

E-newsletter for the Oncology Section of The American Physical Therapy Association

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our new e-newsletter! Read further for updates on upcoming events, deadlines, and other beneficial information.

**** Special Interest Group (SIG) Membership: ****

If you are or would like to become a member of our HIV/AIDS Special Interest Group OR if you are interested in joining our new Lymphedema Special Interest Group, please e-mail oncology@apta.org <<mailto:oncology@apta.org>> to be added to our database. After signing up, you will receive all SIG updates and information.

**** Combined Sections Meeting (Feb 23-27) in New Orleans: ****

Pre Conference Courses

We are very excited about the Pre Conference courses to be offered by the Section this year! They are:

- Physical Therapy Management of Impairments and Dysfunctions Related to HIV/AIDS Through the Lifespan
- Exercise Training Guidelines for Individuals with Cancer: Endurance, Strength, Flexibility and Adherence

These all-day courses will take place on Wednesday, February 23rd, the day before the start of the official conference. As more and more of our population ages, more and more cancer survivors will seek Physical Therapists to enhance their quality of life. Come learn with us how to help these populations achieve their full potential. Spread the word among your colleagues, as these courses are open to all!

The early-bird cost (register before 12/28/04) is \$175 for PT Section Members, and \$150 for PTA Section Members. For more information visit www.apta.org/meetings/csm <<http://www.apta.org/meetings/csm>> or contact us at oncology@apta.org <<mailto:oncology@apta.org>>. You can also register by calling 800/999-2782 x3395.

Also during CSM:

- Look for courses on topics of interest, such as Gynecological Cancer, Prostate and Testicular Cancer, Lymphedema, Management of HIV, and more
- Attend our Section's business meeting and social
- Participate in a Lymphedema Roundtable
- Make your voice heard at the Special Interest Group meetings

**** We need a new logo for our Section! ****

Our Section logo should be catchy, positive, and representative of who we are or what we do. We are building a new website and would like to communicate a strong identity to all who visit us. Can you help?

Please share your ideas! If you come up with the winning idea we have an Oncology Section t-shirt for you at least!

**** November 1 Awards Deadline: ****

The Oncology Section grants four awards during the social at CSM: the Jeri F. Walton Service Award, the Research Award, the Student Research Award, and the Debra Flomenhoft Humanitarian Award. If someone's service in the field of Oncology has touched or inspired you, please contact oncology@apta.org <<mailto:oncology@apta.org>> for more information. The Humanitarian Award is not limited to PTs or APTA members. Out there on the 'battleground' we all are lucky to meet truly special health professionals working with our patients. Let's recognize them!

**** Member Survey ****

Thank you to everyone for your responses to our survey. Your President Nicole Gergich and the rest of the board are paying close attention to what you have shared with us. This e-newsletter is one result of the survey; we are also developing a member listserve. We will continue to work to turn your recommendations into real member benefits; please keep in touch with us whenever you have ideas or suggestions!

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This e-newsletter will come out 4-6 times a year. If you have any suggestions for future e-newsletters, please contact Membership Chair Joy Cohn at CJA44@aol.com <<mailto:CJA44@aol.com>>.

Thank you for being a member of the Oncology Section!