Greetings!

Spring is here, and with it exciting news from the Section. The Research Committee has been busy recognizing the work of Section members and awarding their first grant. The Section is gearing up for PT2012, and we need your help at our booth! Can't make it, join us on Twitter (@acutecarept) and get the highlights of acute care-centric sessions and other updates. We are looking for members to step up and run for office, so please consider nominating yourself and giving back to the Section in 2013.

What else do you need to succeed in your acute care practice in 2012? What can the Section, and the outstanding volunteers and leaders of the Acute Care Section, do for you? Let us know!

Board Perspective

House of Delegates

The APTA’s House of Delegates (HoD) is the highest policy-making body of the association. It is comprised of Chapter voting delegates and Section, Assembly, and PTA Caucus non-voting delegates. Information about the House of Delegates may be accessed by all APTA members within the HoD Community, including the motions that will be addressed in the HoD this year. I will represent the Acute Care Section at the HoD in Tampa, FL from June 3-6. I look forward to your feedback about the motions, so I encourage discussion on the Section's listserv or you can write me directly with your recommendations about the business that the HoD will address this year.

Jim Smith, PT
President, Acute Care Section
**Booth Volunteers Needed at PT2012**

**Win Free Membership to ACS!**

If you are attending PT2012 Annual Conference June 6th to 9th in Tampa FL, consider volunteering at the Acute Care Section booth and you may win free Acute Care Section dues for the next year. For every hour you work, your name will be entered into a daily drawing for free Section dues at the time of your next renewal. A new drawing will be held each day. ANY AMOUNT OF TIME IS APPRECIATED. An hour? A couple of hours? What ever you can give is appreciated. Volunteering at the booth is a great way to network and meet your colleagues. Volunteering during unopposed hours is particularly helpful.

- Thursday, June 7, 2012 from 11am-4:30 pm (unopposed hours 12 to 2 pm)
- Friday, June 8, 2012 from 11am - 4:30 pm (unopposed hours 12-2pm)
- Saturday, June 9, 2012 10am- 1pm (unopposed hours 11am-1:00pm)

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katesel Strimbeck at katesels@ncaprr.com. Be sure to include your name and email address along with any preferences for the days/times you would like to help staff the booth. Not sure what time might work? Check out the Annual Conference schedule on the APTA website.

We want to know what you like (love?) about being an ACS member! Is it being part of a dynamic group of passionate therapists who value their expertise and want to share it with others in Acute Care? Is it access to the *Journal of Acute Care Physical Therapy*? Or is something else? Please email Katesel Strimbeck the ACS Membership Chair (katesels@ncyaprr.com) and let her know your thoughts. Or better yet share it on our FB page: Acute Care Section-APTA.

**Research Committee News**

**CSM 2012 Research Presentation Awards Announced**

The Research Committee would like to extend its congratulations to the winners of the Acute Care Section's CSM Presentation Awards:

- **Outstanding Platform:** "Outcomes of Patients Receiving Physical Therapy at a Long-Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH)" by A. Thrush, M. Rozek, J. Dekerlegand, K. O'Donnell, and S. Klunk, Philadelphia, PA
- **Outstanding Poster:** "The Effects of a Multi-Disciplinary Mobility Initiative on Liver Transplant Outcomes" by K. Vass and J. Clague, Cleveland, OH

We are grateful to the excellent clinical and research teams that presented 16 posters and 11 platforms at CSM 2012. We look forward to
The APTA's Department of Practice has resources to assist PTs with various aspects of managing a practice. These are relevant to managers of inpatient physical therapy services and address issues such as electronic health records, tools for managers and documentation. Another resource is the APTA Community entitled 'The Joint Commission' in which members can exchange ideas and questions, and provide input on proposed standards.

