APTA and the American College of Sports Medicine Formalize New Partnership

ALEXANDRIA, VA, February 4, 2019 — The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) has partnered with the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), under the 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.

This is not the first time the 2 organizations have worked together. In signing this newly minted memorandum of understanding, APTA and ACSM seek to build on existing collaboration to advance their missions and the health of communities and individuals through movement, physical activity, and exercise. APTA and ACSM also hope to work jointly on advocacy efforts as well as to incorporate elements and expand participation of both groups in each other's events and initiatives.

"I am so pleased we were able to formalize our already productive and positive relationship with ACSM," said APTA CEO Justin Moore, PT, DPT. "APTA is committed to promoting health and wellness for all, and to do that it is important for likeminded organizations, such as APTA and ACSM, to combine resources and work together. Both organizations are founded in helping individuals live their best lives, and this partnership will help us better achieve our goals."

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ACSM is an individual membership professional organization representing more than 50,000 physicians, scientists, researchers, educators, exercise professionals, and other professions in the fields of sports medicine and exercise science. ACSM’s mission is to advance and integrate scientific research to provide educational and practical applications of exercise science and sports medicine.

“The American Physical Therapy Association is a recognized leader in promoting recovery, health, and wellness,” said ACSM EVP and CEO Jim Whitehead. “Our two organizations have a shared vision to improve lives through exercise and healthy lifestyles, so this partnership will open the door to tremendous opportunities that wouldn’t be possible otherwise. We can’t wait to get moving.”

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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