

PAIN MANAGEMENT

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

President's Message

Dana Dailey, PT, PhD

I am new to the position of President of the Pain Management Special Interest Group. Over the years, I have seen an increase in membership of this group and an increasing presence in education regarding pain and the hard work of this group and its participants. Did you know we have over 400 members in the PMSIG?

To introduce myself, I currently spend part of my time as a clinician and part of my time as a pain researcher. Pain research can often be daunting to a therapist to read and apply. Pain management is a topic that is often viewed as a specialty, yet many clinicians deal with pain on a daily basis without a full understanding of pain. I believe the translation of research into clinic practice and the translation of clinic practice into research is becoming important and necessary for the benefit of our profession in both clinic activities and research activities. It is so important that these two areas come together and be able to integrate and benefit the other.

I would like to see the Pain Management SIG become a greater resource for clinicians as well as researchers. This may be accomplished through many avenues, including continuing education and research, as well as greater involvement in promoting and representing the work of our membership in both clinic activity and research activity.

As a clinician, my first questions are usually, "What brings you to physical therapy? and What are your goals?" As a researcher, my first questions include, "What is my research question? and What is my hypothesis?" So as a new President, my first questions to you are "What are your needs? How can the special interest group help you? What would you like to see as a mission and vision for our organization? What information would be helpful on our web site?"

My initial plan is to send out a survey asking these questions and more to get a better idea of your thoughts and considerations. I look forward to hearing from you soon. My contact information is listed below.

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