

# **E-newsletter for the Oncology Section**

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## **\*\* Section Elections Deadline February 4th \*\***

Your next President-Elect, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee members are being elected now! **Ballots must be postmarked February 4.** You should have received your ballot in the mail; to request a replacement please contact 800/999-2782 x8588 and leave your current mailing address.

## **\*\* Section to Sponsor Lymphedema Hotline at CSM! \*\***

**Friday, February 25**

**9-5 CST**

**1-877-NEED-A-PT (1-877-633-3278)**

The Oncology Section is very excited to be hosting a Lymphedema Hotline at this year's Combined Sections Meeting. This is a huge opportunity to share information about Lymphedema, as well as to highlight our Section. People attending CSM may contact 800/999-APTA, ext 3248 or [cherylharrison@apta.org](mailto:cherylharrison@apta.org) to volunteer. You may contact [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org) for a press release if you would like to help promote this valuable resource.

## **\*\* CSM Abstracts Available on the Web \*\***

The Section on Research was instrumental in organizing and implementing a new ABSTRACT VIEWER WEBSITE that is jointly supported by all 18 Sections of APTA. The site is available through the link below. The Abstract Viewer permits the user to search on a number of criteria, including section, authors, and key words. Abstracts will be accessible through June 30, 2005. You are encouraged to make use of this excellent new resource by logging on to the site below, and clicking on SEARCH.

<http://apta-csm.abstractcentral.com/viewer.jsp>

Congratulations should be accorded to all 18 sections for this excellent effort. We invite and look forward to your feedback.

## **\*\* Oncology Member News \*\***

Candy Parrack, PT, has come up with a creative way to help her patients: she runs a Lymphedema support group in Louisville, Kentucky. She started the group about a year ago, and it has been meeting once a month ever since. Candy felt that there was a wide

variety of support groups for many of her other patients, but none for the people living with Lymphedema. She has publicized the group in her community, at a nearby lymphedema clinic, and with oncology doctors and surgeons. She and her group are working to have March 6<sup>th</sup> declared Lymphedema Day in Kentucky. They have had many presentations at the meetings with topics ranging from nutrition to essential oils. Next month an Oncology Nurse is coming to give an inspirational talk. You may contact Candy at [twocatpress@aol.com](mailto:twocatpress@aol.com). Great work Candy- best of luck in your future efforts!

Cindy Pfalzer has been awarded the Marjorie N. Stamm Award by the Michigan Chapter. Cindy was President of the Oncology Section 92-94, and has also served as Vice President and Bylaws Chair. The recipient of the award "should have made outstanding contributions to the field of Physical Therapy in one or more of the following areas: Education, Clinical Research, service to APTA or its Components and/or the community." Cindy has certainly made outstanding contributions in these areas, as well as to the Oncology Section. Congratulations, Cindy!

Let us hear from you! We would love to hear about your practice; awards you receive, creative projects you undertake, etc. We would also like to begin listing Oncology related articles that have been published recently. Please send your stories to [cja44@aol.com](mailto:cja44@aol.com).

### **\*\* Highlights at Combined Sections Meeting 2005 \*\***

Make friends and promote the Section: volunteer to help staff the Oncology Section Booth at CSM. Contact Joy Cohn, Membership Chair, at [cja44@aol.com](mailto:cja44@aol.com) with the times that you are free. We'd especially like to have volunteers Thursday 4:30-6:30 pm, Friday 11am-1pm, and Saturday 11am-1pm.

Wednesday, Feb 23

**Pre-Conference Course: Exercise Training Guidelines for Individuals with Cancer: Endurance, Strength, Flexibility and Adherence-** 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM, .78 CEUs

Friday, Feb 25

**HIV Special Interest Group Meeting-** 5:00-6:00 PM

The HIV/AIDS pre-conference course had to be cancelled this year due to low attendance. More than anything this highlights how much we need to promote the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness and information in the coming year. Please join us to brainstorm and organize. You may join the HIV/AIDS Special Interest Group by e-mailing [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org).

**Annual Business Meeting-** Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn about current Section Activities and have your voice heard about the Section's future.

**Celebration of Life-** Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30 PM

This is a celebration of life for those who have survived cancer and a remembrance of those who put up a valiant fight. We will also present section awards. Come and meet officers and members of the Oncology Section, network, greet old friends and make new ones.

Saturday, Feb 26

**Lymphedema Special Interest Group Meeting- 10:00-11:00 AM**

Join our newest Special Interest Group to devise activities for 2005! You may become a Lymph SIG member by e-mailing [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org).

This isn't even HALF of the courses and meetings being sponsored by the Oncology Section! Visit the CSM website at <http://www.apta.org/programming/csm/progindex.cfm> and be sure to view our Educational Courses, Poster and Platform Presentations, and Section Activities/Meetings.

**\*\* Help Patients Find You \*\***

Please sign up for the Find a PT directory. It's free, and it will help consumers who want to find a PT who has a special interest in Oncology. It's terrible to have to tell patients that there is no one listed in their area; please visit <http://www.apta.org/findapt> to sign up. Thank you!!!

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*Deadlines for the e-newsletter are January 7, March 1, May 1, and October 1. If you have any suggestions for future e-newsletters, please contact Membership Chair Joy Cohn at [CJA44@aol.com](mailto:CJA44@aol.com) <<mailto:CJA44@aol.com>>.*

*Thank you for being a member of the Oncology Section!*