**Quick Links**
- www.acutept.org
- acutept listserv
- total joint SIG listserv
- PTinED listserv
- PTinICU listserv
- Residency listserv
- APTA

**C. diff Update**
Life-threatening germ poses threat across medical facilities
CDC highlights steps to prevent spread of deadly C. difficile bacteria, which impacts patients in nursing homes and outpatient care, not just hospitals. Infections from Clostridium difficile (C. difficile), a bacteria that causes diarrhea and other health issues, is a patient safety concern in all types of medical facilities, not just hospitals as traditionally thought, according to a new sharing additional high quality, cutting-edge acute care research in future meetings.

**ACS Research Grant Awardee Announced**
The Acute Care Section is pleased to announce the 2012 ACS Research Grant was awarded to Stephanie Slayton for her project entitled, "Pressure Mapping of Hospital Recliners and Select Seating Surfaces in Healthy Adults."

Stephanie and her study team propose to use a pressure mapping system to determine the degree of pressure that is created when healthy adults sit on a hospital recliner chair and various cushions. The information they gain from this study will help guide future research and development in pressure distribution for seating surfaces found in acute care settings. We extend our hearty congratulations to Stephanie Slayton and wish her the best for her research project.

The Acute Care Section Research Grant was established to provide research funding to a Section member, in order to advance research in acute care physical therapy. Specifically, the proposed study must be related to the practice issues relevant to acute care physical therapy practice. The Research Committee will extend its next Request for Proposals in August 2012.

**CSM 2013 Abstracts Due May 21**
The Research Committee invites members to submit research or special interest abstracts to be considered for presentation at CSM 2013. Abstracts should summarize an original research project, area of special interest, or case report. Duplicate submissions (projects that have been previously presented at another meeting) are not accepted. Additional information on submission guidelines can be found at: http://apta-csm2013.abstractcentral.com/societyimages/apta-csm2013/CSM13callforabstracts.pdf

**PT 2012 Inpatient & Critical Care CES**

**Innovative Acute Care Concentrated Education Series: Practical Solutions for Managing Inpatient Physical Therapy Services**

Plan to attend the Innovative Acute Care Concentrated Education Series (CES) at PT 2012 Annual Conference and Expo. This series of 7 linked educational sessions will provide practical solutions for managing inpatient physical therapy services, and is for anyone who is facing challenges in administration and in leading in the inpatient environment. This CES will include:
- Industry leaders from inside and outside the profession.
- Interactive learning formats such as panels and round table
Vital Signs report today from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While many health care-associated infections, such as bloodstream infections, declined in the past decade, C. difficile infection rates and deaths climbed to historic highs. >>Learn more

Looking to hire? Visit our Career Center!

Find Acute PT Jobs
ACUTEPT Career Center
CLICK HERE

Employers are invited to use our NEW Career Center—Acute Care Section Members get 20% off!

Total Joint Replacement SIG Continues to Grow

The Total Joint Replacement SIG is reaching a milestone of its 500th member! We started 4 years ago and we have been growing at a steady pace ever since. We want to encourage therapists to report their outcomes, consider presenting at CSM 2013 (education session, poster, or platform) about how what they do that is changing the acute care of patients with total joint arthroplasty!

Subscribe to Critical EdgEmail or update your information!

Nominating Committee Accepting Nominations for 2012 Slate

Learn more about ACS leadership opportunities

resources for Your practice

ICU Care Highlighted in Video

Two new APTA videos and accompanying handouts illustrate how early physical therapy in intensive care units (ICUs) and using evidence can help reduce health care costs and improve patient care. APTA members Christiane Perme, PT, CCS, and Gerard P. Brennan, PT, PhD, outline the opportunities available to physical therapists (PTs) who are ready to take on new challenges, particularly those related to Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and integrated health care systems, in today's health care environment. Click here to access the videos and more information.

Toolkit for PT Services in the ED

A new toolkit to help incorporate physical therapist (PT) practice in the emergency department (ED) setting now is available for APTA members. Access the toolkit via the Physical Therapist Practice in the Emergency Department Web page, which also provides links to APTA's podcast series on PT practice in the ED and educational courses. Contributors to this new resource include Acute Care Section members Michael Lebec, PT, PhD, Noreen Poirier, PT, DPT, Lisa TenBarge, PT, DPT and James Tompkins, PT, DPT.

