Greetings!

It was a great CSM in Chicago! The large attendance (a record breaking 12,000+!) provided some challenges, but the Acute Care Section Education Committee oversaw a vibrant and exciting conference full of outstanding educational sessions, posters, and platforms. Thank you to all of the wonderful presenters and speakers for making CSM 2012 another memorable conference!

Your Board of Directors was busy at CSM 2012 with two Board meetings where they approved the expansion of the Section's Practice Committee and approval of a new Public Relations Committee. If you have skills in these areas or are interested in helping these two committees grow, please contact Section President, Jim Smith. Commitments are variable and can easily fit into even busy schedules, with most communication done via email or conference call.

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

ACS Honors 2012 Award Winners at CSM 2012

The Acute Care Section had much to celebrate during our 20th Anniversary Celebration on February 9 at CSM! The following awards we presented:

- The Mary Sinnott Award for Clinical Excellence in Acute Care Physical Therapy, which honors an outstanding clinician whose major professional involvement and
Reserve the Acute Care Section table top display for your con ed event, conference, or state meeting. Sign up now!

PT 2012 in Tampa, FL is coming this June. Lots of inpatient/critical care programming, including a CES. Early bird registration ends March 19. Learn more online!

CSM 2013 Ed Sessions and Pre-con Proposals due April 2, 2012. Submit your session proposal now!


Access the Acute Care Section Calendar of Events for more con ed, meetings, and deadlines.

The Acute Care section also announced that Sharon Gorman, PT, DPTSC, GCS from Samuel Merritt University, Oakland, CA will provide the Acute Care Section's Lecture at the Combined Sections Meeting 2012 in Nashville, TN.

APTA Resources for Acute Care Practice

Your Dues at Work

APTA's Department of Practice is involved in initiatives valuable to inpatient programs. We will be highlighting these in the Critical EdgEmail, this month please look at:

- **Electronic Health Records:** There has been a significant increase in the expectations for health care providers to implement electronic health records (EHR). Practicing clinicians will be immersed in this technology over the next 5 years and successful organizations will embrace this change and use this new information to help improve the management of the facility and improve the care for patients. APTA developed resources, in conjunction with member experts, to increase understanding of the need and key components of an EHR and tools for implementation. For more information see the EHR Resource toolkit.

- **Emergency Department Tool Kit:** PTs are increasingly being asked to become part of the Emergency Department (ED) team to provide consultation and care for a wide range of acute and chronic problems with a primary focus on neuromusculoskeletal, cardiovascular, pulmonary, and integumentary issues. APTA, in conjunction with member experts, developed an ED Tool Kit which contains fact sheets, checklists, Podcasts and informational

Contribution has been in the area of acute care physical therapy. The 2012 award winner was **Jennifer Ryan, PT, DPT, MS, CCS** from the Rush Institute in Chicago, IL.

- The Fellowship Award of the Acute Care Section, which acknowledges and honors an outstanding non-Section Member whose contributions to the Section have been of exceptional value. The 2012 award winner was **Diane Jette, PT, DSc, FAPTA** from the University of Vermont in Burlington, VT.

- The Acute Care Section's Lecture Award, which acknowledges and honors a member of the Acute Care Section for excellence and leadership in acute care physical therapy practice and for distinguished contributions to the Section. The lecture provides the recipient with an opportunity to share his/her achievements and ideas with the Section membership and provides a touchstone for the profession in assessing the role and value of acute care physical therapy. The 2012 lecturer was **Mary Sinnott, PT, DPT, MEd**, from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA.
Thank you to the Lab Values Task Force for updating the Lab Values Interpretation Resource!

This 2012 update includes more information, more references, additional lab values, gender/ethnicity information, and 3 full text articles.

Download this valuable practice document now!

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Online Changes Coming Soon to www.acutept.org and Critical EdgEmail

At the Section’s Board of Directors Meeting, the Section approved spending to significantly upgrade our database management and e-newsletter. Changes that will be coming in the next few months include:

- Ability of our online database to sync more resources for PTs who are practicing, or developing practices, in the ED.

If you have questions please contact Mary Fran Delaune or Anita Bemis-Dougherty, or call the Department of Practice at 800-999-2782, ext 3176.

