

## IMAGING INFOGRAPHICS

The Imaging SIG has recently developed two infographics to assist in advocacy for the physical therapist referral for imaging as a part of practice. These evolved from a contest initiated in January with several initial submissions. An Infographics Work Group then selected two and suggested edits along with additional input from those successful in achieving imaging referral privileges in their states. The end results are two downloadable infographics now available on the Imaging SIG web pages. The two are similar in purpose with one being a simple presentation of the message and the other going into greater detail with the purpose of perhaps serving different audiences. The personal stories about the two infographics authors were included in the July issue of *OPTP*.

Currently, an infographic is being developed about physical therapists using diagnostic and rehabilitative ultrasound to augment clinical reasoning in patient care. Timeline for completion of this project is late 2021.

## AIUM WEBINARS

Webinars for AIUM presented by physical therapists have continued with Ted Croy and Jon Umlauf presenting “Improve Your Lateral Ankle Injury Management” on August 14. The recording of this webinar is available at [aium.org](http://aium.org), at the “Learning Center” and “On-Demand Webinars.”

Additional webinars are planned for November from the perspective of exploring the dimensions of changing one’s practice by the incorporation of ultrasound. The purpose of these two sessions is to allow practitioners an expanded understanding of how ultrasound can enhance clinical practice in multiple settings. These sessions will include multiple presenters from various practice settings, highlighting numerous applications. More details will be forthcoming soon.

## MORE WEBINARS

On July 14, the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy hosted a webinar entitled “Imaging Referral by Physical Therapists: Progression of PT Education, Advocacy, Practice, and Regulation.” The speakers were Chuck Hazle (Imaging SIG President), Daniel Markels (APTA Manager of State Affairs) and Jeanne Dekrey (North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy President). While being an open webinar, the target audience was principally state regulators. A similar webinar was presented on August 18, this time sponsored by APTA with component leaders as the main audience. Daniel Markels and Chuck Hazle reprised their presentations while the third speaker on this occasion was Cindy Flom-Meland (APTA North Dakota Board President).

On October 12 (approximately the time of publication of this issue of *OPTP*), the Imaging SIG sponsored a webinar of the leaders of the 4 states having successfully passed legislation for physical therapist referral for imaging. These leaders have shared their stories of accomplishment while allowing others to understand the variables and processes required to achieve such specific legislative change.

## COMBINED SECTIONS MEETING 2022

Hopefully, we will all be physically present in San Antonio for CSM 2022. At the time of this submission for publication, uncertainty about CSM remained due to the effects of the pandemic.

One change that will occur for CSM 2022 and will continue indefinitely is that SIGs will no longer hold member meetings at CSM. Time, space, and accessibility have continued to be more problematic for such meetings. Thus, AOPT has adopted a policy wherein the SIGs will host their member meetings on the web approximate to the time of CSM. As of this writing, there is planned a SIG Meet and Greet social event in San Antonio, involving all the AOPT SIGs, similar to the one held in Denver in 2020. More details about this event for CSM attendees will be forthcoming. The date and time of the Imaging SIG member meeting relating to CSM has yet to be determined.

As you may remember, the Imaging SIG had an ultrasound imaging pre-conference course scheduled for CSM 2021 in Orlando. With the virtual format of CSM, the course was refocused to a single day with conceptual content and demonstrations. The originally planned course was resubmitted and accepted for CSM 2022 in San Antonio, albeit with an altered format. The course, entitled “Musculoskeletal Ultrasonography of the Upper Extremity with Special Focus in Sport and Performing Arts” is still planned but with participants completing preparatory work independently prior to the one-day “hands on experience.” The presenters for this course will be Jon Umlauf, Colin Rigney, and Dirk Hartog. For those interested in becoming familiar with the use of diagnostic ultrasound in the upper quadrant, this is a course for you by physical therapists for physical therapists with particular emphasis on conditions occurring in performers and athletes.

The educational session to be presented by the Imaging SIG for CSM 2022 is entitled “Demonstrating Competencies in Physical Therapist Referral for Imaging” and is focused on the educational perspective of imaging referral by physical therapists. The topic is, in effect, teaching the teacher of imaging, highlighting various methods and resources available to assist in educating students and clinicians in imaging referral. The outstanding line-up of speakers includes Bill Boissonnault, Aaron Keil, Michelle Collie, Michael Ross, and Michael Crowell. Brian Young, Imaging SIG Vice President, will moderate the session. As you may recall, the Imaging SIG published the Imaging Education Manual in 2015 and the content of this session is paired with the effort of revising and updating the Imaging Education Manual.

## RHODE ISLAND: IMAGING REFERRAL PRIVILEGES

In July, Rhode Island passed legislation allowing for physical therapist referral for imaging. Rhode Island joins North Dakota (2021), Utah (2018), and Wisconsin (2016) in taking the specific legislative route to allow for physical therapist referral for imaging. Other states have achieved similar results, but have done so through administrative processes.

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