Acute Care Residency & Fellowship Networking

New Listserv Launched

The Section's Task Force on Residency and Fellowship Education has started a new listserv to allow networking and communication among those interested in developing, starting, and applying to acute care physical therapy residency and fellowship programs. Section members with an interest are encouraged to join, and currently membership is open to non-Section members as well. To learn more and sign up, either visit the list's web site (http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/acutecareresidencyfellowship/) or send a blank email to acutecareresidencyfellowship-subscribe@yahooogroups.com. We look forward to the conversation!

Nominating Committee Accepting Nominations for 2012 Slate

Learn more about ACS leadership opportunities

Discussion:
- Numerous practical resources designed for the inpatient environment.
- Participants will receive materials to assist in developing an action plan to elevate quality of care.

Come join the discussions on topics that are timely and relevant, and discover keys to help you innovate, transform and elevate your practice. Join us at PT 2012 in Tampa from June 6-9, 2012! Advanced registration until April 30th!
CSM 2013 Date & Location Update

In light of its unprecedented growth over the past few years, APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) will be held January 21-24, 2013, at the San Diego Convention Center. Last month’s CSM in Chicago drew nearly 13,000 physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, students, and exhibitors—a more than 50% increase in attendance in the last 4 years. With record-breaking attendance year after year, it’s clear that CSM is important to members. Please mark your calendar now to attend CSM 2013 event.

AHRQ Releases Hospital Quality Indicators Toolkit

A new toolkit from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is designed to help hospital staff understand AHRQ’s quality indicators (QIs) and support them in using QIs to successfully improve quality and patient safety in the hospital setting.

Tools are organized in 7 sections following a complete improvement process that includes setting priorities and planning for performance improvements on QIs, implementing improvement strategies, and sustaining improvements achieved.

The ACS Nominating Committee is recruiting for the next election slate in 2012. The open positions are described here.

1. Secretary
   a. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.
   b. Section Board Meeting and executive Committee Meeting Minutes shall be submitted to APTA Headquarters within 45 days following the meetings.
   c. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of the Membership meeting, and submitting them to the APTA within 45 days following the meeting.
   d. Term of office shall be three years.

2. Physical Therapist Assistant Member at Large
   a. Shall be a Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant or Retired Physical Therapist Assistant member of the Section.
   b. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors.
   c. Will be elected by the section membership for a three (3) year term.
   d. Will be responsible for duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

3. Nominating Committee Member
   a. Shall consist of three eligible members (Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant); one member shall be elected each year.
   b. Shall serve a term of three years or until the election of his successor.
   c. The senior member of the committee shall serve as Chairman.
   d. Any vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors to serve until the next regular election at which time the vacant position shall be filled for the remainder of the term.
   e. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate annually for all eligible, elected positions. The Chairperson will present the slate to the Secretary who will submit the slate to the membership at least 60 days prior to the election date. Prepare an election report for the membership.

If you would like to nominate a colleague, nominate yourself, or learn more about service in the ACS, please contact the Nominating Committee. Or feel free to contact one of the Nominating Committee members directly:
Allen Lee (allee@msmc.la.edu)
Nicole Taniguchi (nttaniguchi@anthc.org)
Lori Pearlmutter (Lori.Pearlmutter@nahealth.com)

Acute Care Section-APTA
Phone (888) 762-2427 or (609) 208-0200 Fax (609) 208-1000
www.acutept.org
Critical EdgEmail is the official electronic newsletter of the Acute Care Section-APTA, and as such strives to distribute pertinent and timely information concerning acute care physical therapy practice, education, and research to members of the Acute Care Section-APTA in a cost effective and "green" manner. Critical EdgEmail not a peer-reviewed publication, and the opinions expressed by authors are their own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Acute Care Section-APTA. The Editor reserves the right to edit content submissions as necessary for publication. Copyright 2012 Acute Care Section-APTA.

Confirm that you like this.

Click the "Like" button.