Thanks CSM 2012 Volunteers

In Chicago, Many Section Activities Wouldn't Have Been Possible Without Our Volunteers

Thanks to the Student Assembly for sponsoring the Student Scavenger Hunt at CSM 2012. ACS participated again this year, providing two, one year student memberships. The winners for two, one year memberships in the ACS were Marcos Lopez, SPT and Claire Dulin, SPT! Thanks to all the students for their enthusiasm and involvement.

Katesel Strimbeck PT, MS ACS Membership Chair would like to extend a thank you to all who volunteered at the ACS booth at CSM 2012, with the new extended hours it would have been impossible without you. It is so nice to put names and faces together and we hope some of you would like to increase your involvement with ACS.

Some of our volunteers included: Nancy Gessner, Sujoy Bose, Alisa Curry, Christine Deering, Mietka, Sharon Gorman, Barbara Smith, Eric Stewart Joanne Hartshorn, Terry Gustus, John Stack, Kathleen Cegles, Jan Nosse, Lynn Rudman, Wendy Johnson, Jen Ryan, and Erin Thomas.

A big thanks to anyone else who spent time helping us promote our fantastic section at the booth.

And the volunteer randomly selected to win a year’s membership in the Acute Care Section for volunteering their time with us is Joanne Hartshorn. Congratulations!

Message From Student Assembly Director

Sharing Their Thanks

Katesel Strimbeck, ACS Membership Chair, received the following message from the Student Assembly after CSM:

Thank you so much for your participation with the Student Assembly #csm2012 Social Media Scavenger Hunt. A promotion of this magnitude would not have been possible without the generosity of donors like you and the Acute Care Section, and it means the world to us as students to know that we have your support as we work hard to enter the profession. I very much look forward to working with you in the future!
frequently with APTA's information about members. This means members will only have to update personal information once with APTA and will seemlessly have the updates integrated and sent to the Acute Care Section.

- Improved format, searching, and accessibility of Critical EdgEmail. Our e-newsletter will transition to a web-hosted newsletter allowing for better archiving and searching by YOU.
- The ability to pay, register, and order items (JACPT reprints, other sale items) through a secure, online connection. This will make ordering simple for you, cut down on processing times at our office (freeing up time to work on other issues of importance to members), and allow us to branch out into other areas (podcasts, con ed).

These changes will continue to keep the Acute Care Section at the forefront of technology and allow for better and faster service to you, our members!

Samantha E. Letizio, SPT APTA Student Assembly Director

Nominating Committee News

2012 Concluded, but what about running in 2013?

The following Section members were sworn in at the ACS Business Meeting at CSM 2012:

- Jim Smith (Section's President)
- Lynn Rudman (Bylaws Chair)
- Lori Pearlmutter (Nominating Committee member)

The Nominating Committee would like to remind members it's never too early to plan for the next election! The following positions are open for 2013 election:

- PTA Board member
- Secretary
- Nominating Committee member

If you would like to nominate a colleague, nominate yourself, or learn more about service in the ACS, please contact the Nominating Committee.

Students--Apply Now!

ACS to Support Student to Attend Federal Advocacy Forum

The Acute Care Section has risen to the challenge again! APTA's Student Assembly Board challenged all Components to support one student member to attend the Federal Advocacy Forum. The Acute Care Section has responded with a $250.00 sponsorship to support a student’s participation in the 22nd annual Federal Advocacy Forum, April 22 through April 24 in Washington, DC.

The eligibility requirement is student membership in the Acute Care Section- APTA. To apply, write a 200 word description on how attendance at the Forum will support your development as a PT or PTA and send it by e-mail to Jim Smith by March 10. The recipient will notified by March 14 and will be reimbursed based on receipts for expenses directly related to registering and attending the Forum. The recipient will be asked to submit a brief report for posting in Critical EdgEmail, the Acute Care Section's e-newsletter.

All members of the Section are reminded that the Federal Advocacy Forum is for you- this is our opportunity to learn about and address the issues important to physical therapy. Visit the Federal Advocacy Forum for more information.

PT 2012 Inpatient & Critical Care CES
Got a burning question about billing?

APTA has compiled resources about Coding & Billing onto one easy page for members.

Just released, an FAQ Guide for Active Wound Management.

Subscribe to Critical EdgEmail or update your information!

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. Access the toolkit online here.

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

This conference is for anyone who wants to learn from and share with others 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 discussions.
- 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! Early bird registration until March 19!

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