

START PREPARING FOR CSM 2019: EDUCATIONAL SESSION

This may sound a little premature, but Combined Sections Meeting 2019 is almost one month earlier than it typically occurs. Consequently, every preparatory step is also moved up earlier.

The Imaging SIG has an outstanding educational session planned to build upon the advocacy with imaging initiated with the 2018 educational session in New Orleans. As you may recall, that session featured Scott Rezac, Aaron Keil, Connie Kittleson, and Kip Schick with assistance from APTA staff members, Bill Boissonnault and Angela Shuman presenting, *Referral for Imaging in Physical Therapist Practice: A Pragmatic Vision*. This session informed attendees on how best to plan and execute strategies toward developing imaging privileges in their individual jurisdictions.

The Imaging SIG sponsored session for 2019 is entitled, *Referral for Imaging: Autonomy and Accountability* will include presenters Aaron Keil, PT, DPT, OCS; Amma Maurer, MD; Scott Rezac, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT; Daniel Watson, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS; and Connie Kittleson, PT, DPT; and will be moderated by Jim Elliott, PT, PhD. This session focuses on the communication between the physical therapist and radiologist before and after the imaging procedure and the subsequent management decisions arising from the imaging results. Notably, Dr. Amma Maurer will describe the perspective of radiologists in accepting referrals from physical therapists and the communication therein. The physical therapists on the panel will share their imaging referral experiences and recommendations along with presenting data from past referrals for imaging. While physical therapists often gain training and education in the technical aspects of imaging and the clinical reasoning associated with imaging, the professional communications with radiologists and imaging services are often only learned with on-the-job training. This session will allow physical therapists to understand the essential components of that communication and also understand that communication from the perspective of radiologists.

CANNOT MISS PRECONFERENCE COURSE

The Imaging SIG is jointly sponsoring with the Performing Arts SIG a two-day preconference course on using ultrasound imaging to assist in diagnosis and management of performing artists and athletes with musculoskeletal disorders. *Musculoskeletal Sonography of the Lower Limb Focused in Sport & Performing Arts* features presenters Megan Poll, PT, DPT, OCS, RMSK; Doug White, PT, DPT, RMSK; Scott Epsley, PT, Grad Cert. Sports Physio, SCS, RMSK; and Marika Molnar, PT, LAc. Megan and Doug are well-known for their clinical and teaching expertise with ultrasound. Scott brings the experience of working with elite athletes from his role with the Philadelphia 76ers professional basketball team. Marika Molnar is internationally renowned as she is presently the director of physical therapy services to the New York City Ballet and also director of physical therapy services for the School of American Ballet in New York. This fabulous blend of individuals is highly skilled in clinical practice and the use of ultrasound to assist in clinical decision-making. This course is targeted for those

seeking to add ultrasound to their clinical practice as well as the practitioner with some experience but seeking a greater depth of knowledge.

Please keep in mind there may be a limited number of slots available in this course. Registering early is strongly recommended. Registering early also contributes to assuring the course will take place, which is particularly important with CSM happening so early in the 2019 calendar year.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Teams led by George Beneck, Jim Elliott, and Chuck Hazle continue to work on elements of the Imaging SIG's strategic plan.

In the research domain, George Beneck, Greg Dedrick, Murray Maitland, Meg Sions, Lena Volland, and Mathew Wyland are participating. We are addressing two strategic plan items in the research domain. The first is to establish a collaborative relationship between the Imaging SIG and the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy's Research Committee to review publications and grant applications. Thus far, discussions have occurred with Dan White (Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Research Committee Chair) as to how the SIG could be more involved. The second is to create an "Expert Mentors" webpage with names listed of content experts in specific areas of imaging. Thus far, a spreadsheet of various potential mentor organized under body region and imaging modality has been created.

The group working on the practice domain, consisting of Steve Kareha, Marie Corkery, Dale Gerke, Christa Nelson, and Todd Telemeco, have initiated efforts to gather information on what is being done in residencies in regards to imaging education. The effort will be to determine what is and is not being included in orthopaedic residencies and fellowships and perhaps suggesting guidelines for inclusion at some point. Assistance with patient education pertaining to imaging is also underway.

In the education domain, Jim Elliott is facilitating the group consisting of Katie O'Bright, Kimiko Yamada, Bryon Smith, and Jennifer Reft. They are addressing 3 strategic plan items in the education domain. These include (1) Develop tools to identify learners' strengths and challenges related to imaging need (yes/no), modality selection, interpretation, and evaluation associated with patient presentation. (2) Provide educators, instructors, and learners resources to assist with learning objectives. (3) Expand resource list on the Orthopaedic Academy website. Those involved on that front include Katie O'Bright, Jennifer Reft, and Bryon Smith.

ULTRASOUND WEBINARS IN ASSOCIATION WITH AIUM

Since the last newsletter, two more ultrasound webinars have occurred by physical therapists for the American Institute for Ultrasound in Medicine.

On June 11, Gregory E. Fritz, PT, RMSK, and Colin Rigney, PT, DPT, OCS, RMSK, presented a webinar entitled, *Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Assessment of Tendinopathy*. This webinar is available at AIUM's YouTube channel at https://youtu.be/rWrhn_h8_wI. This session was so successful, a follow-up was being discussed. On July

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