

# occupationalhealth

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

### GREETINGS OHSIG MEMBERS:

The OHSIG continues to work on behalf of our members with emphasis on two initiatives.

#### 1) OSHA Alliance Task Force Update

Task Force Members were announced by Co-chairs Kathy Rockefeller and Drew Bossen. Members include Dennis Isernhagen, Robert Fleming, Miriam Joffe, and Margot Miller, along with Kathy and Drew. MaryFran Delaune from APTA's Practice Committee serves as our liaison with OSHA. The Task Force had its first conference call early in June to discuss drafting the Alliance Agreement between APTA OHSIG and OSHA. Three goals and objectives need to be addressed in the Alliance Agreement: training and education, outreach and communication, and promoting the national dialogue on safety and health.

#### 2) Occupational Health Specialization Certification Task Force Update

Task Force Members include Barb McKelvy, Deborah Lechner, Jennifer Steiner, David Miller, and Margot Miller. A survey was sent to OHSIG members and members of the Orthopaedic Section. 300 signatures are needed from therapists agreeing to sit for the exam within 5 years of an exam being offered. This information is needed for the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) as evidence that PTs support Occupational Health Specialization. We plan to resend the survey as we have not reached 300. Please respond if you receive the survey and have not done so. We need your assistance!

We are also in process of getting 100 letters of support for therapist specialization from employers, physicians, insurers, etc. If you would like to help, please contact Barb McKelvy. She will get you a sample letter of support.

#### 3) OHSIG in the NEWS

Education Chair, Dee Daley, and the OHSIG Board of Directors submitted an article "*Physical Therapists in the Workplace*," which will be printed in the June issue of *Workplace Ergonomic News*. The article discusses how PTs assist employers in primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention levels, "matching the worker and the work" through the full spectrum of the work life cycle. Employers are finding a natural fit between Physical Therapists' functional approach and corporate prevention plans.

If you have questions, comments, or if the Board can serve you better, please contact any one of us. You can find

the OHSIG officer listing at [www.orthopt.org](http://www.orthopt.org). Remember, we work on your behalf!

*Sincerely,*  
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**OHSIG President**