PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE
Submitted by Sue Talley, PT, DPT, C/NDT – MPTA President

It’s a new year!!! Fresh beginnings, new resolve, new energy, new resolutions…

So it feels with the MPTA as well. The MPTA Board of Directors (BOD) had a day long meeting on January 11th in Lansing. Reviewing the past and looking forward to the New Year and working on developing a new strategic plan that will help move us forward.

We’ve been looking at the idea of engagement. What motivates us to join our professional association? What motivates us to be active in our professional association? How can we engage more of our membership? What can MPTA offer to the various segments of our membership (and our non-members) to stoke that desire to be engaged, to feel the “value-added” of belonging? These are questions that the MPTA BOD began examining last year and will continue to explore in 2014. And we welcome your input – at a formal meeting, a casual encounter, or via e-mail.

The BOD was charged by the membership to examine our District structure. At the spring MPTA Membership Meeting (March 29th at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing) the BOD will introduce a motion to change the borders of the four districts – still four districts but in a different configuration. Check out the map of the proposed district borders in this issue of Shorelines on page 10.

The BOD will also be presenting a motion at the MPTA Spring Membership meeting to change the vision of the MPTA to be identical with the APTA Vision Statement: “Transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.” The thought is that our vision is the same of our parent organization. It is our mission that should reflect our local purpose.

PT Pub Night is starting to take off in Michigan. It started with 1 site in Oct. and Nov. 2013, expanded to 4 sites in January (Novi, Traverse City, East Lansing and Kalamazoo) and we hope to continue growing. PT Pub Night is an opportunity for PT colleagues to gather, socialize and network. No agenda, no plan, just getting together as members of our shared profession.

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SB 690: Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy. I/we have been involved in this effort for 34 years now... we continue to need your efforts in Lansing to make this happen.

— Sue Talley, PT, DPT, C/NDT
Support SB690: Say YES to Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy Services in Michigan!  I’m sure for many of you this is not the first time seeing those words, but if it is, I welcome you to MPTA’s primary legislative issue. We have all noticed an astounding amount of activity in the area of health care reform over the recent years, and physical therapy is right in the thick of it all. This report will focus on the primary legislative issue for MPTA, direct consumer access.  Please look to your Federal Affairs Liaison report for an update on some critical federal issues.

Senate Bill 690 (SB690) was introduced in November by Senator John Moolenaar (Midland) along with 4 other tie-barred bills (SB691-694).  SB690 will establish direct access to physical therapy services.  This bill has not happened without the efforts and hard work of a number of people: MPTA leadership (past and present), MPTA members who have met with or contacted their legislators, and the lobbying firm of Muchmore Harrington Smalley and Associates (MHSA).  MPTA re-worked our legislative strategy through the early part of 2013 to achieve SB690’s optimistic disposition.

I have indicated before that the legislative process can be very long and there are a multitude of contextual factors that influence shaping the language of any bill.  The process of introducing a bill and moving it to getting signed into law by the Governor must take into account the full scope of the legislative process which includes, but is not limited to, individual legislators in leadership positions who have the power to kill a bill and the degree of influence that supporting and opposing special interest groups can exert.  Rarely can a bill be signed into law without making strategic compromises that recognize the legislative procedural barriers and political contextual factors.  Although some may be disappointed about the provisions included in SB690, it should be unequivocally understood that an unrestricted direct access bill would NOT pass.  To believe otherwise is to be naive to the political realities and the current legislative landscape in Michigan.  Although a current draft of the legislation is still being finalized, the final provisions in SB690 will be the result of extensive negotiations aimed at obtaining support from groups generally opposed to direct access in Michigan, leading us to be VERY optimistic that the consumers in Michigan will finally have direct consumer access to much-needed physical therapy services.

MPTA has, and always will, have the best interests of our patients at the forefront of all legislative efforts, and it is our responsibility as members of the MPTA to advocate for our patients.  How can you assist in passing SB690?  First, understand that a strong grass roots effort is routinely needed to ensure passage of legislation into law!  We have already had MPTA members meet with some legislators to discuss the value of and need for direct access, and I thank those members!  MPTA needs you to follow the bullet points as listed below, and previously reported:

- Visit the home page at mpta.com which provides a direct link to the MPTA action center.  You must contact your legislator indicating your support for SB 690.
- Find at least one patient who you know has a convincing story supporting direct access and direct them to the patient portal so that their story can be heard.
- Find at least one colleague, share this information, and encourage them to take the same actions that you are to support SB690!
- Visit a legislator, Senate and House!  MPTA leadership can help prepare you for your visit.
- Support MPTA PAC in any way you can, follow the link on MPTA.com!

We have many reasons for a positive expectation of SB690 ultimately being signed into law!  This will not occur without all of our actions and grass root efforts.  Please look at the actions you’ve taken in the past, and consider what you can do going forward.  Ultimately, we want to “Say YES to Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy Services in Michigan!”

Thank you!

Craig Miller, PT

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**WINTER ISSUE CORRECTION**

**Fall Conference Award Winner:**
Geri Connor, PT received the 2013 Marjorie Stamm Service Award.

The Marjorie Stamm Award is presented to a MPTA member with appreciation and recognition of their outstanding contributions made to the profession of physical therapy by demonstration of exceptional leadership and dedicated service to the District, State and National Physical Therapy Association components.
PRESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE  (continued from page 1)

The locations and times are announced on the Michigan Physical Therapy Association Face Book page – generally the third Thursday (nice alliteration) of the month. And if you haven’t done so, please “Like” the MPTA Face Book page. This is becoming one of our “go to” methods of distributing information quickly.

I would be remiss if I did not mention SB 690: Direct Consumer Access to Physical Therapy. I/we have been involved in this effort for 34 years now. I (and others) have never felt as optimistic about our chances. We continue to need your efforts in Lansing to make this happen. Moving forward…

Happy New Year!!!

GO GREEN!

Along with other New Year’s resolutions you may have or may not have made, Shorelines is making one easy to commit to. Shorelines newsletter has been available online for our members in the past via the MPTA website, but now you can opt out of receiving the print copy and choose to access it directly from your computer, tablet, or mobile phone!

