

**Foundation for Physical Therapy Update
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- The Foundation for Physical Therapy continues to work tirelessly “putting the evidence in evidence-based practice.” With the support of the Ortho Section as well as its members, the Foundation was able to fund over \$1 million in research in 2017 and is on track **to fund over \$1.3M in 2018**.
- 28 physical therapist researchers will be recognized at the Foundation’s annual Donor Reception during CSM. To date, members belonging to the Ortho Section have received **133 scholarships, 10 fellowships, and 86 research grants totaling over \$6 million**. The Foundation’s follow-on funding statistics are remarkable – **for every \$1 invested in grants/scholarships --\$47 is realized** as these researchers are funded through outside agencies such as NIH.
- The Foundation funded Center on Health Services Research known as **CoHSTAR** - which the Section and many of you generously supported - enters the 3rd year of a 5 year grant. The impact of researchers funded through the grant is growing with **28 articles published, 30 abstracts** for scientific presentations at conferences submitted, and over **18 speaking engagements/meetings** to date.
- In addition, **9 health services/health policy related pilot studies** are underway or nearing completion, **7 Faculty Fellows, 2 Postdoctoral Fellows**, and **2 Visiting Scientists** are currently working at collaborating institutions. CoHSTAR’s third Health Services Research Institute will be held this April in Boston and in collaboration with the Center for Large Data Research & Data Sharing in Rehabilitation.
- The CoHSTAR grant was inspired by Alan Jette’s 2012 McMillian address and just 6 years later the profession is seeing the results of our collective investment. The Foundation is most appreciative of the trust the Ortho Section and its members place in the organization and look forward to continuing to share the growing impact of health services research that we have made possible.
- This year, the Foundation will offer a **\$40,000 grant** made possible by the Ortho Section’s endowment fund. The funds we have invested with the Foundation allow for a grant to be offered every other year. A growing number of Ortho Section members have received this award and the Foundation appreciates your steadfast support in funding new investigators.
- The Foundation continues to grow with several new funds established in 2017 that will help sustain research funding well into the future including: Paris Patla Endowment Fund, the McEwen Family Fund for School-Based Physical Therapy Research, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical

Therapists (AAOMPT) Endowment Fund, and the Charlene Mae Nelson Endowment Fund.

- The Foundation still needs the help of every member to continue to drive evidence and improve patient care. **The Foundation for Physical Therapy is your Foundation, your charity.**
- **We all want to see our profession grow, and the ONLY way for that to happen is for all of us to unite under a common goal. The goal that can advance all of us is improving physical therapy through evidence-based research.**
- At CSM, the Foundation is asking each of you to contribute to the Power of One – small donations by each member attending CSM can raise enough funds to provide one new path of discovery, one new achievement in evidence-based research.
- On your chair during the Ortho Section's meeting at CSM, you will find an envelope that you can use to make your gift. Just bring your donations up to Ortho Section leadership and they will be sure the Foundation gets your gift.
- Thank you for continuing to give back to your profession and helping the Foundation expand evidence-based research. All of the Foundation's ground-breaking advances have come courtesy of charitable gifts from donors such as you.