

# FASIG Annual Report

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- I. The FASIG has been busy again this year preparing for CSM 09 in Las Vegas with excellent programming:
  1. The Management of Individuals Complex Traumatic Leg, Ankle, and Foot Injuries. **Course Description:** Individuals with traumatic leg, ankle, and foot injuries commonly receive physical therapy intervention. These injuries include fractures, multiple ligament injuries, and tendon ruptures. This course will provide information regarding evaluation and intervention strategies for individuals with more complex traumatic leg, ankle and foot injuries. An overview of these complex injuries as well as diagnostic imaging, conservative management, surgical management, and post-surgical management will be covered from a multidiscipline perspective. This course will provide physical therapists with useful clinically relevant information that can be integrated into every practice.
  2. Pre-Conference: Pearls & Perils for the Management of Individuals with Foot and Ankle Pathologies: Manual Therapy, Taping, and Functional Exercise. **Course Description:** The evaluation and management of common foot and ankle conditions will be addressed in this one day “hands-on” lab course. Manual therapy, taping techniques, and functional exercises will be presented for leg, rearfoot, midfoot, and forefoot conditions. Anatomical, biomechanical, and supporting evidence will also be integrated throughout lecture and lab presentations. This course will provide physical therapists with useful clinically relevant information that can be immediately applied into every practice.
  3. Continuing Education course: Pearls & Perils for the Management of Individuals with Foot and Ankle Pathologies: Manual Therapy, Taping, and Functional Exercise. Appleton, WI, Nov 08.
- II. We have received several correspondences from SIG members concerning finding a Foot and Ankle PT specialist in their area or answering specific questions about patient problems and research. We have conducted numerous phone calls concerning the SIG business over the past year in order to communicate about programming, faculty, OPTP contributions, etc.
- III. Practice standard development continues with our survey to all of the entry-level PT programs nationally. This information will be analyzed and then recommendations will be made to each PT program concerning the necessary content for foot and ankle that should be included in their curriculum. Thus far we have had a poor response from the various schools.
- IV. Reimbursement for Foot Orthoses by third party payors varies from company to company and by state. Generally, even when a company consents to reimbursing for the devices, they rarely pay. Thus cash fees apply to most patients.

- V. We have provided on a regular quarterly basis, a related article in OPTP. Our annual business meeting further addresses the membership's concerns and problems.
- VI. An extremely high level of research has been published by several of our SIG members in many different peer reviewed formats, as is usually the case each year. Rob Martin, our Vice President has consented to contribute to the Clinical Research Agenda (CRA) committee for our SIG.

Our SIG has operated well under our budget this past year even though we have a large unencumbered funds account balance.