

**Imaging SIG (ISIG) Report
2019 CSM Board of Directors Meeting
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SIG Members and Terms:

Charles Hazle, President (re-elected)	2016-2022
James Elliott, Vice President/Ed Chair	2018-2021
Paul Beattie, Nominating Chair (out-going)	2016-2019
Megan Poll, Nominating Committee (incoming Chair)	2017-2020
Mohini Rawat, Nominating Committee	2018-2021
Kimiko Yamada (recently elected)	2019-2022

Update on SIG Activities since the September 2018 report:

- 1) American Institute for Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) Webinars:
 - a. We have had 2 webinars scheduled so far with AIUM in 2019:
 - i. Optimizing Treatment of Rotator Cuff Related Shoulder Pain Using Diagnostic Ultrasound by Charles Thigpen, PT, PhD, ATC; Date: Tuesday, March 12 @ 1-2 PM ET.
 - ii. Monitoring Joint Health, Damage and Disease Activity using MSKUS: The MSKUS experience in Hemophilic Arthropathy Management. Speaker: Bruno U.K. Steiner, PT, DPT, RMSK. Monday, May 6 @ 1-2PM ET
 - iii. We plan on scheduling two additional webinars in 2019 and have prospects toward those. More information will be forthcoming.
- 2) The Imaging SIG scholarship winner is Ruth Maher for project entitled "Concurrent Validity of Coccygeal Motion Palpation and Transabdominal Ultrasound Imaging in the Assessment of Pelvic Floor Function in Women." She will be presented with a check for \$500 and recognized by Lena Volland, Scholarship Chair, at CSM at the start of our educational session. Lena will continue as Scholarship Chair for the coming year.
- 3) We are continuing with multiple SIG members involved in executing items within our strategic plan, which is categorized in 3 domains: Research, Education, and Practice. Jim Elliott is leading a team addressing Education issues, George Beneck as Research Chair is leading the Research group, and Chuck Hazle is facilitating activities in the Practice group. Several projects are in process. Progress reports for these are being gathered to be given at our member meeting at CSM.
- 4) Our educational session at CSM 2019 will focus on interdisciplinary communication and patient management decisions relating to imaging referral by physical therapists. We have an outstanding panel, including Dr. Amma Mauer, a MSK radiologist, who will give the radiologists' perspective in accepting referrals and completing follow-up with

physical therapists. We will also feature novel data from two settings in which physical therapists have been referring patients for imaging and practitioners will share their experiences. The presenters are: Aaron Keil, PT, DPT, OCS; Amma Maurer, MD; Scott Rezac, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT; Daniel Watson, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS; Connie Kittleson, PT, DPT and the session will be moderated by Jim Elliott, PT, PhD. In addition to this presentation, we hope for this to lead to a publication as there is a void in the PT literature pertaining to the communications in imaging referral and response. Educational curricula tend address the technical aspects of imaging, but not the essential nature of communications before and after and the responsibility/procedural/legal aspects of follow-up.

- 5) The 2-day preconference course entitled “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 has 37 registrants at last count and has all the indicators of being a success at this stage.
- 6) Elections results are noted at the top of the cover page of this report.
- 7) The Wisconsin chapter has been collecting data since the start of their imaging referral privileges. Some of this data is included in our educational session for CSM, but they have an abundance of great information likely to be useful to many, including other states following with similar evolution of imaging privileges. We have tentatively planned a webinar for presenting this data sometime during the summer. More information will be forthcoming after details are determined.
- 8) We are seeking to change some of the content of APTA webpages. Interestingly, the pages on “Scope of Practice” (<http://www.apta.org/ScopeOfPractice/>) and “State Advocacy” (<http://www.apta.org/StateAdvocacy/>) contain no information on imaging among the variety of other topics included. These are remarkable omissions in need of correction.
- 9) Reimbursement for physical therapist point-of-use of ultrasound remains very inconsistent with denials occurring, often depending on location/jurisdiction/insurance plan or any combination of those. We plan to establish a working task force to compile the evidence toward addressing these denials of reimbursement. Some of the refusals by 3rd party payers have included archaic literature and newspaper articles as their foundation rather than recent peer-reviewed evidence.
- 10) The Imaging SIG is still a young organization, but we are attempting to establish members in all jurisdictions/states to increase organizational awareness of the imaging landscape in those areas and also to promote preparation for imaging referral privileges in those states.

Discussion Items for the Board:

None

Motions for the Board:

None

Strategic Planning Updates:

At this time, reports on progress of the strategic plan are being compiled. Several projects are underway—more information will be forthcoming.