

painmanagement

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

John Garzione, PT, DPT, DAAPM

Hope all of you enjoyed the wonderful fall and winter holidays.

The Practice Analysis Task Force is working on questions to determine what techniques our members employ to treat pain patients. The information gained will help the SIG guide physical therapists in the appropriate direction to attain advanced information in pain management practices through continuing education and clinical fellowships. My goal is to have the final draft completed by CSM 2009.

This year's CSM educational program, sponsored by the PMSIG, will be "Fear Avoidance Behavior: State of the Art Review" presented by James Thomas, PhD; Christopher France, PhD; and Steven George PhD. The purpose of this session is to provide the clinician with a comprehensive examination of the role of fear avoidance behavior in somatic dysfunction and disability. Dr. France will present underlying constructs of fear avoidance behavior from the perspective of health psychology. Dr. Thomas will examine how fear avoidance behavior influences motor behavior in clinical populations. Dr. George will describe how to identify and address fear avoidance in clinical settings with a goal to maximize rehabilitation potential for patients with low back pain. This 3-hour presentation will give all physical therapists insight into the psychological constructs, movement patterns in low back populations, as well as strengths and limitations of the various instruments used to assess fear avoidance in patients with low back pain. Thank you again to Marie Hoeger Bement for her work in getting this course on our schedule.

The SIG Business Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11 from 7:00 AM until 8:00 AM. The educational program will be presented immediately following the business meeting on Wednesday, February 11 from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Please try to roll out of bed one hour earlier to attend the business meeting. Remember to consult your program for room assignments and/or any last minute changes.

See you in Vegas.

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