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APTA, AAOMPT Renew Long-Time Collaborative Relationship Through New Partnership Agreement

ALEXANDRIA, VA, August 7, 2017 — The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) has formalized a renewed partnership agreement with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT), under the new [APTA Partnerships program](#), which seeks to enhance relationships and develop mutually beneficial partnerships with other organizations that share common goals. The program allows APTA to extend its reach in advancing the profession of physical therapy.

AAOMPT and APTA have enjoyed a strong collaborative relationship for more than 20 years. The 2 organizations have worked together on numerous activities, including legislative and advocacy efforts, as well as initiatives in education and research to support the physical therapy profession. For many years APTA has designated AAOMPT as the US representative to the International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists (IFOMPT), a subgroup of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, the international voice for the physical therapy profession.

“We have been working with AAOMPT for a long time and I am excited to see us add a new dimension to our relationship through this renewed partnership,” said APTA President Sharon L. Dunn, PT, PhD. “This new partnership agreement will more clearly define and guide work on initiatives that are mutually beneficial and help to promote and advance the physical therapy profession.”

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“AAOMPT is a proud partner of APTA, and the positive impact the 2 organizations have had on each other,” said AAOMPT President Jim Rivard, PT, DMT, MOMT, a board-certified clinical specialist in orthopaedic physical therapy. “Beyond the added strength for professional and political challenges, this new partnership agreement will assist in our focus on the hard work of elevating physical therapy patient care through fellowship training and clinical mentoring.”

AAOMPT is a national organization committed to excellence in Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy practice, education, and research.

The American Physical Therapy Association represents more than 100,000 physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students of physical therapy nationwide. Visit MoveForwardPT.com to learn more about the types of conditions physical therapists treat and find a physical therapist in your area.

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