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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SIG NEWSLETTER

President's Message January 2009

Greetings and Happy New Year OHSIG Members!

On behalf of the OHSIG Board, we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

Revised FCE Guidelines – A DONE Deal!

The Revised FCE Guidelines have been approved, ratified, and serve as an official APTA Guideline. They will be posted on APTA's website as well as available through the Orthopaedic Section website. We encourage therapists providing functional capacity evaluations become familiar with the revisions to ensure you can meet the guidelines.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR CSM Las Vegas Feb 8-12, 2009

There is still time to register for CSM and participate in the Occupational Health Programming offered, both in a preconference opportunity and during CSM programming.

Occ Health Programming Opportunities at CSM

- Preconference: Sunday, Feb 8, 12:30pm-5:30pm and Monday, Feb 9, 8am-5pm
- OHSIG Business Meeting for all OHSIG members: Wed Feb 11, 7am-8am
- Wed Feb 11, 8am-11am Beyond the Hoyer Lift

PRECON: Vision 2020 Actualized in the Onsite Occupational Health Setting

This seminar teaches physical therapists advanced clinical methods for determining movement impairment diagnoses and recognizing co-morbid medical conditions prior to their escalation into costly pathological conditions. Within the context of a collaborative occupational health paradigm, advanced patient examination, medical screening, and evaluation competence will facilitate physical therapists clinical judgments regarding when to intervene, and when to refer and how to best implement evidence-based guidelines and therapeutic measures. The program will focus on skills necessary to enhance physical therapists' labeling of differential classifications of movement impairments and functions as essential to early and effective interventions to prevent impairments from progressing to a recordable pathology.

Beyond the Hoyer Lift: New Technology in Equipment for Patient Handling

This program will introduce a variety of the newer options for patient handling in therapy. Strategies for selecting equipment and interacting with vendors will also be presented. Small group case studies of patients/clients in a variety of settings will be used to help participants synthesize consideration across the care spectrum.

Advances in technology have impacted all aspects of health care, including options for the way therapists provide hands-on care to patients. New equipment can be used to assist with tasks such as transferring, repositioning, and ambulating patients. The use of equipment can promote the complementary goals of improving safety for both patient and caregiver, as well as improve the potential for rehabilitation.

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Hope to see you at CSM.
Sincerely,

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