Greetings!

Happy 2012! With the new year, the ACS has exciting new plans and announcements:

- A 2012 update to the popular Lab Values Interpretation Resource is now available on our website
- The Board approved funding to upgrade our database management and website integration in 2012, which will allow us to move our membership services to the cloud and process online payments and registrations
- Critical EdgEmail will be getting an upgrade in the first part of 2012, moving to an online hosted e-newsletter, which will allow better archiving and searching, less email in your box, and smoother distribution electronically
- Release of our proposed budget for 2012 prior to CSM 2012 Business Meeting

As always during January, we are hard at work to make CSM 2012 the best conference with the most exciting sessions possible. We hope to see you at our 20th Anniversary Celebration!

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 Contributes to APTA Initiative

One of the initiatives of APTA's Strategic Plan is to promote increased effectiveness and decrease variation in practice, both in the administration and provision of care. On December 4 and 5, the Practice Department convened a work group with an overarching objective of using the APTA Standards and Criteria as the foundation to develop elements for the administration, culture, and provision of care, and to facilitate positive change in the facilities, clinincs homes, and other environments where patients are under the care of physical therapists. Work group members included leaders at inpatient...
now to avoid paying onsite registration costs!

- PTA Recognition of Advanced Proficiency application deadline is Feb 1, 2012. PTAs, apply now for recognition in acute care!
- Reserve the Acute Care Section table top display for your con ed event, conference, or state meeting. Sign up now!
- 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.

Follow us online!

Lab Values Interpretation Resource gets a 2012 update!

The group developed a document that identified the important elements of the inpatient physical therapy department that contribute to a culture for excellence. Each element had a statement(s) to describe optimal conditions and performances. The group also identified associated references (evidence to why it is effective, beneficial) and resources (links, APTA or external tools to assist in the program) for each statement developed. Finally, the group discussed the linkage of the statements to a self assessment format that could then be implemented in facilities. Work will continue to develop this into a resource for APTA members.

CSM 2012 Information

Be a part of the ACS 20th Anniversary at CSM!

CSM 2012 in Chicago, IL is right around the corner. The Acute Care Section has some great programming coming your way.

- Sign up today for the Acute Care precon Serial Casting for Contracture Management of the Upper and Lower Extremities on Wednesday February 8th from 8:00-5:00.
- Other Acute Care Programming in the windy city includes the
  - The Vision of Physical Therapy in the Emergency Department: Making it a Reality on Thursday February 9th from 8:00-10:00 immediately followed by the Emergency Department Focus Group Meeting
  - The two part session Rehabilitative Needs for the Burn Survivor Thursday February 9th Part I from 8:00-10:00 and Part II from 10:30-12:30
  - On Friday February 10th the Subject Matter Interest Group will be holding their open forum titled Furthering Acute Care Practice: Subject Matter Expert Task Force Forum from 8:00-10:00
  - Stick around in Chicago until Saturday night to be able to attend The Obesity Epidemic: Considerations for the Physical Therapist Part I from 8:00-10:00 and Part II from 10:30-12:30
  - Also on Saturday is Understanding Mechanical Ventilation and the Implications for Physical Therapy Intervention from 3:30-5:30.

2012 is an exciting year for the Section. We will be Celebrating 20 years of the Acute Care Section. Join us in the celebration by attending the Second Acute Care Section Lecture: Acuity, Autonomy, & the Intelligent Conversation presented by Mary Sinnott on Thursday February 9th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Following Mary’s Lecture join the Acute Care Section’s Board of Directors to celebrate the Acute Care Section 20th Anniversary Celebration. Food and beverages are provided.

Register by January 11, 2012 for CSM and save. This year you will have the ability to preselect sessions you would like to attend during the
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!

Quick Links

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Request for Research Training Grant Proposals

The Foundation for Physical Therapy is accepting applications for their 2012 Promotion of Doctoral Studies (PODS) Scholarship and the New Investigator Fellowship registration process. Should you choose to preselect sessions, please be advised that Preselection is NOT a guarantee of a seat. Attendees are asked to preselect to better determine room size and all efforts will be made to accommodate sessions in the largest rooms possible. All attendees are encouraged to show up to sessions early. Attendees are also encouraged to select alternative sessions in the event their first choice is full.

If you are interested in the education committee of the Acute Care Section please contact Education Committee Chair, Kristy McIlwain, PT, DPT or Education Committee Associate Chair, Rich White, PT, DPT.

