PHYSICAL THERAPY CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS HIGHLIGHTS LATEST ADVANCEMENTS IN PROFESSION

Barefoot Running, PT’s Role in Disaster Relief, Keeping Pitchers in the Game Among Hundreds of Sessions

ALEXANDRIA, VA, February 4, 2011 — The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) in conjunction with its 18 specialty sections will hold its Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) February 9-12 in New Orleans. An expected 9,000 physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students of physical therapy from around the country will converge at the Ernest Morial Convention Center and the Hilton Riverside Hotel for five days of exciting programming and networking opportunities.

“The CSM conference offers physical therapists and physical therapist assistants many exciting and engaging ways to advance their knowledge and skills, which in turn will be of extraordinary benefit to the patients they serve,” said APTA President Scott R. Ward, PT, PhD. “Movement is crucial to daily life, whether we are a baby boomer who wants to stay active, an athlete who has been injured or wants to prevent injury, a wounded soldier, an individual injured in a natural disaster, a senior who has mobility concerns, or an infant with developmental disabilities. Our primary goal is to empower the individual to improve or regain his or her quality of life through improved and restored mobility.”

Session highlights include:

- The Role of Physical Therapy in Disaster Relief: Lessons Learned after Katrina and Haiti - Thursday, February 10, 10:30 am-12:15 pm
- Barefoot Running: So Easy a Caveman Did It! - Thursday, February 10, 2:30 pm-4:15 pm
- Breast Cancer Physical Restoration Using the Pilates Method - Friday, February 11, 8 am-10:45 am
- Using Group and Individual Aquatic Therapy to Treat Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders - Friday, February 11, 4 pm-6 pm
- Keeping the Pitcher in the Game - Saturday, February 12, 8 am-10:45 am
- Wiihhab in Action: Improving Quality of Life and Participation in Individuals with Lifelong Disabilities - Saturday, February 12, 3 pm-4:30 pm

In addition, the meeting will showcase more than 550 exhibitors, displaying state-of-the-art physical therapy products and services.

APTA sections represented at CSM are: Acute Care, Aquatic Physical Therapy, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary, Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management, Education, Geriatrics, Hand Rehabilitation, Health Policy and Administration, Home Health, Neurology, Oncology, Orthopaedics, Pediatrics, Private Practice, Research, Sports Physical Therapy, Veteran’s Affairs, and Women’s Health. For more information on the Combined Sections Meeting, visit www.apta.org/csm.

Note: The physical therapist profession ranks as one of the nation’s “top jobs” in terms of growth and demand.

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The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) represents more than 77,000 physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students of physical therapy nationwide. Learn more about conditions physical therapists can treat, and how to find a physical therapist in your area. You are encouraged to follow us on Twitter (@moveforwardpt) and Facebook.

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