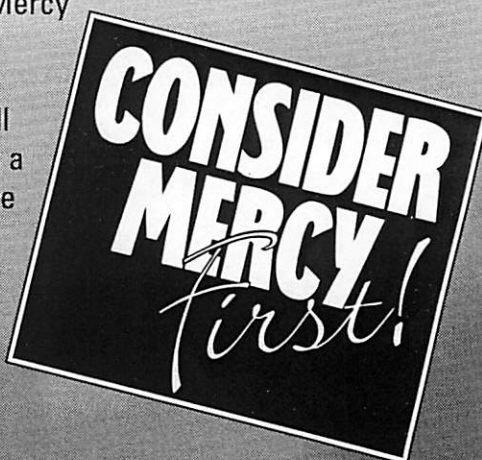


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DATELINE

Submissions to Dateline should be sent to the IPTA Chapter Office. Inclusions in the calendar are as space permits and are at the discretion of the editor with priority given to IPTA events.

OCTOBER, 1996

- 2 Chicago Area Clinical Educators Forum
Topic: APTA Clinical Education Consensus Conference - What is the Future of Clinical Education?
Speakers: Christine Deans, Sally Edelsberg
3:30 - 5:00
Location: Rush-Pres-St. Luke's Medical Center
Contact: Don Straube 312/996-3700 or
Sylvia Tkaltch 312/388-7336

- 3/5 IPTA Fall Conference and Representative Assembly
Beyond Bouyancy: Aquatic Physical Therapy Treatment Techniques, Virginia Girten, PT
Sports Medicine Update, Steven Tippet, SCS, ATC
Meeting the Challenges of Clinical Education in a Managed Care Environment, Michael Burcham, MBA, PT
Wyndham-Hamilton Hotel
Itasca, IL

- 4/5 Scandinavian Exercise Therapy Course Series
Evaluation and Treatment of the Thoracic and Lumbosacral Spine
Bjorn Svendsen, DrPH, PT
Presented by: Memorial Hospital of South Bend
Contact: Gwen Copeland 219/284-6576

- 8 Physical Therapy Study Group
Topic: Shoulder Impingement Rehabilitation
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Associated Orthopedic Surgery Group, Peoria, IL
Contact: Johanna Orth 309/682-2239

- 8 DuPage Orthopaedic Study Group
Topic: Roling: Theory and Practice
Speaker: Barbara Drummond PT/Certified Rolfer
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
The Physical Performance Place, Oak Brook Terrace
Contact: Michael Kett at 630/810-0785

- 10/12 Eighth Annual Neurorehabilitation Program: A component of Symposium 1996
Wholistic Therapies: Exploring the New Frontier
Speaker: David T. Malin, MsT, PT
New Concepts on Brain Function, Deficits and Implications for Treatment
Speaker: Josephine C. Moore, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
Location: Swissotel, Chicago, IL
Sponsored by: Chicago Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroresearch
Contact: CINN 312/388-7700

- 24/26 NARA Annual Conference: Creative solutions to Ensure Future Success for Rehabilitation Agencies
Hyatt Regency Union Station
St. Louis, MO
Contact: NARA at 703/437-4377

NOVEMBER, 1996

- 1/2 Work Environment Analyses for the Experienced OT and PT
Speakers: Washington University OT Faculty, Susan Hallbeck, Dennis Hart, Susan Isernhagen
Sponsored and held at: Washington University School of Medicine Program in Occupational Therapy, St Louis, MO
Contact: Jayne B. Lux 314/286-1614

- 6 Eastern District Meeting
Evanston Hospital
6:00 Refreshments - 6:30 Business Meeting
7:30 Program: Women's Issues: Lymphedema
Presented by: Maria Sobel and Guest Speakers
Contact: Cindy Weinstein at 847/570-2135 or
Danielle McGraw at 708/795-3134.

- 6 Chicago Area Clinical Educators Forum
Topic: Current Learning Theory and its Application in Clinical Education
Speaker: Ken Bain, PhD, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University
3:30 - 5:00
Location: Evanston Hospital
Contact: Don Straube 312/996-3700 or
Sylvia Tkaltch 312/388-7336

- 12 Northern District Meeting, 7:30 pm
Lake Forest Hospital
Lake Forest, IL 234-6134
Contact: Jim Dayhuff, Chair 847/578-8696 or
Anita Davidson, Sec/Treas 847/234-6134

- 12 DuPage Orthopaedic Study Group
Topic: Trigger Point Therapy for the Low Back
Speaker: Michele Montgemery PTA/Massage Therapist
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
The Physical Performance Place, Oak Brook Terrace
Contact: Michael Kett at 630/810-0785

- 16 Western District Meeting*
10:00 am in Peoria
Contact Al Tomasko for further information 309/343-5905
Note: This date is changed from the originally planned November 9th meeting.

