



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

OHSIG Q4 Newsletter

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November Election:

The voting period for the finalized slate of candidates is now open from November 1 - November 30, 2019. Click [here](#) to meet the candidates. Election results will be announced in mid-December 2019. We want to express our appreciation to outgoing leaders Brian Murphy (Vice President/Education Chair) and Frances Kistner (Research Committee Chair) for their service to the OHSIG.

Upcoming Events:

11/21/2019: 2:00 – 3:00 pm (EST) **OHSIG Business meeting webinar**. This Zoom link will be shared by email and on the closed Facebook group

OHSIG at CSM in Denver, CO February 2020

Wed 2/12/2020 8:00 am-5:00 pm: [Physical Activity Analysis: Bridging the Gap to Improve Outcomes and Practice Opportunities](#). Join speakers Steve Allison and Rick Wickstrom for this exciting pre-conference course in which you will learn best practices for conducting a physical activity analysis in various settings to improve functional outcomes and promote safe activity participation. Please register soon! We need to fill some seats by the end of November.

Wed 2/12/2020 4:00 -6:00 pm: OR-4224 OHSIG [Clinical Practice Guideline Meeting](#)

Wed 2/12/2020 7:00 -8:30pm: OR-4211 [AOPT All SIG Meet and Greet](#)

Thu. 2/13/202 7:15 -10:00pm: [OHSIG Board of Directors Strategic Plan Meeting](#)

Fri. 2/14/2020 7:00 -7:45am: [OHSIG Breakfast Membership Meeting](#)

Fri. 2/14/2020 8:00 – 10:00 am: OR-1374 [Best Practices in Functional Capacity Evaluation: Raising the Bar](#). Steve V. Allison, PT, DPT and David A. Hoyle, PT, DPT, MA

Recent Activities:

Rick Wickstrom participated in the October, 2019 AOPT strategic planning meeting that was held in LaCrosse, WI, and initiated the update for the OHSIG strategic plan that will be continued at CSM.

OHSIG members Rick Wickstrom, Lorena Payne, and Kenneth Harwood submitted a letter to the editor that was accepted for publication in JOEM on “Comment on “The Relationship of the Amount of Physical Therapy to Time Lost From Work and Costs in the Workers’ Compensation System”. This will Publish-Ahead-of-Print (PAP) on the JOEM Website (<https://journals.lww.com/joem/toc/publishahead>)

Exoskeleton Webinar: On Sept 11, 2019, Matthew Marino PT presented a webinar exclusively to OHSIG members on exoskeletons and their use in industry. He covered current concepts, uses, types, and availability of exoskeletons in the workplace as well as current state of the research and potential future directions. You can access a recording of the webinar, as well as past OHSIG webinars, [here](#).

OHSIG *OPTP* Article: Read OHSIG President, Rick Wickstrom’s message and an article by titled Differentiating between Anatomic Impairment and Occupational Disability by Steve Allison and Rick Wickstrom. [Read it here](#).

Current Concepts Subcommittee Updates

The Current Concepts for Legal and Risk Management is being revised and retitled as “Current Concepts in Occupational Health Regulatory Compliance”, with a goal of publication in the next edition of OPTP. Committee members include Sean Bagbey, Drew Snyder, Gwen Simons, Allison Helmetsie, and Rick Wickstrom

The Physical Therapist in Occupational Health: Task force has been assigned to the OHSIG Communication Committee and will soon be launched under the leadership of Peter McMenamin of Northwestern University and Cory Blickenstaff.

The Work Rehab Clinical Practice Guideline led by Dee Daley and Lorena Payne is undergoing some revisions with the goal of resubmission in Dec 2019. Dee Daley and Lorena Payne presented some preliminary findings related to the Work Rehab CPG in June 2019 NEXT.

Members Only! An OHSIG Facebook Closed Group

Don’t miss out on the conversations available only to active OHSIG members! Recent posts have included links and discussions on Opioids, Prevention of Hand-Wrist MSDs, and Research on Non-Pharmacologic Services for Pain Management in Workers’ Compensation, among others.

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

**As always, thank you for being a part of the
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