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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Message from the OHSIG President

The year 2006 is off to an ambitious start. I am pleased to have this opportunity to highlight 2 of our initiatives.

OSHA Alliance: The APTA Department of Practice and the OHSIG are working to develop a formal Alliance relationship with OSHA. Our general topic is injury prevention among health care professionals, addressing patient handling in a particular setting. The OHSIG Board created a Task Force which will be responsible for designing the OSHA initiative. Kathy Rockefeller will chair the Task Force, with Drew Bossen assisting. Three to 4 OHSIG members will be selected for this initiative from a group of 10 talented volunteers. It was very positive to have such a good response from our membership.

Occupational Health Specialization Certification: The OHSIG also created a Task Force to develop a formal justification to ABPTS for certification in Occupational Health. Margot Miller will chair the Task Force, with Deborah Lechner, David Miller, Barb McKelvy, and Jen Steiner. Deborah was instrumental in the completion of the Practice Analysis, which is the foundation for proceeding with certification in OH.

We will continue to update you via our OHSIG quarterly newsletter. If you have any questions, are interested in working on a committee, have information to share for an article, etc, just let one of us know. Remember, we work on your behalf!

*Sincerely,
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OHSIG President*