

## **Oncology Section E-News**

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#### **\*\* CSM 2006 - ONCOLOGY SECTION ROCKED! \*\***

We are very pleased with the attendance at and feedback from our courses at CSM. Thank you to Sandra Adams, our Program Chair (and Linda Doering, Program Committee Member), who worked so hard to make it all happen. Thank you to all of our speakers, and to the members who attended Oncology sessions. You may still view poster and platform abstracts at <http://apta-csm2006.abstractcentral.com/viewer>. Attendees with their handout code may print CSM handouts from [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org) by clicking on "events" at the top, and then clicking on "Combined Sections Meeting" on the left. All Oncology Section handouts have now been posted.

A special note of thanks to Sandra Adams who stepped down as the Program Chair after 7 years at the end of this meeting. It's impossible to convey the time and energy that Sandy put into planning the Oncology Section programming and making it happen year after year!!

Thirty-nine people signed the attendance sheet at the Section Member's Meeting. Minutes from the meeting will be posted under "news" on the Oncology Section webpage by the end of the month. An announcement was made that the officers will attend a Strategic Planning meeting this fall to set new goals for the Section. Members at the meeting filled out an idea card and were also given the opportunity to voice their suggestions from the floor. All ideas will be considered by the officers in this important strategic planning year. Your comments are welcome at any time- simply e-mail [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org)!

#### **\*\* CSM 2007- CARE TO PRESENT? \*\***

Educational Session Proposals are now being accepted from CSM 2007. Please fill out the proposal form at [www.oncologypt.org](http://www.oncologypt.org) if you would like to present. We welcome your ideas- please consider sharing your talent with others at CSM 07! Proposals must be submitted by May 5, 2006.

**\*\* FREE ONC. SECTION MEMBERSHIP IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR CREATIVITY \*\***

If you have artistic talent, you could win a free Section membership for a year. Currently, the Oncology Section is searching for a new logo. In the past, the crab was the illustration used to depict our Section. We are looking for a new and innovative idea for a simple yet profound logo! We also welcome ideas for a slogan. To submit your ideas, please send the image, along with your contact information to [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org) before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CONTINUING EDUCATION \*\***

Volunteers are needed for the Continuing Education Committee. The Section currently sponsors 2 continuing education courses that we would like to offer regionally. The demand for continuing education in Cancer Rehab is skyrocketing!! We need new committee members to assist with the organizational aspects of these courses as well as helping the Section to develop ideas/speakers for new courses. Contact [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org) or 800/999-2782 x3238 to express interest or get more information.

**\*\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE \*\***

Volunteers are needed for the Legislative Committee. The Section Legislative Committee plays an active role in keeping Section Members up to date with the current Federal Government issues facing our profession. Additionally, there are current legislative bills in several states that can have a direct impact on YOUR practice. Contact [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org) or 800/999-2782 x3238 to express interest or get more info. We would love to have someone who already monitors regulatory affairs, perhaps even as part of their job.

**\*\* SECTION WORKING TO FURTHER ONCOLOGY CLINICAL EDUCATION \*\***

It was wonderful to see so many people at the Section's CSM educational sessions this year....including students. It is evident that there is a growing interest in how physical therapists can provide services to individuals with a diagnosis and/or history of cancer.

It has come to the Section's attention that academic institutions do not always know how to find facilities that provide physical therapy for individuals with cancer. The Oncology Section is interested in developing a list of facilities in all settings (acute care, outpatient and rehabilitation) that would be willing to offer clinical affiliations for students who are interested in oncology. The Oncology Section will share this list with academic institutions upon request,. It will be the responsibility of the academic institution to contact the facility and to develop the clinical affiliation. Placing your facility's name on the list of potential affiliation sites in no way obligates you to provide a clinical affiliation for a particular academic institution.

This is a great opportunity for the members of the Section to help spread the word about oncology rehabilitation and to educate future members of the Section. If you are interested in participating, please send the following information to [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org):

name of facility, contact person, address, phone number, email address, type of facility, and patient population(s).

Thank you in advance for your willingness to share your knowledge and experience. Questions? Contact Maggie Rinehart-Ayres at [margaret.ayres@jefferson.edu](mailto:margaret.ayres@jefferson.edu).