Shorelines will continue to be printed for all our members unless indicated otherwise. If you choose to “go green” and opt out of print, follow these instructions:

1. Login to the Secure Transaction Area of the MPTA website, using your email and password. (Forgot your password? Contact MPTA at mpta@mpta.com or (734) 929-6075.)

2. Once you are logged in, select the “My Information” tab on the left-hand side.

3. Under Profile Information select “Edit/View Information.”

4. Scroll to the bottom until you see “Newsletter Distribution” and click the arrow to the right. You will see some options to choose from. Click on “Electronic Version via Website.” This will opt you out of our print distribution and allow you access to Shorelines online only. Note: the other two options include a print mailing.

5. Click “Save” and the process to go green is complete!

When each issue of Shorelines becomes available, those opting to view it through the MPTA website will be notified via email of its availability. Directions with a link to the Shorelines newsletter will also be provided. If you have any questions, you may contact our office at mpta@mpta.com or (734) 929-6075.
DIRECTOR NEWS

DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP
Submitted by Corey Sobeck, PT, DScPT, OCS, OMPT

It is my pleasure to serve on the MPTA Board of Directors as Director of Professional Development and Membership. I look forward to hearing from MPTA members related to these areas. Please contact me with any questions, comments and ideas pertaining to professional development or membership issues.

MANDATORY CONTINUING COMPETENCE - PUBLIC ACT 55-2009
The Board of Physical Therapy passed new PT Administrative Rules and they are currently posted on-line http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/orr/Files/ORR/1124_2012-116LR_orr-draft.pdf.

There will be a public hearing on the new Rules, but no date has been set. The public hearing is part of the legislative oversight process that occurs via the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). Final approval of the new rules should take about a year, so no implementation date for mandatory continued competence for re-licensure of PTs and PTAs has been established.

MEMBERSHIP
Membership numbers as of January 15, 2014, are as follows:
- PT Members: 1,865
- PTA Members: 242
- Student Members: 615
- Total Members: 2,722

Membership numbers are trending down for all membership categories so please continue to encourage non-members to join the MPTA and receive all the benefits of membership including: great conferences; networking; legislative and reimbursement advocacy; and more. Thank you for your membership. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Membership Committee is encouraged to contact me with your ideas for improving membership.

MPTA IS WORKING FOR YOU
- MPTA will keep members informed when the PT Administrative Rules are open for public comment.
- MPTA will continue to sponsor excellent educational seminars at a discounted rate for our members.
- Please join us at the 2014 MPTA Student Conclave and Spring Conference at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing on March 28 and 29, 2014. Go to www.mpta.com for full details.

DIRECTOR OF CONFERENCES
Submitted by Chris Wilson PT, DPT, GCS

The MPTA Conference Committee has some very exciting events and programming coming up over the next few years. I want to thank and recognize the entire Conference Committee for their diligent work over the past few years. The group has made the MPTA Spring and Fall Annual Conferences a wonderful learning and networking experience and I hope and plan to continue to build upon the momentum that the core group has established. I look forward to working with the team to further build upon the strong foundation that has been established.

I cordially invite you to attend the MPTA Spring Conference and Student Conclave that is held on March 28th and 29th. We are excited to have Kathy Mairella from the APTA national Board of Directors as a special guest speaker to give us the national perspective about the future of PT in the United States. We will be having excellent speakers and presentations on topics such as Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy (AKA McKenzie methods) for Orthopedic conditions, a panel discussion on Functional Outcome Tools across the continuum of care (especially relevant with the implementation of “G-codes”), an informative session on ICD-10 coding and PT by a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and stay tuned for an announcement on topics related to treatment of patients with neurological conditions. I haven’t even mentioned the various networking opportunities, vendor exhibit hall and job fair, and of course, the MPTA Membership Meeting.
where we will be hearing and talking about the latest and greatest information on SB-690 DIRECT CONSUMER ACCESS, updates on insurance and reimbursement, and an update on PDU requirements for relicensure. We hope you can attend the MPTA Spring Conference in East Lansing at the Kellogg Center.

Attending an MPTA Conference has more benefits than just getting CEUs for the upcoming update for requiring Professional Development Units for renewal of your PT or PTA license (stay tuned for more information on that)! It is a great place to expand your horizons and learn about new practice areas or settings without spending an arm and a leg to go to a full, formal course. We are proud to say that the MPTA conference is one of the best deals around for getting your future PDUs!

Over the next few MPTA conferences, in addition to the great clinical content that we regularly offer, we plan to touch on a lot of the hot button issues affecting our PT practice. Be ready to get updates on topics such as dry needling, PDU requirements for licensure, ICD-10 coding, healthcare reform, supervision of support personnel, and of course SB 690 - DIRECT CONSUMER ACCESS. The importance of these topics cannot be understated as we want to protect and advance our profession. Don’t worry, you will still get plenty of opportunities to get into those fun, educational sessions too!

See you in March in Lansing!

DIRECTOR OF REIMBURSEMENT
Submitted by Marty Sytsema PT, MSPT, OMPT, FAAOMPT, CIMT

It has been an active last few months with reimbursement issues on both the federal and the state levels. Keep an eye out for email blasts to MPTA members with the latest information as payment for our practice keeps changing.

On the Medicare front, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has not made any changes to its functional limitations reporting for 2014. CMS has also applied the therapy cap to critical access hospitals, along with all outpatient providers, for the entirety of 2014. CMS has made some significant changes to the PQRS program, however. Private practices need to report on at least 3 measures at least 50% of the time in order to avoid a 2% payment reduction in 2016. To qualify for a 0.5% bonus in 2014 payments, therapists need to report on up to 9 PQRS measures (note: at this moment there are only 6 measures that apply to physical therapists, so we’re not able to report on 9). CMS has also changed the reporting requirement for checking patient medications, and now that has to be reported each time you bill a 97110 (therapeutic exercise) or 97140 (manual therapy). This means that most of you will be reporting this every visit.

