

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

# ORTHOPAEDIC SECTION, APTA, INC.

#### From the Editor

In my last newsletter, I had the privilege of presenting a case study given to me by Gerry Scotese on manual therapy s/p hip fracture. It is with sadness that I now present his obituary. Gerry died this fall while attending a pain conference. Although I only knew Gerry via telephone and email, I quickly came to feel his passion for pain management, his devotion to his patients and to his family. We commiserated in both being married to radiologists and suffering through their board exams.

The community of physical therapists has lost a colleague and an advocate: a passionate voice for the compassionate management of pain. Please join me in extending condolences to Gerry's family and friends.

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#### Gaetano Scotese



It is with great sorrow and regret that we have lost another colleague and friend. On Saturday, September 12, 1998, Gaetano "Gerry" Scotese suddenly passed away from a massive heart attack. He is survived by his four children and his wife. Prior to becoming a physical therapist, Gerry spent enlisted time during the Vietnam War as a Navy Seal. He went

back to school and, in 1977, was accepted to the U.S. Army Baylor PT Program. After retiring from the military he worked in a variety of clinical environments to include both hospital and outpatient physical therapy clinics. However, he loved and excelled in the field of pain management. He was the founding member of the Pain Management Special Interest Group of the Orthopedic Section. He had written several excellent articles on pain management, lectured widely at conferences on the subject, and was a Fellow of the American Academy of Pain Management.

Gerry will be remembered, most of all, as being a devoted husband and father. Personally, he was warm, gregarious, and generous. He was always ready to volunteer his services whether it was for his children's school functions, to teach, or to further the APTA agenda. He was a tireless and sometimes outspoken proponent of pain management issues. Juggling his time between being a dad and a busy clinician, he always seemed to have another project brewing. Gerry was loyal to his friends. He always had a way of making you feel good about yourself. A real kidder, Gerry could take as well as give it out. However, he always had a kind and encouraging manner about him. His sudden departure has left us all with a large void. We will deeply miss you, Gerry.

William H. O'Grady, MA, PT, OCS, COMT

#### In Remembrance

Gaetano Scotese was a friend and a colleague. He treated people in pain, cared about people in pain, shared his knowledge about treating pain and was the driving force behind the creation of the Pain SIG. Thank you Gaetano you've gone away to a better place where there is no pain, we'll miss you but we'll see you soon.

Tom Watson, PT

# Call for Nominations

The terms of office for all the PMSIG positions are 2 years. Elections are staggered with the President and Secretary alternating with the Vice President. The Nominating Committee is seeking names of individuals willing to be nominated for the offices of President and Secretary. Elections will be held

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# **Current Officers: PMSIG**

Tom Watson, MEd, PT, FAAPM Joe Kleinkort, MA, PhD, PT John E. Garzione, PT, AAPM President Vice President Secretary at the PMSIG business meeting at CSM '99 in Seattle, WA. All SIG members who are Orthopaedic Section members are eligible to vote. *Nominees must be members of the Orthopaedic Section*.

Please contact either Lisa Cohen (617-724-6306) or Joe Kleinkort (indusrehab@aol.com).

#### Call For Submissions

The Pain Management Special Interest Group Newsletter is published 4 times a year in Orthopedic Physical Therapy Practice. This newsletter can only be possible with the interest and assistance of our members. I am currently accepting materials for inclusion, including but not limited to: case studies, abstracts, clinical position papers, upcoming pain related conferences, for example. Please submit your materials to me via email, fax, or "snail" mail. I have included the deadlines for future issues for your planning. Thank you.

April issue: Feb 19th August issue: June 18th December issue: Oct 8th

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