



**OHSIG Q2 Newsletter 2023**

### **Education Committee: Occupational Health Practitioner Certificate**

- **First cohort of 13 OHSIG Members complete Occupational Health Practitioner Certificate:** OHSIG leaders developed a proposal to implement the OHP Certificate Program when practice as we knew it was shut down because of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Spring of 2020. We appreciate the amazing efforts of OHSIG members and AOPT staff who persevered to meet our timeline of recognizing the first cohort to complete the OHP certificate at CSM 2023. Read [Rick Wickstrom's OHSIG President's Message](#) in the [current issue of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice](#) for more details.
- **OHP Capstone Presentation Dates:** A peer-reviewed capstone presentation is required of OHP Certificate candidates who enroll in AOPT Course 32.W3 - [Facilitating Therapy Services for Total Worker Health®](#). Each 30-minute presentation is a lunch & learn format about evidence-based practice in one area of occupational health focus. Candidates engage with an OHP mentor to develop a professional presentation of interest to employers or other stakeholders. The schedule for the next series of webinar events is:
  - May 19, 2023, at 12:30-3:30 pm Central Standard Time
  - July 14, 2023, at 12:30-3:30 pm Central Standard Time
  - August 18, 2023, at 12:30-3:30 pm Central Standard Time
  - October 20, 2023, at 12:30-3:30 pm Central Standard TimeAny OHSIG Member is permitted to attend these virtual webinars as a benefit of belonging. You may RSVP in advance to request a zoom invitation by emailing [orthoisc@orthpt.org](mailto:orthoisc@orthpt.org).
- **Next Steps for OHP Program:** Our AOPT Staff is implementing revisions to the OHSIG expanded member profile and a search page for employers and other stakeholders to drive service referral opportunities to OHSIG members who qualify for the [OHP Certificate](#). AOPT will exhibit the OHP at the [APTA Private Practice 2023 Annual Conference](#) on Nov 2-5, 2023.

### **Nominating Committee: Volunteer Needs**

- **OHSIG Public Relations Committee:** We are seeking volunteers to serve on the OHSIG Public Relations Committee. This committee is responsible for preparing the OHSIG quarterly newsletter blasts, welcoming new members, writing short spotlights to recognize OHSIG members in the Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice journal, and making posts to the OHSIG Closed Facebook Group and other social media outlets.
- **OHSIG Research Committee:** We are seeking volunteers to serve on the OHSIG Research Committee. This committee is responsible for encouraging members with research interests related to occupational health practice.
- **Fall Elections:** Nominations are requested for the election of a nominating committee member during our next Fall election. Nominating committee members should have active service experience with OHSIG initiatives and be committed to attend Combined Sections Meetings during the 3-year term.

Please reach out to any member of our nominating committee member to express your interest: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/occupational-health/ohsig-leadership>

### **Practice Committee: State Resource Liaison Initiative!**

- **OHSIG State Resource Liaison Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held virtually on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6-7 pm EST | 5-6 pm CST | 4-5 pm MST | 3-4 pm PST. This meeting is **open to all OHSIG members!** The featured presenter will be an emerging OHSIG leader, Jacob Gredvig. Jacob will present an OHSIG branded PowerPoint presentation for delivery by State Resource Liaisons as a lunch and learn presentation to employer and other stakeholder groups. This presentation is titled, **The Role of Physical Therapy Practitioners in Occupational Health: Driving Excellence and Collaboration between Stakeholders.** Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89186247856?pwd=a3l3akRGaFxFxWEIDa0lnaWFKcWZkQT09>
- **APTA State Affairs Presentation:** Rick Wickstrom and Steve Allison will present about their experiences with the process to become a DOT Medical Examiner under Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and organizational advocacy for sports pre-participation physicals during a meeting of APTA State Affairs Chapter Leaders on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm EST.

### **Research Committee: Stimulating Faculty/Student Research!**

- **Stimulating Faculty/Student Applied Research:** Now that the OHP Certificate is launched, our Research Committee Leaders are directing their focus on stimulating applied research that is relevant to Occupational Health practice. For example, in an effort to advance and

influence the boundaries of physical therapy scope of practice, Dr. Joshua Prall recently mentored a group of his students from Lebanon Valley College to conduct a survey to investigate the familiarity of occupational health among outpatient orthopedic physical therapists in the United States. Another current project by our research committee led by Dr. Marc Campo and Dr. Josh Prall is to design and administer an OHSIG sponsored survey of DPT Educational Program leaders to inquire about the level of occupational health course content is taught in the DPT programs.

### **Public Relations Committee: Member Spotlight!**

- **Jennifer Klose, PT, DPT** is an emerging leader who stepped up to serve as first author of the monograph, *Entry Point Care for Workers with Job Participation Barriers*, which is published in the AOPT Independent Study Course 32.4, **Bridging the Gap Between the Workplace and Therapy Clinic**. She serves as OHSIG's State Resource Liaison with the Pennsylvania Chapter and as a steering committee member for the OHP Certificate Program. Since joining Concentra in 2001, Dr. Klose has been involved in all aspects of occupational health from injury care management to workplace safety and prevention. She is a member of Concentra's Therapy Medical Expert Panel that develops guidance and resources for therapists to provide evidence-based treatment for injured workers. Clinically, Dr. Klose has achieved an advanced training certificate in manual therapy through the Manual Therapy Institute. She engages with many national groups that collaborate on evidence-based research and best therapy practices. The next edition of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice will include an article about the physical therapist's role in early intervention after a concussion that is written by Dr. Klose and other members of the Concentra Therapy Medical Expert Panel.



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

- Don't miss out on the conversations available only to active OHSIG members! **Join the conversation [link](#) and share recent articles, recommendations, and thoughts!**

**Thank you for being a member of the Occupational Health Special Interest Group!**