To make things even more confusing, Congress has passed legislation that only applies through the end of March 2014. They hope that this will give them time to change the SGR formula which is flawed and causes us to face a huge potential payment reduction the start of each year. Additional changes include setting the outpatient therapy cap at $1920 and continuing the Manual Medical Review (MMR) process once Medicare patients reach $3700. In addition, PT providers get a 0.5% (approximate) increase in payment for these 3 months. It is a very active time in health care reform, so please follow www.apta.org which does a very good job of keeping things current.

Significant changes are happening in Michigan as well. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) has ruled that Physician Assistants are able to write prescriptions for PT services. There is some confusion in the fine print of some of BCBSM contracts regarding PAs, but we have worked to ensure that until this language is corrected, PAs can continue to refer. In early January, BCBSM came out in the Record, updating their physical therapy service guidelines. The major change is that a plan of care for a BCBSM patient is now good for 90 days unless the referring physician specifically chooses a shorter time frame. BCBSM also reinforced that discharge summaries are expected, showing change in functional status, whether they met their goals, and plan for follow up and / or self-care. Reimbursement may be denied if these standards are not met.

Over the next few months, the Reimbursement Committee will be meeting with Priority Health as they initiate an optional functional outcomes measuring
program. For clinics in their network, Priority Health will be offering an incentive program that is based on patient outcomes, where clinics can receive a monetary bonus based on their effectiveness. Please stay tuned as we will be passing this, and other important, information on to you once it is available.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
Submitted by Suzanne Perkins. PT, DPT

Move Forward. Brand champion. Most members have heard these national campaigns from APTA but do you really know much about them?

Move forward is the branding campaign designed to help physical therapists strengthen their brand identity with consumers. Physical therapists help restore and improve motion to achieve long-term quality of life. APTA hopes to help Move Forward our profession by being viewed as experts in restoring and improving motion in people’s lives. Brand success will require us to:

- Live the brand by embracing and demonstrating the brand personality traits and guidelines in our professional lives;
- Look at ourselves through the eyes of a consumer and to promote ourselves in terms relevant to them, not to us;
- Remain committed to our brand guidelines and messages through the coming years.

This brand was rolled out at the 2009 Combined Section Meeting in Phase I to educate members in living and promoting the brand. Phase II will focus on promoting the brand to other health care professionals and the final phase to consumers. To help aid all these phases are Brand Champions.

Brand Champions have been trained to help our colleagues understand the brand and learn how to deliver the brand promise in our profession. They will serve as a resource to fellow members by answering questions, and will communicate additional information as the brand is implemented.

So what is the best way to live the brand and where to begin?

- Explore www.apta.org/brandbeat for all things related to the physical therapist brand;
- Become familiar with the User’s Guide to the Brand in the “Brand Tools” section on www.apta.org/BrandBeat as well as the tools available for communicating the brand messages;
- Ensure compliance with defensible documentation guidelines on APTA’s Web site
- Utilize professionalism modules on APTA’s Learning Center, free to members
- Emphasize key messages in communication with patients, insurers, health care professionals

Encourage patients and others to visit www.moveforwardpt.com and to follow us on www.twitter.com/moveforwardpt, become a fan of www.facebook.com/move4wardpt, and check out our videos on www.youtube.com/moveforwardpt.

PT PUB NIGHT

PT Pub Night is a national social event happening on a local level. The purpose behind PT Pub Night is to promote and create regular interactions and relationships among professionals. This event is open to all APTA and MPTA members as well as perspective members. Join other colleagues in insightful conversation and perspective to enhance the professional life. PT Pub Night’s take place once a month throughout the state in different regions. Michigan currently has active PT Pub Night events in the Detroit/Ann Arbor, East Lansing, and Traverse City areas.

If you are interested in joining the conversation, please visit the “Michigan Physical Therapy Association” Facebook page where you will find links to the Michigan PT Pub Night locations. Each location has its very own page where you can find out when and where to meet and, most importantly, RSVP! This is a free event, but space may be limited, so please let us know you are joining us! In addition, this is a great resource to stay connected to other colleagues and get the latest information on PT Pub Night at your location.

PT Pub Night not in your area? Contact the MPTA at mpta@mpta.com and let us know you are interested in starting one. We look forward to seeing you soon!
Submitted by Edward Mathis, PT, DPT – MPT PAC Chair and UP District Chair

The MPT-PAC would like to thank the following individuals for making contributions at the club level ($100+) in 2013:

**LAKE SUPERIOR CLUB ($500+)**
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I would also like thank all of the MPT-PAC Trustees for their work in 2013: Chris Wilson, Treasurer; Suzanne Perkins, Secretary; Jake Jakubiak Kovacek, Fundraising Coordinator; Craig Miller and Amy Campbell, Legislative Co-Liaisons, Susan Talley, MPTA President; Michael Shoemaker, MPTA Vice-President; David Perry, Trustee.

We are also currently seeking new Trustees for 2014. Please send MPT-PAC Chair Edward Mathis if you are interested.
## Event #1

### 2014 MPTA Student Conclave
Friday, March 28, 2014

The MPTA Student Conclave is designed to help students explore the possibilities for their future. The MPTA Student Conclave is organized by the MPTA Student Relations Committee, a student-run committee consisting of PT and PTA students. Information can be found at www.mpta.com.

**Who should attend?**
All PT and PTA students in Michigan are invited to attend this program. If you are interested in attending as an exhibitor or sponsor please contact the MPTA Office at mpta@mpta.com.

**Highlights:**
Presentations will cover a multitude of physical therapy topics, each expanding on improving patient care through an interdisciplinary therapy team approach.

**Exhibit Hall:**
Networking opportunities with fellow MPTA members and vendors, who will be displaying their products and offering employment opportunities.

## Event #2

### 2014 MPTA Spring Conference
Saturday, March 29, 2014

This is the conference to attend if you want to be informed on Physical Therapy in Michigan!

**Who should attend?**
PTs, PTAs, Students and non-members are welcome who want to keep informed of all issues impacting Physical Therapy in the State of Michigan.

**Highlights will include:**
Sessions will be geared toward what every PT/PTA needs to know in every setting. Specific titles will be released in January, please check the website for the most up-to-date content.