CSM 2012 Volunteer Opportunity

Attention Acute Care Section Members Attending CSM in Chicago...

Do you plan to attend CSM and have experience and interest in research? The Research Committee seeks volunteers to assist with judging our Platform or Poster presentations for our first CSM Presentation Awards. Volunteer judges will need to attend the scheduled presentations and will receive a brief training on the evaluation forms.

- Platform presentations are scheduled on Thursday February 9 and Friday February 10, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.
- Poster presentations are scheduled on Friday February 10, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

This is terrific opportunity to meet members of the Research Committee and become involved with Section activities. Please contact Barbara Smith, Research Committee Chair for additional details at bksmith@phhp.ufl.edu.

Attending CSM 2012? We need your help!

Attention Acute Care Section Members Attending CSM in Chicago...

Would you like your Section dues paid for the next year?
Training Initiative (NIFTI). The deadline to apply is January 18, 2012, Noon, ET.

Please note that the Guidelines, Instructions, and Application packages for the PODS and NIFTI programs have been revised for 2012. Please download and review the newest materials before beginning an application. Please refer to the following for more information:

PODS: http://foundation4pt.org/apply-for-funding/pods/
NIFTI: http://foundation4pt.org/apply-for-funding/nifti/

Contact Rachael Crockett at The Foundation for Physical Therapy for more information or questions, 800/875-1378 ext 3385.

Volunteer to work at the Acute Care Section booth at Combined Sections in Chicago and you may win free Acute Care Section dues for the next year. For every hour you volunteer, 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.

Please consider sharing your time with us and those who come to visit our booth. ANY AMOUNT OF TIME IS APPRECIATED. An hour? A couple of hours? What ever you can give. Volunteering at the booth is a great way to network and meet your colleagues.

This year, section booths will be located inside the Exhibit Hall and we are asked to staff the booth for all the hours.

- Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 9am - 5 pm (unopposed hours 1 to 3 pm)
- Friday, February 10 from 9 am - 5 pm (unopposed hours 1 to 3 pm)
- Saturday, February 11 from 9 am - 4 pm (unopposed hours 12:30pm-3 pm)

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katesel Strimbeck at katesels@nycap.rr.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 Combined Sections schedule on APTA’s website and find an hour or two to help at the booth.

Continuing Education

Unique Patient Safety Conference

The 12th Transforming Fall Prevention Conference will be held May 22-24, 2012, Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort, Clearwater Beach, FL. This conference has an enduring legacy of providing expert knowledge and advanced science to inform clinical practice and shape continuing research efforts. They have national and international expert faculty presenting state-of-the-science topics on best practices for safe patient mobility, technological solutions for safe patient mobility, special challenges associated with safe mobility in vulnerable populations, such as frail older adults, multiple sclerosis, and stroke. You will successfully network with national, regional and local experts across the settings of care, and gain new insights in education, practice, administration and technology initiatives that can be transferred into current practice settings to improve patient safety. Click here for the agenda and information about this conference that is co-sponsored by the APTA.

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

Section PT PAC Challenge at CSM

Each year at CSM the PT PAC challenges the Sections to a friendly competition to see how many PT PAC donations (new and % of Section membership) the Sections can get.

Last year, the Acute Care Section placed 3rd in this challenge, and in 2012 we want to see if we can’t beat our own record. Please donate to the PT PAC, any amount (even $1!) counts towards this challenge. If you belong to multiple sections, each section gets credit with your donation.

Watch for the envelopes at the ACS Business Meeting at CSM or give online now!

Subscribe to Critical EdgEmail or update your information!

Got a burning question about billing?

Nominating Committee News

2012 Concluded, but what about running in 2013?

The Section just concluded it’s most recent election and elected a President, Bylaws Chair and a Nominating Committee member. These new leaders will be sworn in at the ACS Business Meeting at CSM 2012.

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, and a 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.

Treasurer Update

Draft Budget 2012

At the Section’s Membership Business Meeting at CSM 2012, the Board will present their proposed budget for the Section for 2012. Questions and comments on the budget will be solicited during this meeting. Please review the proposed 2012 ACS budget before this meeting. Additionally, if you are unable to attend the meeting or CSM, you may send your questions PRIOR to the meeting to Tim Lyons, Treasurer. We hope you are excited by the plans this budget reflects in 2013.

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