

## **Appendix A**

### **TOTAL JOINT REPLACEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP of the Academy of Acute Care Physical Therapy-APTA RULES OF ORDER**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL JOINT REPLACEMENT SIG**

The mission of the Total Joint Replacement SIG is to provide members of the AACPT the opportunity to network and improve the quality of care provided to patients who have a TJR.

### **VISION STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL JOINT REPLACEMENT SIG**

It is the overall goal of the Total Joint Replacement SIG to have a positive impact on the care and treatment of patients with total joint replacement. The number of patients having elective joint replacement surgery will increase to over 400,000 in the year 2012. Our initial rehabilitation with these patients occurs in the acute care setting and we, as specialists, have the responsibility to establish a solid foundation for their recovery. The improvement of surgical techniques, implants and skill of physicians drives us as professionals to keep pace with our professionalism and skills.

## **SECTION II RULES OF ORDER**

### **ARTICLE I. NAME AND RELATIONSHIP TO AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION**

Section 1: The Total Joint Replacement Special Interest Group (hereinafter referred to as the "SIG") shall be a Special Interest Group of the Academy of Acute Care Physical Therapy (hereinafter referred to as the Section) of the American Physical Therapy Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

### **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the SIG shall be to provide a means by which Section members having a common interest in the rehabilitation of patients with total joint replacement in acute care clinical practice may meet, confer, and promote these interests.

### **ARTICLE III. OBJECTIVES**

The functions of the SIG shall include those of the Association as well as to:

- A. Promote the interest of Section members and potential Association members in total joint replacement clinical practice.
- B. Discuss the scope of practice regarding total joint replacement in the acute care setting.
- C. Promote the development and improvement of acute care physical therapy practice, education and research relative to total joint arthroplasty.
- D. Represent the interests of Physical Therapy clinicians in joint arthroplasty clinical practice to the decision-making bodies of the Association.
- E. Provide opportunities to exchange information on rehabilitation of total joint arthroplasty between clinicians.
- F. Promote such services that will further the stated purpose of the Section

### **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1: Categories and Qualifications of Members**

The SIG membership categories and qualifications for Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist, Post Professional Student, Student Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant, and Student Physical Therapist Assistant shall be the same as those of the Association.

#### **Section 2: Rights and Privileges of Members**

The rights and privileges of the Section's SIG members shall be identical to those established in the Section's Bylaws.

**Section 3: Application for and Admission to SIG**

Written requests by Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, Life Physical Therapists, Life Physical Therapist Assistants, Retired Physical Therapists, Retired Physical Therapist Assistants, Physical Therapist-Post Professional Students, Student Physical Therapists, and Student Physical Therapist Assistant members in good standing in the Association and the Section shall constitute application for and admission to SIG.

**Section 4: Good Standing**

An individual member is in good standing within the meaning of these rules of order if the member is in good standing in the Association and the Section.

**Section 5: Disciplinary Action**

A. Any member of the Section who is suspended by the Association shall have his or her membership privileges suspended in the SIG. Any member of the SIG who is expelled from membership in the Association shall be expelled from SIG membership.

B. Any member of the SIG who fails to make timely payment of required Section dues shall be expelled from SIG membership.

**Section 6: Reinstatement**

Any former member of the Section who is in good standing in the Association may be reinstated to membership in the Section SIG by payment of the required Section dues.

**ARTICLE V. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**Section 1: Special Interest Group in Relation to the Association And Sections**

A. The special interest group shall:

1. Operate under rules of order that shall not be inconsistent with Section or Association rules of order and that shall be approved by the Section Board of Directors.

B. A special interest group of the Section may be established and/or dissolved in accordance with the rules and conditions specified by the Section's Policy and Procedure Manual.

**Section 2: Limitations**

Special interest groups are subject to the following limitations:

A. Bylaws and policies of the Association and the Section.

B. No special interest group shall profess or imply that it speaks for or represents the Section or members other than those currently holding membership in the interest group unless authorized by the Section's governing body.

**ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATION**

**Section 1: Annual Meeting**

A. The Annual SIG Meeting will be held at the time and place of the Combined Sections Meeting, if one is held.

**Section 2: Communication**

A. The SIG will provide a medium for communication and collaboration among members. This may be, but is not limited to, an email or similar platform that fosters accessible and collegial communication among members.

**ARTICLE VII. LEADERSHIP**

**Section 1: Officers: Rights, Duties, and Responsibilities**

A. **Chairperson:** The SIG Chairperson shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Listserv and the addition and deletion of members from the SIG. The SIG Chair will also communicate with the Section regarding its activities and direction.

- B. Assistant Chairperson: The SIG Assistant Chairperson shall also be a moderator of the Listserv and assume the duties of the Chairperson in their absence for meetings, activities and direction.
- C. Secretary: The Secretary shall also be a moderator of the Listserv and be responsible for maintenance of communications related to the SIG as directed by the Chairperson or Assistant Chairperson.

## **ARTICLE VIII. FINANCE**

### **Section 1: Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the SIG shall be the same as that of the Section and the Association.

### **Section 2: Limitation on Expenditures**

No officer, employee, or committee shall expend any money not provided in the budget as adopted, or spend any money in excess of the budget allotment, except by order of the Section's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall not commit the Section to any financial obligation in excess of its current financial resources.

### **Section 3: Dues**

- A. No dues shall be charged for membership in the SIG.
- B. Any monies collected by or donated to the SIG shall be turned over to the Section Treasurer.
- C. Any monies collected by or donated to the SIG can be used for resources related to the maintenance or function, or educational resources by direction of the Section relative to the SIG.

## **ARTICLE IX. ASSOCIATION AS HIGHER AUTHORITY**

In addition to these SIG rules of order, the SIG is governed by the Section and Association's bylaws and standing rules.

## **ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF THE SIG**

- A. In the event that the SIG is not in operating in the best interests of the Section, as determined by the Board of Directors, the Section may choose to vote of the dissolution of the SIG. The leadership shall provide the Board with an explanation of the activities and direction of the SIG prior to their vote and if the Board is not satisfied with the operations of the SIG, they may vote for dissolution.

[Approved by Section Board of Directors 2/10/11.]