**Session Topics:**
- ICD-10 Update
- Overview of Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy
- Cognition in the Context of Rehabilitation
- Functional Outcome Measures Across the Continuum of Care

## Join us at The Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center
55 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48824

### Registrtant Information:

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*All confirmations are sent by email unless otherwise requested.

### Registration Options:

You may register for both days or plan to attend only one day.

**You may register by fax, mail or on-line at www.mpta.com.**

Early Bird Registration discounts end Monday, March 4, 2014. Registration forms must be received by the MPTA office by the end of the day Monday, March 18, 2014.

#### #1 MPTA Student Conclave (Fri., March 28):

- Member Student - $25 (after 3/3/14 fee is $30)
- Member PT/PTA - $35 (after 3/3/14 fee is $50)
- Non-Member Student - $35 (after 3/3/14 fee is $40)
- Non-Member PT/PTA - $45 (after 3/3/14 fee is $60)
- Life Member - FREE

#### #2 MPTA Spring Conference (Sat., March 29):

- Member* - $40 (after 3/3/14 fee is $60)
- Student Members* - $15 (after 3/3/14 fee is $25)
- Non-Member** - $75 (after 3/3/14 fee is $100)
- Life Member - FREE

*Includes SPTs, SPTAs.  ** includes PTs, PTAs, Students and Others

#### #3 Both Days (Fri., March 28 & Sat., March 29):

- Member* - $75 (after 3/3/14 fee is $110)
- Student Members* - $40 (after 3/3/14 fee is $55)
- Non-Member** - $120 (after 3/3/14 fee is $160)
- Non-Member Student - $110 (after 3/3/14 fee is $140)
- Life Member - FREE

*Includes SPTs, SPTAs.  ** includes PTs, PTAs, Students and Others

### Pac Donation:

I would like to make a donation to the MPT-PAC in the amount of $___________. Note: We must have complete home and work address if you are making a PAC Donation. The employer must be recorded by state law. Only personal funds can be used for PAC donations; no company checks can be accepted. Donations must be made by a US Citizen.

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Cancellation policy: Full refunds will be allowed until 3/8/2014. Cancellation after that date will be non-refundable. Name substitutions will be allowed. Please complete this form completely and return to the MPTA Office via fax 734-677-2407 or mail to MPTA, 1390 Eisenhower Place, Ann Arbor, MI or register on-line at www.mpta.com.  *All confirmations will be sent via email unless otherwise requested.

PHOTO DISCLAIMER: Please be aware that this registration form also serves as an agreement to appear in photographs taken at the 2014 MPTA Spring Conference. And that these photos may be used for publicity or general information purposes and may be seen by the general public.

Questions? Call the MPTA office at 1-800-242-8131 or mpta@mpta.com
MPTA is proud to recognize member Jill Marlan, PT, CSCS, MSPT, OMPT for being awarded the ATHENA PowerLink at the end of 2013. ATHENA PowerLink is a national mentoring program that connects selected women business owners with a skilled advisory panel to provide free business consultation services for one year, a value of over $25,000.

Due to an unforeseen injury at Wayne State University as a scholar athlete, Marlan began to enter into the world of physical therapy as a patient. Her experience in PT transitioned her into a career as a physical therapist and business owner. In 2011, Marlan started Peak Performance Physical Therapy, an outpatient PT facility in Lansing, MI. Within two years, they surpassed their five year goals. Excellent customer service is what Marlan believes grew her business at an accelerating rate.

Peak Performance Physical Therapy focuses on Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy with an emphasis on the Kaltenborn-Evjenth System. The company’s community outreach program includes a low-cost injury prevention program for communities and athletes. The clinic is well respected within the Lansing community and emphasizes community service with Injury Prevention Clinics for local high schools and sports teams.

The opportunity the ATHENA PowerLink program offers Marlan is a major contributor to why she applied for this award. Over the next year, she plans on implementing strategies that will double the size of her business. She would also like to open a second clinic in another community.

Marlan continues to be an active force in the PT profession. She serves as the Chair on the State of Michigan Board of Physical Therapy, the Chair on the National Continuing Competency Committee, and serves on the State of Michigan Rules Committee and State of Michigan Disciplinary Subcommittee.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE MICHIGAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION – 2014
(Two year terms; 1/1/15 – 12/31/16)

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Director of Professional Development Committee and Membership Committee
Director of Reimbursement Relations Committee and Professional Standards of Practice Committee
Director of Public Relations Committee and Publications Committee
Three- Four Delegate Positions (based on APTA HOD apportionment)
Nominating Committee Northeastern District
Nominating Committee Western District
Institute Trustee

Please note due to the Shorelines publication dates, the nomination open period has been shortened. To help market the open positions, an article will be put in the spring issue of Shorelines with details as to the nomination process and dates.

Nominations will be open from June 1, 2014 to July 1, 2014. Nominations are due by July 1, 2014.

Elections will run from September 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014.

Results of the elections are announced at the Board and Membership meetings October 24-25, 2014.

2014-2015 PTA Caucus Representative Appointed!

In January, the MPTA Board of Directors appointed Mike Spitz, PTA, MSA, CSCS to the position of PTA Caucus Representative. Spitz will serve for the remainder of the two year term. Thank you Mike for your commitment to serve MPTA members!
SMALL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

As part of its role in supporting and encouraging clinical research in the State of Michigan, the MPTA Institute for Education and Research is requesting grant applications. This program is intended to provide out-of-pocket expenses for ongoing research projects and to encourage the development of new projects.

Funding: Multiple grants valued at $75 will be awarded annually.

Eligibility: Professional membership in the MPTA is required. Eligible researchers may be licensed physical therapists/physical therapy assistants or students in a PT/PTA program within the state of Michigan with an established faculty advisor.

Deadline: No application deadline. This is an ONGOING process. Please note that the review process takes approximately 8 to 10 weeks to complete.

Submission: Applications may be submitted electronically to mpta@mpta.com or send to:
Small Research Grant Program, MPTA Institute for Education & Research,
1390 Eisenhower Place, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

To apply, please provide a cover and an abstract as described below:

The abstract should be a brief description (less than 500 words) of the proposed project including the purpose, methods, expected results and potential relevance of the project to physical therapy.

