



HONORS & AWARDS

OUTSTANDING PHYSICAL THERAPIST/ PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT TEAM AWARD

2012

2008

ANTHONY DIFILIPPO & SANAZ
ARMAND HOLCOMB *

2011

2007

CHERYL WISINSKI &
KRISTINA BANGS *

2010

2006

EDIE KNOWLTON BENNER
& JULIANA ROBINE *

* A biography and photo are not available

† Recipient is deceased



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MARK RUTLEDGE, PT, MHS, OCS; STEPHEN CORREIA, PT, MHS, OCS; AND GREG SILLS, PTA, BS

Mark Rutledge, PT, MHS, OCS; Stephen Correia, PT, MHS, OCS; and Greg Sills, PTA, BS, are members of a team not only outstanding for the delivery of evidence-based physical therapy practice in the care of a

diverse population of clients and patients, but in providing team-oriented service to the profession and the community in which they live. They are all dedicated clinicians who put the patient first, donate time to teach in the local PT program, mentor students and are involved with projects that serve the community.

The trio works out of the Rehabilitation Centers of Charleston, where Rutledge is president and Correia is vice president. Rutledge received his MHS specialty in Orthopedics and BS in Physical Therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina. Correia earned a master's degree in Health Sciences with Specialty in Orthopedics and BS in Physical Therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina. Sills holds a BS in Sports Science from Ohio University, Athens, OH, and Physical Therapist Assistant degree from Trident Technical College, Charleston, SC.

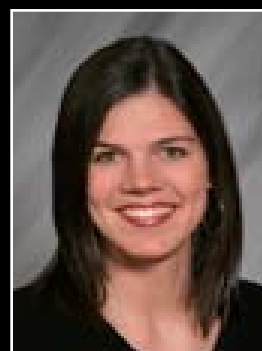
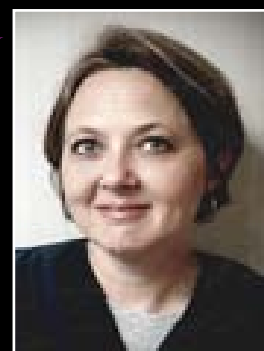
Rutledge and Correia enjoy the ability to treat patients with the assistance of Sills every day. The relationship has proven to be effective in direct patient intervention as well as in general advancement of the profession; the three have worked together in different capacities for the past 8 years and have developed a reputation in the lowcountry of South Carolina as the elite among PT teams. With the demands of owning and operating a thriving outpatient practice, Rutledge and Correia are sometimes removed from patient care in order to attend to administrative issues, so they rely on Sills' skill in patient interaction and appreciate his ability to advance the patient's plan of care and carry out the philosophy of the partnership. The key to the team's success is teamwork and open communication; Rutledge and Correia verbally convey pertinent information to Sills after the initial evaluation, and Sills reciprocates after he has had a chance to work with the patient.

APTA is pleased to recognize the successful teamwork of Rutledge, Correia and Sills with the Outstanding Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant Team Award.



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KIM SCHRAMM, PT, AND TANYA POWELL, PTA

Kim Schramm, PT, and Tanya Powell, PTA, are a prime example of how a physical therapist-physical therapist assistant team should work for the benefit of both the patient and the profession.

Schramm, who holds a DPT from the University of Mississippi and MPT from Texas Woman's

University, is manager of Petal Orthopedics and Sports Rehabilitation, Petal, MS. Powell received her PTA degree from Pearl River Community College, Hattiesburg, MS, and BS in kinesiotherapy from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Schramm and Powell are the only therapists at Petal Physical Therapy, and they have established a thriving clinic in the small town of Petal as well as developed into strong community leaders. The team began working together in 2005 and boast a strong patient base due to their commitment to going above and beyond the expected to ensure the patient has all he or she needs. Schramm explains their partnership in this way: "Tanya has an ability to be aware of what I want for treatment plans, almost as if she can read my mind, and I fully trust her as opposed to some PTAs." When Powell required knee rehabilitation in 2009, Schramm was her therapist and encouraged Powell to run; now, the team encourages the same to patients and ran with one patient in her first 5K race last year. The team never misses an opportunity to attend a continuing education course, learn new procedures from a physician, or read up on a new type of therapy.

Congratulations to Kim Schramm and Tanya Powell on a successful partnership; APTA is pleased to present them with the Outstanding Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant Team Award.



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ROBERTO SANDOVAL, PT, PHD(C), AND ANTHONY JAMES WAGUESPACK, PTA, BS

Roberto Sandoval, PT, PhD(c), and Anthony James Waguespack, PTA, BS professional partners for 11 years, exemplify an outstanding clinical practice team. Specialists in the area of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Mr Sandoval and Mr Waguespack are passionate about helping their

patients extend their lives as well as improve their current quality of life.

Mr Sandoval and Mr Waguespack implemented a health and wellness program for HIV patients to help with prevention of opportunistic infections and promote the overall well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS. The program, an adjunct to physical therapist services at the Thomas Street Clinic, provides strength training and conditioning programs geared at maintaining physical and mental awareness. In their teamwork model, Mr Sandoval evaluates and sets up a plan of care, and Mr Waguespack seamlessly implements it. Communication and mutual respect is the key to their effective teamwork.

Mr Sandoval is senior physical therapist at the Thomas Street Health Center, the first freestanding HIV clinic in the country—and one of the largest—and has served as adjunct faculty at Texas Women's University, specializing in teaching Spanish for physical therapists. Together with Mr Waguespack, he has initiated research protocols in search of best practices. He received the Clinical Educator of the Year award from the Texas Physical Therapy Association. Currently a doctoral student at Texas Women's University, Mr Sandoval holds an MS in physical therapy from that university and a BS in physiotherapy from the Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada. Mr Sandoval, has presented at national and international conferences, as well as published in professional journals.

Mr Waguespack is a frequent lecturer for local PTA programs and annually hosts and facilitates "The Role of Physical Therapy in HIV/AIDS," a lecture and panel discussion for the Houston Community College System. He was recognized by the Texas Chapter with the Joy Davenport Award for outstanding physical therapy service and commitment to the community and profession. He earned his associate of applied science degree at the Houston Community College's Physical Therapist Assistant program and BS from the University of Houston.

Congratulations to Mr Sandoval and Mr Waguespack for exemplifying outstanding teamwork and improving the lives of patients affected by HIV. APTA is pleased to recognize their partnership with the Practice Service Award: Outstanding Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant Team Award.