

Imaging Special Interest Group Strategic Plan 2020

AOPT Initiative: Value and Payment

1. Encourage development and distribution of evidence demonstrating the effectiveness, efficiency and value through imaging referral by physical therapists.
2. Develop resources to assist chapters with legislative efforts and payer advocacy.

AOPT Initiative: Diversity and Inclusion

1. Deliver resources for state/local chapters regarding imaging with focus on application to practice as a means of educating and increasing SIG membership, developing leaders, and expanding research.
2. Establish cooperative efforts with representatives from physical therapy specialty practice areas advocating for imaging.
3. Invite individuals who are active in imaging for SIG membership and leadership.

AOPT Initiative: Positioning and Public Awareness

1. Distribute resources to assist Chapters with advocacy efforts.
2. Facilitate grass roots efforts to allow physical therapists to refer for diagnostic imaging.
3. Through AOPT information outlets, recognize leaders in physical therapy who are using imaging research to advance direct application of imaging in clinical practice.
4. Create multimedia using patient experiences highlighting how physical therapist referral for imaging enhanced their quality of care.

AOPT Initiative: Evidence to Best Practice

1. Develop curricular content outline for entry-level education in order to ensure a consistent base level of knowledge, skills, and abilities in entry-level physical therapists.
2. Promote the role of physical therapist referral for imaging whether through direct access care or upon referral from another provider, including communication, appropriateness of physical therapist referral for imaging, and integration of results to physical therapist practice.
3. Initiate and support development of evidence for the use of imaging in each physical therapy practice area.