1. Applicant’s full name, home address, email address and telephone number.
2. Employed Physical Therapist should list employer’s name, employment address and phone number. For students - school name, school address and phone number.
3. A statement of the request for money and what the money will be used for within the project.
4. A statement of where the research is to take place.
5. A statement certifying compliance with all appropriate human use and animal use procedures and approvals.
6. Endorsement of the investigator’s supervisor (for students, the research advisor) stating that the project is feasible and in keeping with the institutional policies and procedures.
Learn hands-on from the original developers of the techniques. We offer 3-4 day lab-intensive seminars across the U.S., Canada and internationally. The visceral and neural systems influence musculoskeletal articulations and tension patterns in the body causing functional and structural problems. An integrative approach to evaluation and treatment requires assessment of the structural relationships between the viscera, and their fascial or ligamentous attachments to the musculoskeletal system. It also requires an understanding of the dural and neural components that are often missed when treating trauma and dysfunctions.

"Visceral Manipulation enables one to gain awareness of relatively ignored structures." - M. Nicholson, PT

"Fellow colleagues at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center can’t stop talking about how helpful your course has been in their treatment of our patients." - T. Fitzpatrick, PT, MBA

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, May 23, 2014

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EASTERN DISTRICT POSITIONS AVAILABLE
Submitted by Michael Nanzer, PT, DPT, MBA

The Eastern District is eagerly seeking any therapists interested in volunteering for Eastern District board positions. We are planning 3 to 4 free education seminars this year and would greatly appreciate any help getting these off the ground. We had great success with our courses last year and we are hoping to continue this into 2014!

If you are interested, please contact Mike Nanzer directly at nanzerdpt@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing everyone at one of our conferences this year!

WESTERN DISTRICT
Submitted by Ed Orloff, PT, DPT, CSCS, Cert. MDT - MPTA Western District Chair

Hello Western District! This winter has been exciting! We have a new officer on the Western District board, Lindsay Tyler, PT, DPT. She is excited to take over the role of treasurer and can’t wait to start counting all the PAC money that we will be collecting in the next year to help our Direct Access efforts.

We recently had our WD winter meeting at the Borgess Health and Fitness Center in Kalamazoo, MI on February 11th. It was a well attended and great update on state legislative issues. It also served as a warm up for the Legislative Breakfast in Lansing.

Our next Western District meeting will be held tentatively on April 8th at 6:30 pm at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids at the Cook DeVos Center for Health Sciences, 301 Michigan St NE. The speaker will be Bonni Kinne, PT and her topic will be ‘Common Causes of Dizziness.’ This promises to be a great introduction for both students and clinicians.

If you are on social media, please visit and ‘like’ the MPTA Western District Facebook page. It is a great stop to share information and post events. Michigan is now participating in PT Pub Nights. These will be posted on the MPTA website, Facebook as well as the WD Facebook page. Stay connected and up to date on all the local events!

UPPER PENINSULA DISTRICT
Edward Mathis, PT, DPT – MPTA Treasurer, MPTA Upper Peninsula District Chair, MPT-PAC Chair

Thanks so much to Jeff Moore for recently teaching “The Manual Therapy Management of the Cervical Patient” Continuing Education Course and to Kip Hartman and Active PT for hosting the course at his clinic in Marquette, MI on February 8th. The course was well-attended and provided District members with excellent hands-on techniques and high-quality instruction that is not typically offered in our region. The UP District hopes to partner with Dr. Moore in the future to offer additional course work. Thanks also to Michigan Tech for sponsoring the lunch.

SAVE THE DATE: July 25th-26th UP Golf Social, Timberstone Golf Course, Iron Mountain “Gait and Balance in the Clinical Setting”, Back in Motion PT, Kingsford.

This event will be our 6th annual outing and serves as a fundraiser for the MPT-PAC. We will have a 3pm start time, followed by a social at Pine Mountain Resort. The following day we will be offering a free CE course by Dr Sujay Galen PT PhD, from Wayne State University.

This symposium will provide the participants with an overview on performing gait and balance assessments in the clinic, monitoring changes in gait and balance in their patients and also establishing treatment efficacy.
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Andrews University
Department of Physical Therapy
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Submitted by Bill Scott, Director of Clinical Education

Andrews University Department of Physical Therapy is bursting at the seams this semester as all classes are back on campus. The Class of 2014 is back from 16 weeks of clinical internships and are working on their research projects and studying for comprehensive exams. Our “Spring” semester was delayed for 3 days due to Mother Nature’s gift of snow, and a lot of it.

During the fall semester our class of 2015 were given the tremendous opportunity to be a part of the annual day trip to Mary Freebed Hospital in Grand Rapids. The day long experience gave the students a glimpse into the world of spinal cord injury and rehabilitation. We would like to thank the Mary Freebed staff for the tremendous experience that they provided for us.

Four of our faculty are headed to CSM in Las Vegas NV in February. Orthopedics coordinator Professor Gregory Almeter MSPT, OCS will be presenting a poster presentation titled “The Effect of Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization (IASTM) on pain and Lower Extremity Function for Patients with Plantar Fasciitis.” Lori Walton, PT, DPT, PhD, CLT will be involved with two platform presentations: “A Study on Intimate Partner Violence Education for Physical Therapists,” Authors: Lori Walton, PT, DPT, PhD, CLT; Femke Aerts, DPT; Theresa Terry, DPT; Haley Burkhart, DPT and “Incidence and Impact of Urinary Incontinence, Morbidities, and Health Related Quality of Life for Postpartum Bangladeshi Women: Comparison by Birth Mode,” Authors: Lori Walton, PT, DPT, PhD, CLT; S.J.M. Ummal Ambia, PT; Aklima Begum, PT; Bassima Schbley, PhD, LMSW; Reshma Parvin, MS, PT.

Andrews University Department of Physical Therapy will be starting a new format for our tDPT and DScPT programs by offering an on-campus experience. This will be offered beginning this fall 2014. If you are interested please feel free to contact our post professional program office.

