

Combined Sections Meeting—Denver

By the time this issue of *Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice* appears in your mailbox, CSM in Denver will be rapidly approaching. There is an abundance of educational content related to imaging with multiple educational sessions, platform presentations, and posters.

The Imaging SIG Educational Session is titled, *Building an Imaging Alliance for Future Practice: One Voice, One Vision* and is being presented by James Elliott, Aaron Keil, Daniel Watson, Scott Rezac, and two physicians: Frank Crnkovich, MD (Radiologist) and Mark Slabaugh, MD (Orthopaedic Surgeon). This promises to be an outstanding session with a vision toward future practice and collegial relationships and the potential role for physical therapists. This session will be held Thursday, February 13 from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Immediately prior to that presentation will be the Imaging SIG's Member Meeting at 7 a.m., which is tentatively scheduled to be in the same room as the educational session. In addition to our regular business, representatives of Inteleos are expected to be present to discuss a joint strategy toward helping more physical therapists earn the Registered in Musculoskeletal Sonography (RMSK) credential. The Imaging SIG will also have reserved suite time available on the conference site for interested physical therapists to meet with those same Inteleos representatives. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and explore options of how to achieve that credentialed status, particularly how to navigate the pre-requisites for the examination.

Beyond the Imaging SIG's programming, there are at least 8 other sessions over the course of the 3 days at CSM featuring imaging content. If you look on the CSM programming webpage (<https://apta.confex.com/apta/csm2020/meetingapp.cgi>), a simple search for imaging sessions will provide enough to keep you busy.

CSM Scholarship

Also at CSM, the Imaging SIG will be awarding and recognizing the recipient for the third annual winner of the Imaging SIG Scholarship for an accepted presentation. This will likely be done during the Educational Session on Thursday morning. The received applications are reviewed by the Imaging SIG's Scholarship Workgroup, headed by Lena Volland, and a winner selected. Keep this scholarship in mind for yourself, a colleague, or a mentee in the future. Watch for more information about the scholarship application becoming available again in 2020 for CSM 2021 in Orlando. Information about the scholarship is available on the Imaging SIG's web page on the AOPT website.

State Acts and Regulations on Imaging Referral

During the fall 2019, the Imaging SIG began publishing the results from the APTA study of each state's legal language pertaining to physical therapists referring for imaging. As you may recall, APTA was charged with pursuing practice authority for imaging during the House of Delegates in June 2016. RC 12-16 was passed with a 93% affirmative vote for APTA to begin activities toward pursuing practice authority. Thus, a study was launched toward evaluating the present status of the practice act and any potential interacting other legal language in each jurisdiction in the United States. The first 24 states are currently published on the Imaging SIG's webpage on the AOPT's website. Go to the webpage and look for "State Acts and Regulations on Imaging Referral" on the

left side of the page. The remaining 26 states are expected to be published by early 2020. Please note that many of these summaries are not necessarily definitive interpretations on imaging referral. These are actually starting points for discussion and possible strategic planning among the leaders of each APTA component to determine when and how to manage this discussion. Involvement and leadership by the component is critical with these types of undertakings. The Imaging SIG strongly discourages efforts toward securing imaging referral privileges independent of the state chapter's efforts. Such efforts are much more likely to be successful if within the overall priorities of the chapters in each state.

AIUM Webinars

Webinars with AIUM have continued throughout 2019 and we are considering more for 2020. If you have interest in a particular topic for a webinar or you are interested in presenting or collaborating for a webinar, please contact crhazl00@uky.edu. If you missed these webinars, please recall they remain available for your viewing on AIUM's website and on their YouTube channel. These webinars are great opportunities for extremely valuable information at no personal cost.

Strategic Plan Activities

In October 2019, Board, Committee Chair, and SIG leaders of the AOPT met in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to help in formulating a new strategic plan for the Academy. Once through the approval process, all of the SIGs will be re-visiting their strategic plans to assure alignment with the AOPT plan. Subsequent to CSM, we anticipate conducting meetings by web and phone to adjust our current strategic plan.

While at CSM, the Imaging SIG leadership will be seeking additional assistance for the SIG's strategic plan activities. The original plan formulated in 2016 was very ambitious and challenging for a volunteer organization to manage. Please consider volunteering when asked at CSM or by contacting Chuck Hazle at crhazl00@uky.edu.

If you have perused the Imaging SIG's webpage, you have perhaps seen the addition of Research Mentors assembled and published by George Beneck' Research Committee. This is an outstanding advancement for the SIG and has the potential to facilitate professional connections to yield great work. Please take the time to look on the SIG's webpage for these mentors.

Social Media

As previously mentioned, the Imaging SIG no longer maintains its open social media accounts. As with the case of all SIGs, those have now been placed under the umbrella of the AOPT. While the closed Facebook page has remained unchanged, all Imaging SIG Tweets will be present on the AOPT's Twitter feed (@OrthopaedicAPTA), but with the SIG's hashtag identifier: #PTImgSIG.

Imaging Privileges Webinar Recording Available

In early October 2019, Connie Kittleson and Evan Nelson described the process that Wisconsin went through to obtain specific legislative changes to allow physical therapists to have imaging referral privileges in that jurisdiction. The recording of this webinar is available on the Imaging SIG's webpage under "Webinars." This is a great opportunity to learn from those who have been through the process.