

E-Newsletter of the Oncology Section of the APTA

October 2005

News of Our Members:

University of South Florida School of Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Rick Wilson was the recipient of an H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center Aging and Cancer Pilot Research Grant Award for a project titled "*Resistance Training Program for Androgen Deficient Men with Prostate Cancer.*"

The goal of Dr. Wilson's study is to evaluate the safety, feasibility and potential efficacy of a resistance training program designed to reduce the medical and psychological side-effects of androgen deprivation therapy in older men with prostate cancer. These include decreased muscle mass, accelerated bone loss, decreased muscular strength, anemia, impaired physical functioning, vasomotor symptoms (hot flushes), obesity, impaired cognition, fatigue, and overall decline in health related quality of life. Data from this pilot study will be used to power subsequent clinical trials of resistance training for older androgen deficient men.

Jointly funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institute on Aging, the intent of the Aging and Cancer Program Development Grant (P30) is to establish formal interdisciplinary programs that integrate aging and cancer research at NCI-designated cancer centers.

Upcoming Election:

The Section is fortunate to have an outstanding slate of candidates for our upcoming election:

VICE PRESIDENT- Venita Lovelace-Chandler, PT

MEMBER AT LARGE- Laura Gilchrist PT, PhD; and Leslie J. Waltke, PT

SECRETARY- Jody Paschall Majerus, BS, MPT; and Marisa Perdomo, PT, DPT

NOMINATING COMMITTEE- Catherine Coker, SPT; and Jennifer Laureen Wichterman, SPT

Watch for their Statements of Candidacy and your ballot to arrive in the mail by the end of October.

PLEASE VOTE when you receive your ballot- the postmark deadline is November 11!

NEW- HIV/AIDS Special Interest Group Develops Webpage!

The HIV/AIDS Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Oncology Section has developed a web page to serve as a resource on Physical Therapy related to HIV/AIDS. Please click on the link below to check it out!

<http://www.oncologypt.org/sigs/hiv.cfm>

To join the HIV/AIDS SIG, e-mail oncology@apta.org.

Combined Sections Meeting: San Diego, February 2006:

Sandra Adams, our Program and Professional Development Chair, has developed a wonderful slate of presentations for this meeting:

Pre-Conference Course

œDeveloping an Oncology Practice

Presenters: Jacqueline Drouin PT, PhD and Margaret Rinehart-Ayres, PT, PhD

Conference Presentations

œHistory of Oncology Rehabilitation

- œChemotherapy Induced Cardiotoxicity
- œModels of Practice in Hospice and Palliative Care
- œCore Stabilization and Rehabilitation After Breast Cancer Treatment Involving Breast Reconstruction
- œExamination and Screening for Individuals with Cancer Prior to Physical Therapy Interventions
- œCompression Garments: Appropriate Use and Selection
- œUse of Modalities (Physical Agents & Electrical Stimulation) For Cancer Survivors During and After Completion of Medical/Surgical Treatment
- œTwenty Year Overview of HIV Disease and Rehabilitation
- œHIV SIG and Lymphedema SIG meetings

Platform Research Presentations- The Research Committee reviewed 16 abstracts for presentation!!

AND: (co-sponsoring with the Section on Research)

œA Qualitative Approach to Understanding Long-term Effects on Shoulder Function of Treatment for Breast Cancer Musculoskeletal Impairments, Functional Limitations and Disability

Registration forms and more info at www.apta.org (click on "events" link at the top of the page).

Coming up in the next issue of Rehabilitation Oncology:

- œ "Determinants of Oncology Based Exercise Recommendations: An application of the theory of Planned Behavior
- œ "Oncology Physical Therapy Based Research: A Need for collaboration and Quest for Life in Cancer Survivors"
- œ "Rehabilitation Referral Patterns in Colorectal Carcinoma"

Look for a document detailing the Research Agenda for the Oncology Section developed by a distinguished group of researcher/clinicians from our Section in an future issue of Rehabilitation Oncology.

NIH Course a Success:

The Oncology Section hosted a successful course at the National Institutes of Health from Sept 17-18, 2008. The course was titled "Exercise Training Guidelines for Individuals with Cancer: Endurance, Strength, Flexibility & Adherence." We will keep you updated about future courses as they become available. Special thanks to Sandra Adams for facilitating the course, Jackie Drouin, Cindy Pfalzer, and Maggie Rinehart-Ayres for presenting, and Charles McGarvey for assisting with the facility. Thanks also to our sponsors, R3 Programs and Therapeutic Solutions, Inc.

Thank you for supporting the Oncology Section!

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