A group of third year DPT Students provided a mentorship study group this past semester for international physical therapists who were studying for the NPTE. We would like to recognize Cherisse Buddy, SDPT, Gunila Daku, SDPT, Sheny Xavier, SDPT, and Pam Kendall, SDPT for their willingness to mentor these students. We are thankful for each and every one of our PT family and their willingness to serve others in our PT community.

Central Michigan University
Submitted by: J. Tim Zipple, DScPT, OCS, FAAOMPT

The spring semester is underway at Central Michigan University and we are concentrating our efforts selecting of our next class of students – the Class of 2017 – who will start the professional program in May of this year, in Mount Pleasant. We will have the typical class of 48 students at our CMU campus, while establishing a satellite program with 12 additional students who will continue their educational process at Michigan Technical Institute (MTU) in Houghton. The faculty at CMU and MTU look forward to collaborative research endeavors between institutions and between faculty and students.

Drs. Ustinova, Perkins, Silkwood-Sherer at CMU received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NFS) in the amount of $252,024. The grant will be used to purchase a Vicon system for motion analysis, which will replace outdated equipment. The new state-of-the-art system will serve as a key instrument for establishing a contemporary human motion laboratory at the university. This will expand the opportunities for multi-disciplinary collaboration between engineering, exercise science and rehabilitation sciences.

We usually report on our study-abroad programs in this report, and last year we had students and faculty travel to Ireland for an experience in hippotherapy. It is likely that we will have some of our students return this year to a longstanding study abroad program in Belize. We have had several students attend this event in previous years, where they have had some primary medical/rehabilitation examination and treatment opportunities with clients in the region.

In other student news, five of our 2nd-year students were winners of the 2014 Student Brochure Contest, an annual patient education brochure contest sponsored by the APTA Section on Geriatrics. SPT’s Brian Locke, Julie Hamilton and Andrew Casanova won First Place for their brochure on ‘Preventing a Fall at Your Home,’ while SPT’s Josh Hill and Alyssie Hill won Second Place for their brochure on ‘Exercise After a Heart Attack.’ This is quite an accomplishment since there were over 100 entries in 2013. This is the 6th year that CMU students and their brochure submissions have been selected as winners!

The CMU Physical Therapy Student Organization (PTSO) will organize a team for The American Cancer Society – Relay for Life event that will take place later this spring on
our campus. The Relay for Life is an annual event for our students and they have been very successful in the past raising money for this excellent cause. Additionally, they will either continue their efforts for a walk/run event to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society or develop an alternative fundraiser event.

Hands for Health, our pro-bono physical therapy clinic run by 2nd year students in the program under faculty supervision, continues to see an expanding case load in these challenging economic times for many members of our community. The clinic serves the uninsured or underinsured population in Mount Pleasant and the surrounding areas. Aside from helping provide physical therapy services, students learn administrative aspects of running a clinic. These include, but are not limited to, patient and therapist/SPT scheduling, process improvement and quality assurance, marketing and fund raising. Hands for Health is a point of pride for our program, and is in its 16th year of operation since its inception in 1998.

Finally, we will be saying farewell to our fearless leader, Herm Triezenberg, PT, PhD in June 2014 as he retires. Herm has many relaxation events organized for his retirement and plans to enjoy life away from academia. After being a Program Director at Oakland University, Grand Valley State University and Central Michigan University, Herm certainly will have earned his rest and relaxation. The faculty here wish him well and are actively engaged in recruiting his successor. He will be hard to replace and will be sorely missed!

Grand Valley State University
Submitted by Bonni Kinne, PT, MSPT, MA

The 2013/2014 academic year has already been highlighted by several faculty accomplishments and student achievements. Recent graduate April Gamble (under the direction of Professor Cathy Harro) published an article (PocketPT – A Personalized Therapeutic Game Platform) in the “Journal of Computer Games and Multimedia,” and recent graduate Leonard VanGelder (under the direction of Professor Barbara Hoogenboom and Professor Daniel Vaughn) published an article (A Phased Rehabilitation Protocol for Athletes with Lumbar Intervertebral Disc Herniation) in the “International Journal of Sports Physical Therapy.” Other recent publications have included two articles by Professor Michael Shoemaker in the “Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal,” an article by Professor Meri Goehring in “Gerinotes,” an article by Professor Lisa Kenyon in “Physical Therapy,” and an article by Professor Bonni Kinne in “On the Level: Quarterly Newsletter of the Vestibular Disorders Association.” In addition, Professor Michael Shoemaker gave a platform presentation at a recent “World Congress on Osteoarthritis” meeting and a poster presentation at a recent “American College of Chest Physicians” meeting.

Our third-year students participated in back-to-back clinical experiences during the fall semester. As the winter semester continues, they are completing their research projects and preparing to participate in their final clinical experience in May. Our second-year students, having just completed their neuromuscular didactic coursework during the fall semester, are currently participating in their second clinical experience. Our first-year students, anxiously awaiting their first clinical experience in May, are currently participating in their musculoskeletal didactic coursework.

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Kellogg Community College
Submitted Barbara BJ Simmons, PTA, M.Ed.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek strives for updating topics, keeping up with the many trends in the field, and most of all, keeping up with our students! We have seen changes in our program with the start of the “No worker left behind” funding for displaced workers. This led to a class age average of 37 years for two years running! It has been very nice for everyone. The younger students have been able to interact with many classmates who could bring a different paradigm to class discussions, and the older students have learned new skills and gained confidence as

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they showed their own children the importance of lifelong learning.

The Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) has reversed its position on joint mobilizations, and now encourages the topic to be incorporated into PTA curricula once again, including grade I and II peripheral mobilizations (but not spinal mobilizations). The KCC faculty, students, and clinical partners are very happy to be including this very important content area once again.

The PTA Club was active under the guidance of Professor Tracy Wood as the new advisor. They took part in many community service events and service learning activities. Some of the events included a community cleanup effort at the Kingman Museum of Science, sending letters and packages to a young man going through brain cancer treatments, and providing meals and gifts to a number of families in the region for the holidays.

To contact the program, the Program Coordinator is Julie Roberts, PT, (269) 965-3931 x 2270, robertsj@kellogg.edu.