**\*\* EXPERTS NEEDED TO HELP EDUCATE CONSUMERS OF ONCOLOGY PT \*\***

The Section is looking for members with expertise in specific areas of oncology rehabilitation to write fact sheets regarding topics related to cancer and its implications on rehab. We are looking for content experts in the following areas:

Chemotherapeutic Neuropathies  
Radiation Therapy Side effects  
    Short term  
    Long term  
Bone Marrow Transplant  
Bone Metastasis  
Palliative Care  
Exercise and Physical Activity  
Head and Neck Cancers  
Gynecological cancers

See examples of fact sheets at <http://www.pediatricapta.org/members/publications.cfm>.

If willing to participate, please forward your name and contact information to [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org). We will provide you with a general outline for the Fact Sheet. Please keep in mind that the document needs to focus on the implications of treatment on rehabilitation and should be evidence-based!

If you have additional ideas for fact sheets, please forward those along too!

**\*\* PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) \*\***

The Oncology Section is undertaking the formation of a new SIG in Palliative and Hospice Care. We need to hear from YOU if you are interested in participating in a group such as this. There are no additional dues for membership in the SIG. The SIG will serve to offer a forum for networking, continuing education and research in Palliative and Hospice Care. If you are interested in the Palliative Care SIG, please let us know at [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org).

**\*\* RECENT ARTICLES FROM THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE OF INTEREST TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ONCOLOGY SECTION: \*\***

(The title should be a link to the abstract on PubMed. If the link doesn't work, e-mail [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org) for a more detailed copy.)

- 1: [Disabil Rehabil](#). 2006 Jan;28(1):61-6.  
Functional outcomes after endoprosthetic knee reconstruction following resection of osteosarcoma near the knee.  
Tsao JY, Li WC, Yang RS.
- 2: [Eur J Cardiothorac Surg](#). 2005 Dec 20; [Epub ahead of print]  
Cost-effectiveness analysis of prophylactic respiratory physiotherapy in pulmonary lobectomy.  
Varela G, Ballesteros E, Jimenez MF, Novoa N, Aranda JL.
- 3: [Eur Urol](#). 2006 Jan 17; [Epub ahead of print]  
Working capacity and well-being after radical cystectomy with continent cutaneous diversion.  
Ohrstrom M, Davidsson T, Mansson W, Wohlfart B, Ekelund M.
- 4: [J Pain](#). 2006 Feb;7(2):82-90.  
A pain management program for chronic cancer-treatment-related pain: a preliminary study.  
Robb KA, Williams JE, Duvivier V, Newham DJ.
- 5: [Phys Ther](#). 2006 Feb;86(2):205-14.  
Reliability and validity of arm volume measurements for assessment of lymphedema.  
Taylor R, Jayasinghe UW, Koelmeyer L, Ung O, Boyages J.
- 6: [Support Care Cancer](#). 2006 Jan 10;:1-8 [Epub ahead of print]  
Increased health care utilisation among 10-year breast cancer survivors.  
van de Poll-Franse LV, Mols F, Vingerhoets AJ, Voogd AC, Roumen RM, Coebergh JW.

**\*\* JOIN THE ONCOLOGY SECTION LISTSERVE \*\***

This is an example of a recent posting (From Jessica Anderson our administrative liaison at APTA headquarters):

*<<APTA has a great set of FAQs and other helpful information for those of you trying to navigate the exceptions process. Right now there is a link on the front page of [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org) about the exceptions process. You can also reach that page by clicking (all of the following found at the left-hand side of the page): "Advocacy," "Congressional Affairs," "Current Legislation," "Therapy Cap."*

*Just a reminder- to share information or post questions to the Oncology Section listserv, just send an e-mail to [listserv@oncologypt.org](mailto:listserv@oncologypt.org). You are always welcome to contact me directly if you have technical issues with the listserv or questions about the Oncology Section.>>*

To join, e-mail [oncology@apta.org](mailto:oncology@apta.org), and provide your full name or APTA member number.

**\*\* 2006 PT-PAC CHALLENGE FOR SECTIONS \*\***

This year, the Section with the highest percentage increase in members who participate in the PT-PAC will win an award and be recognized at the Combined Sections Meeting 2007. Oncology Section is very proud of its current members- 22.3% of its members currently contribute to PT-PAC. That is the 6th highest percentage among all 68 APTA components! Help us be the winning Section- visit [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org), click on "Advocacy," and on the left under Congressional Affairs click on "PT-PAC." Even a small contribution will help the PAC, (and the Section!).

**Thank you for supporting the Oncology Section!**

Do you have anything you would like to share with US? Have you read a good research article? Tell us about your Oncology Practice. Send a synopsis to share with others.

Contact me at [CJA44@aol.com](mailto:CJA44@aol.com) to submit material for this newsletter.

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