



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH  
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

OHSIG Q1 Newsletter

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## **Membership**

598 Total Members: 587 Physical Therapists | 5 Physical Therapy Assistants | 6 Students

## **COVID-19**

Every one of us is being challenged by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Many are pivoting to telehealth technologies as just one example of innovations to continue to serve our communities, patients and clients. The AOPT is looking for stories of members finding effective ways of addressing their new challenges.

Please submit any stories you have to [marketing@orthopt.org](mailto:marketing@orthopt.org) (1 to 4 paragraphs is a good length).

## **Request for Volunteers:**

OHSIG Membership Committee: OHSIG is forming a subcommittee to guide our strategic initiative to Establish key contact OHSIG member experts in all states to enhance payment and service opportunities in occupational health. If this interests you, please send an email to express your interest to our OHSIG Membership Chair, Caroline Furtak, at [ckfurtak@gmail.com](mailto:ckfurtak@gmail.com).

OHSIG Research Committee: OHSIG is forming a steering subcommittee to guide our strategic initiative to create an Advanced Certificate in Occupational Health. If this interests you, please send and email to express your interest to our OHSIG Research Chair, Marc Campo at [mcampo@mercy.edu](mailto:mcampo@mercy.edu).

## **Upcoming Events:**

The next cohort of the OHSIG Mentorship Program is set to kick off during the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>. Program details can be accessed [here](#).

[The 5<sup>th</sup> International FCE Research Conference](#) will be held on the 26 & 27nd of September, 2020 at the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences in Washington DC.

## **CSM 2020 Recap**



CSM 2020 was a resounding success. We filled up Denver, CO with more than 13,000 attendees!

The OHSIG was well represented. There was a lot of traffic in the exhibit hall with people stopping by the booth to pick up some OHSIG swag. The board had several productive meetings to conduct business and plan for 2020.

Steve Allison and David Hoyle presented on best practices in FCE on Friday.

The whole of the conference was a great learning and networking experience.

### **2019 Election Results and Incoming Leadership:**

We are pleased to announce our elected incoming Vice President Steve Allison and Nominating Committee member Jeff Paddock. Marc Campo is our incoming Research Committee Chair and Katie McBee is our incoming Nominating Committee Chair.

We want to express our appreciation to outgoing leaders Brian Murphy (Vice President/Education Chair), Trisha Perry (Nominating Committee Chair) and Frances Kistner (Research Committee Chair) for their service to the OHSIG.

### **Work Rehab CPG Subcommittee Updates**

The Work Rehab Clinical Practice Guideline led by Dee Daley and Lorena Payne is undergoing some revisions with the goal of resubmission in Dec 2020.

## **Current Concepts Subcommittee Updates**

The Current Concepts in Occupational Health Regulatory Compliance was published in the January 2020 edition of OPTP and can be accessed [here](#). Special thanks to committee members Sean Bagbey, Drew Snyder, Gwen Simons, Allison Helmsie, and Rick Wickstrom for getting this completed and published.

The Physical Therapist in Occupational Health task force has been launched under the Communication Committee. The task force is being led by Peter McMenemy of Northwestern University and Cory Blickenstaff, chair of the communications committee. The other task force members are Justin Bagley, Diane Newquist, Connie Johnson, Kevin Jones, Jeff Paddock, Rick Wickstrom. Stay tuned for updates on progress.

## **Recent Activities:**

The board has approved our Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2020-2023. The action items are as follows

*MISSION: Empower members to excel in occupational health*

*VISION: Lead the world in optimizing movement, musculoskeletal health, and work participation from hire to retire.*

- a. Develop online courses to support practitioners in occupational health. ♣*
- b. Develop in person and online presentation to communicate CPG for work rehabilitation*
- c. Establish key contact OHSIG member experts in all states to enhance payment and service opportunities in occupational health.*
- d. Design and implement an advanced certificate program in occupational health to educate and position members as experts.*
- e. Update Current Concepts: Role of the PT in Occupational Health document to describe the scope of therapy practice in different settings.*
- f. Create active strategies to engage members in leadership development and active participation in the occupational health SIG.*

The strategic plan can be viewed in its entirety [here](#).

## **Members Only! An OHSIG Facebook Closed Group**

Don't miss out on the conversations available only to active OHSIG members! Recent posts have included multiple links and discussions on pivoting to telehealth in an occ health practice, among other topics.

Join the conversation [link](#) and share recent articles, recommendations, and thoughts!

**As always, thank you for being a part of the Occupational Health  
Special Interest Group!**