University of Michigan – Flint
Submitted by Jennifer Blackwood, PT, MPT, GCS

What a winter, 2014! The start of this semester was delayed by three days due to the intense snow storm and artic cold weather resulting in an unprecedented closing of the University of Michigan-Flint, but that has not slowed the learning, activity, and excitement in the Physical Therapy Department. First and foremost, we are proud to have a new Director of the Department as Dr. Allon Goldberg PT, PhD joined us at the beginning of this year.

Congratulations go out to students in our Post Professional Transitional DPT program on the completion of their DPT degree in December. In addition to being students in a challenging online doctoral program, these working PTs also juggled many other roles in both their personal and professional lives throughout their education. Well done graduates: Dr. Utkarsh Bhatt DPT, Dr. Margaret Levett DPT, Dr. Jennifer Look DPT, Dr. Charles Zabinski DPT, Dr. Therese Tomkie DPT, Dr. Carrie Betts DPT, Dr. Andrew McLaughlin DPT and Dr. Stanley Rozanski DPT!

Within the professional DPT program, students in the Class of 2014 are out on their full-time clinical rotations. Faculty will be performing clinical site visits in mid February. Prior to heading out for clinicals, students in the Class of 2014 presented their Evidence Based Case Study Posters at the Annual Poster Presentation Session. Students in both the Classes of 2015 and 2016 continue to acquire the knowledge that it takes to become a PT. Some students have been involved in developing the department’s pro bono clinic, PT Heart which is held at the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint!

The annual Applicant Information Session open house for future U of M-Flint PT students was held in early January and well attended with many interested future students. Two applicant attendees were awarded a scholarship through Graduate Programs which will be provided upon acceptance into the program. For any PTs who have students that may be volunteering in your clinic and who are interested in our program, please have them contact the department to schedule a time to meet with our Admissions Chair or other staff members. Admissions decisions are expected to be completed in mid-February.

Multiple students, faculty, & alumni were involved in research presentations & education sessions at the APTA's Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas in February. The department hosted alumni at the annual U of M PT alumni gathering at CSM. In addition, the APTA’s Section on Geriatrics awarded students, Stephanie Acuna and Sarah Lazenby, fourth place in the national Student Brochure Contest. Their brochure will be made available on the Section’s website for use by clinicians and the public. They were awarded a 1 year membership in the Section and honored at the membership meeting at CSM.

The outstanding achievements and service provided by some alumni of our program were highlighted at a dinner in late fall as they were awarded a Circle of Excellence Award from the department. Those alumni were: Dr. Jonathan Quinton, DPT (Service to the Physical Therapy Department), Janet Downey, PT, MPT, PCS (Service to the Physical Therapy Profession), and Suzanne Gerhardt, PT, MS (Philanthropic Support, PT Department). Thank-you for making this program great! Nominations of alumni for these awards can be found on our web page. Consider nominating a fellow PT and U of M alumnus!
Within the Post Professional program, coordinators of the certificate and residency programs continue to develop Post Professional residencies in orthopedics, pediatrics, neurology and geriatrics in Michigan and within the Midwest. All residencies aim at developing advanced physical therapy practitioners who are prepared for ABPTS board certification. For more information partnering as a residency site for one of the four residency programs contact Christina Wixson at cwixson@umflint.edu

Preparations continue within the department to begin the PhD in Physical Therapy starting in fall 2014. The PhD program is open to all currently enrolled students or graduates of the DPT, tDPT, and the Certificate/Residency programs. The PhD program is designed to address the demand for qualified physical therapy faculty and to create academic leaders in PT education and research by enhancing their knowledge in an area of advanced practice. For more information about enrolling in these programs or partnering as a residency site for one of the four residency programs contact Dr. Cathy Larson at clarson@umflint.edu.

We look forward to sharing the progress in our PT Department with colleagues at the MPTA Spring conference in Lansing. This is an exciting time for our department and we are thankful to share this opportunity with the MPTA community. Happy Spring!

Wayne State University
Submitted by Kim Dunleavy, PT, PhD, MOMT, OCS

Our student groups have been extremely active in the community (both locally and nationally). The Physical Therapy student organization collected food for Gleaners Food Bank and pet supplies for a local pet shelter. They have served food to at the Oasis soup kitchen and the Detroit Rescue Mission and the Ronald McDonald House housing for families while their children are being treated at Children’s Hospital. Students assist regularly with the homeless shelter food and clothing distribution and are models of community engagement.

The student organization led by the class of 2015 also set up a recruitment event for students interested in the medical professions on main campus and organized a recruitment event at the College which has promoted our profession to other premedical students. They have volunteered with educational and stretching sessions at the Community Health and Social Services (CHASS) Center 5k during the fall of 2013 and also participated in Race for the Cure, and Michigan Parkinsons’ Association Walk to raise funds. As a reflection on the leadership for this group, Sam Alquattan, SPT, Class of 2015, has received both the Athletes with Disabilities Scholarship and the Michigan Campus Compact’s Heart and Soul Award for 2013-2014. Rob Nehda, SPT, Class of 2015, was awarded the Community Compact Award for his leadership of the Future Docs program providing education on health lifestyles to middle school children. We are very proud of the achievements of our students and particularly their community involvement.

Wayne State has established a partnership with the SAY Detroit Family Health Center in Highland Park serving underinsured and uninsured women and children. Physical therapy students and volunteers are providing pro bono Physical Therapy services 2 days a week and participating in a multidisciplinary Diabetes Education Clinic (DEW Clinic) 2 days a month. If clinicians are interested in volunteering to assist with patient treatment or supervising students please contact Dr. Martha Schiller aa1712@wayne.edu.

As a result of the recent curriculum review process, a new initiative is the new Health Promotion and Problem Prevention course format. Final year student groups will be assigned to work with clinical partners to address identified areas of need. The student groups will conduct a needs assessment for a gap determined by the clinicians, design a solution and pilot test the product. We anticipate that the opportunity to work with real problems will enhance the student skills while meeting clinical needs which may not be feasible during busy clinical schedules. Topics for the projects range from prevention programs for ACL injury, fitness programs post stroke, resources for urinary incontinence, video support materials for use of assistive devices after discharge from...
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rehab facilities, exercise programs for pediatric oncology patients, support materials for desk ergonomics, exercise and education program for musicians, and training for dance instructors to prevent ankle injuries.

