

1. OHSIG was responsible for revising the FCE Guidelines. The FCE Task Force finalized the Guidelines fall of 2008. The guidelines are now available on APTA website.
2. Plan to update Work Conditioning/Work Hardening and the Role of the PT in Occupational Health in 2009.
3. Published Executive Summary of Practice Analysis in OPTP in 2008. This will assist in educating PTs working in occupational health as to what others are doing in this field, competencies they have, etc

**iv. Identify changes in legislation, regulation, & reimbursement issues at state and national levels.**

1. OHSIG BOD participated in Field Review of CARF Employment Standards.

2. OHSIG is responsible for Region V OSHA Alliance with APTA. Many BOD are committee members, developing educational tools, etc related to Safe Patient Handling for health practitioners.
3. State Specific initiatives are in process within Region V states. For example, in Minnesota, a 4 hour program will be presented at the MN Spring APTA conference. Speakers include Mary Fran Delaune, Director of APTA Practice Dept; Dave Furkel, MN OSHA; Margot Miller, President of OHSIG. The goal is to educate physical therapists and physical therapist assistants on the evidence, principles, techniques, etc related to Safe Patient Handling and Movement (SPHM).
4. OHSIG Practice Chair, Drew Bossen, keeps us current with legislation, regulations, and reimbursement, specific to OH.
5. Pertinent information related to legislation, regulation, and reimbursement is shared via email Newsletter Blast to membership.

**v. Identify and Provide resource people & materials to accurately share practice information and address areas of concern related to OHSIG, with guidance from the Section**

1. OHSIG BOD serve as a resource for APTA and for the Orthopaedic Section on issues related to occupational health.
2. Participation in Region V OSHA and APTA initiative on Safe Patient Handling.
3. OHSIG BOD serve as speakers at education sessions for PTs/PTAs.

**vi. Foster credible research within the SIG domain in conjunction with the Section Research Committee to promote both scientific foundation and interdisciplinary study within OHSIG.**

1. OHSIG Research Chair, Kathy Rockefeller, has been involved in research through teaching at U of South FL in Tampa and her participation with the Patient Safety Center in Tampa, under the direction of Audrey Nelson. Kathy continues to involve OHSIG in this project.
2. Dialogue planned at OHSIG BOD meeting at CSM Las Vegas related to future research.

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