

### Imaging and Clinical Practice Guidelines

One initiative of the SIG that will be reflected in upcoming products from the AOPT is the appropriate inclusion of imaging in future Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs). Imaging SIG representatives have met with the CPG editors and have jointly established a process by which imaging content, where indicated, is part of the initial CPG formulation at the start of the process and the portion of the draft CPG that addresses imaging will also be reviewed prior to publication. This is a noteworthy advancement to address greater consistency of imaging as part of clinical reasoning toward patient management being part of the acknowledged standard of care. Jim Dauber, who is the Imaging SIG Liaison for the AOPT Practice Committee, is coordinating small teams of individuals with expertise in the practice areas covered by the CPGs.

### Nominations and Elections 2020

This summer, the Imaging SIG Nominating Committee will be seeking interest from those considering a nomination for the office of SIG Vice President. The election will be conducted in November with the term of office beginning immediately after CSM 2021 and lasting 3 years. If you are interested, please make yourself known to the Nominating Committee Chair, Mohini Rawat, at [mohinirawat@gmail.com](mailto:mohinirawat@gmail.com).

A position on the Nominating Committee will also be selected this year. Each year, one person is elected to the Nominating Committee for a 3-year term with the final year of that term being Chair of the committee. Involvement with the Nominating Committee is a great way to establish your presence within the SIG and prepare for future leadership roles. If you are interested, please let Mohini know.

### The Office of SIG Vice President

Long-time SIG contributor, Jim Elliott had completed one term as SIG Vice President and 2 of the 3 years of his second term before recently stepping down. Jim, previously at Northwestern University and now at University of Sydney (Australia), simply had too many roles and too many tasks to manage the SIG Vice President role in the manner he preferred. If you have an opportunity to express your appreciation to Jim for his many years of service to the SIG, please do so. Fortunately, a very capable successor has stepped in to fill that position for the remaining one year of that 3-year term. Marie Corkery, PT, DPT, MHS, FAAOMPT, was appointed to assume the role as SIG Vice President immediately after CSM in Denver. She and Jim jointly contributed to the SIG submissions for CSM 2021 in Orlando.

### Special Article on Ultrasound

Did you catch the special article on ultrasound in physical therapist practice in the April issue of *OPTP*? If not, please go back and take note of the contents of that article. The many uses of how diagnostic ultrasound informing clinical decision-making and enhance patient management along with its capabilities in research are covered. This is done through the perspectives of several practitioners and educators across the country. If you have an interest in

possibly pursuing ultrasound as part of your clinical practice, that article is a must read.

### Imaging Referral Privileges...So Far

At present, we have 7 jurisdictions in the United States where physical therapist practice includes referral for imaging. Either by specific legislative action or by interpretation of existing regulatory language, referral for imaging by physical therapists has been established in Wisconsin, Utah, Colorado, Maryland, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

At least 2 states are attempting to pass specific legislative initiatives this year. Results and details will be coming in future issues of this newsletter.

### Remember the Imaging SIG Scholarship for CSM

Do you or one of your colleagues have research completed or near completion that will be presented at CSM 2021 in Orlando? Remember that each year the Imaging SIG selects a scholarship recipient from the applicants among those with accepted presentations at CSM. If you or your colleague's work has been accepted, information to apply for the scholarship is available on the Imaging SIG pages at the AOPT website. Please investigate at: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/imaging/imaging-sig-scholarship>.

### Strategic Plan

By the time this issue of *OPTP* is published, the Imaging SIG will have updated its strategic plan and established continuing direction for its immediate future. As you may recall, the AOPT leadership met in October 2019 in La Crosse, WI, to update the Academy's strategic plan. Subsequently, all the SIGs under the purview of the AOPT also updated their strategic plans. Strategic plan information is available on the Imaging SIG's web pages at <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/imaging>.