Congratulations to the Wayne State DPT graduating class of 2013!

At the recent graduation ceremony the following students were recognized:

**Outstanding Academic Achievement Award:**
Jennifer Bickel

**Outstanding Research and Scholarly Achievement Award:**
Matt Briscoe, Michael Forgach, Emmanuel Trifan
Amanda Post, Sarah Lewis, Jessica Sesta
Kelsey Baker, Jessica Gilbert, Jessica Peterson

**Physical Therapy Horizons Award & Clinical Achievement Award:**
Amy Corbin

Grants
Congratulations to Dr. Diane Adamo who has received a Blue Cross Blue Shield grant for $72,000 to study the “Differences in individuals with L or R hemisphere stroke related to pre-stroke hand dominance”. Dr. Vicky Pardo will be working as an investigator on the same project. Dr. Sujay Galen and Dr. Vicky Pardo along with Jose Kottor received a College Faculty Technology Commercialization Research award to study a novel device to measure balance, as well as Dr. Fredrick Pociask along with Dr. Rosanne Dizazzo-Miller and Dr. Linda Jaber who received an interprofessional grant to study Alzheimer’s patient management.

Alumni news
Dr. Kristie Kava PT, DHS, OMPT an alumni, highly respected clinician, and clinical instructor has been appointed to the WSU Board of Visitors. We look forward to having a strong PT presence on the Board – congratulations Kristie! The class of 1969 recently met in Detroit to celebrate retirements, good friends and long-standing WSU alumni connections. The second graduating class alumni remain in contact: Mable Burns Sharp, Carol Kurtjian Artinian, James Alan MacDonald, Leslie M Russell Westbury, Carolyn Stewart Williams, and Geraldine Wolack Lindstrom. Mable Sharp, Carol Artinian, Leslie Westbury, and Carolyn Williams met in Detroit recently.

Faculty News
Welcome to new part-time faculty: Dr. Cindy Pfalzer PT, PhD, FACSM, FAPTA, Dr. Marie Eve Pepin PT, OMPT, DPT, Dr. Tammy Demeere PT, DPT, Dr. Man Wai (Alice) Wong, Dr. Romina Profeta PT, DPT, OMPT, Dr. Jennifer Starchenko PT, DPT, OMPT, Dr. Melissa Wallace PT, DPT and Dr. Larry Diamond PharmD. The staff from St Johns Hospital is contributing to the Medical Surgical class with coordination from Tricia Harris PT. Other part-time faculty teaching this semester – Erik deMeulmeester, PT, DSc, OMPT, FAFS, Jon Nettie PT, MPT, Robin Firby PT, DPT, OMPT, Katherine Palazzolo PT, DPT. We truly appreciate the contributions from our new and ongoing part-time faculty!
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3. Quotations and references must be properly identified. A bibliography should be identified as appropriate.
4. Include the name of the author with, address and brief biography.
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The conference committee of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association hereby issue a

CALL FOR EDUCATIONAL SESSION PROPOSALS

for the 2014 MPTA Fall Conference – “Transforming Society”

Kalamazoo Radisson, Kalamazoo, Michigan - October 24th and 25th, 2014

Proposal Submission Deadline: April 20, 2014

Visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BZPX7CF to submit your educational session course proposal.

Proposals for educational sessions must be submitted online through MPTA’s conference proposal site. The decision as to whether or not a proposal is accepted, and the final content, format, and scheduling of any presentation, rests with the MPTA Board of Directors as represented by the MPTA Conference Committee.

Proposal submissions for educational sessions must contain the following:

1) Title
2) Course description
3) Course learning objectives
4) Minimum of 5 current bibliographic references, no more than 5 years old
5) Timed outline of content (including breaks)
6) Speaker information, including name, degrees/credentials, institution, city, and state
7) Biographical information for each speaker
8) Keywords
9) Teaching and evaluation methods
10) Recommended participant level

This will include a commitment that, if selected, submitter will provide a 10 question and answer multiple-choice post-test for evaluating the learning. Each question must correspond with a learning objective. This post-test is required for Continuing Education Unit approval.

Important things to remember when submitting your proposal:

- Speaker information will appear exactly as submitted in all MPTA publications both in print and on-line. Contact co-presenters to ensure the accuracy of this information before finalizing your submission. All credentials should be listed under the field “degree”.
- Proposals may be for educational sessions for 1, 2, or 3 hours.
- There is a 9,000 character limit for the text of your submission. This does not include authors/institutions. Titles should be no more than 65 characters. Descriptions should not exceed 200 words.
- Selection of proposals will be based on the foundation in evidence, clarity of proposal, probable interest to participants, fiscal feasibility, and space and time constraints.
- Proposals should reflect cultural and/or ethical components related to clinical practice and research as related to session content.

Thank you for considering submitting a proposal. For additional questions about this process, please contact MPTA Director for Conferences, Chris Wilson PT, DPT, GCS at cwilsondpt@yahoo.com.
KUDOS TO:

WAYNE STATE FACULTY NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS 2013

Diane Adamo - Grasp force related presentations at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. and International Progress in Motor Control IX, Montreal, Canada.


Sujay Galen - Ageing and Neuroplasticity: Naresuan University, Phitsanulok, Thailand, and effect of patellofemoral bracing and taping on knee joint kinematics and kinetics. European Society for Movement Analysis in Adults and Children. Glasgow UK. (Poster competition finalist)


Moh Malek - Expression of angiogenic regulators COPD. European Respiratory Society Congress. Barcelona, Spain and Exercise mimetics: combating the effects of detraining and unloading on skeletal muscle, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Keynote speaker)

Susan Talley and Allon Goldberg - Contributions of Reactions and Movement Times to Step Execution in Older Adults with Fear of Falling. Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

WAYNE STATE PUBLICATIONS IN 2013/IN PRESS


Macleod CA, Conway BA, Allan DB, Galen SS. Development and validation of a low-cost, portable and wireless gait assessment tool. Medical Engineering and Physics. In press


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