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HB3186 (PA89-486): Authorizes Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Board to offer optional family plans & establish separate premium rates for the plans. Restricts coverage to qualified family members. Deductibles and coinsurance amounts shall be established by the Board.

HB3227 (PA89-594): Amends many Acts. Religious persons who rely on prayer alone for healing are exempt from certain requirements to be a licensed nursing home administrator. Makes other changes.

HB3238 (PA-89-530): Allows for 3 congregate living arrangement demonstration projects, which must comply with state guidelines; they do not have to be licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act. Makes other changes.

HB3309 (PA89-516): Creates a Freestanding Emergency Center (FEC) demonstration project. Adds \$100 fines onto various criminal convictions (firearms, drug-related, etc.).

proceeds to the Trauma Center Fund. The bill also repeals a section of the Health Facilities Planning Act that denies applications to establishment of new expanded acute chronic mental health unit in a planning area where Board has already determined a surplus.

HB3618 (PA89-607): Re-codifies Good Samaritan immunity provisions into one specific Act for easier reference. Includes cross-references. Does not expand immunity to new groups.

SB1246 (PA89-514): Permits women, for health insurance coverage, to select as their primary health care provider an obstetrician-gynecologist.

SB1543 (PA89-673): Managed health care entities contracting for health care services with the Public Aide Department (DPA) shall have on their ID card a 24-hour phone number for emergencies, the phone number for emergencies, the phone number to be staffed by LPN's or RN's. DPA may recover overpayments by any legal means, even if a DPA error. Removes the mandate that DPA issue a list of doctors' ID codes to pharmacies that provide drugs to recipients; reimbursement forms must contain prescriber's name or ID.

SB1544 (PA89-674): Amends Health Care Worker Background Check Act: requires educational entities for nursing aides to: conduct UCIA check; re-defines use of "direct care"; exempts certain students in a licensed health care field; shortens waiver period; Makes other changes.

Geriatric Resource Group Forms

A new type of group for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants is being formed here in Illinois. **Bill Healey, MS, PT, GCS**, Northwestern University; **Sandy Levi, PhD, PT**, University of Illinois at Chicago; and **Naomi Pollack, MS, PT, GCS**, Evanston Hospital came together to form a resource group for therapists and assistants interested in the needs of geriatric patients. The proposed mission of the Geriatric Resource Group is to promote education and access for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to resources within and outside the physical therapy profession to enhance physical therapy care for older adults. The inaugural meeting of the group was held on September 25, 1996 with **Jules Rothstein, PhD, PT, FAPTA**, presenting "Muscle Changes with Age". For further information, please contact Sandy Levi at 312/996-1503.

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Who Should Join?

It is essential for any therapist, assistant, or student involved with aging clients to stay current in the field of geriatric physical therapy. You should join if you:

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- Develop and/or implement programs involving the aging adult;
- Are a student desiring current information in the field of geriatric physical therapy.

Resources Available

The Geriatric Section publishes two resources for its members. **Issues on Aging** is a biannual refereed journal and **GeriNotes** is a quarterly newsletter. Consumer information is also available on their web site. You can access the Geriatric Section's website through APTA's home page or can contact APTA for more information. Call 800/999-2782, S-3237.



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Traumatic Brain Injury Act Signed Into Law by the President

On July 29th, President Clinton signed H.R. 248, the Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996, into law. This legislation, which was sponsored by Representative Jim Greenwood (R-PA) and Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ), breezed through the House of Representative and the Senate with the full support of the APTA. The purpose of this legislation is to expand efforts to identify methods of preventing traumatic brain injury; expand biomedical research efforts to prevent or minimize the severity of dysfunction as a result of such an injury; and to improve the delivery and quality of services through State demonstration projects.

A similar provision was part of S. 555, the Health Professions Education Consolidation and Reauthorization Act of 1995. Due to some disagreement, S. 555 had stalled; however, the importance of this legislation allowed it to pass as a stand alone bill.

Traumatic brain injury has become the number one killer and cause of disability among young people in the United States. An estimated 1.9 million Americans experience traumatic brain injury every year. Some 52,000 people die as a result of their injuries. Over 90,000 people sustain severe brain injuries leading to irreversible debilitating loss of function. The direct medical costs for treatment of traumatic brain injury has been estimated at more than \$4 billion annually.

APTA backed the passage of this bill through the House of Representatives and Senate and urged the President to sign this important piece of legislation. It is Representative Jim Greenwood's statement on the floor of the House during consideration of H.R. 248 which best summarizes the purpose of this newly signed law:

"Our challenge now is to develop in-home residential and long-term care facilities where those recovering from head injury can receive physical therapy, occupational therapy, and cognitive rehabilitation so the, whenever possible, they may resume their place at home with their loved ones."

Eastern District Challenge '96-'97

The Eastern District Membership Committee is establishing a contest to see which facility can bring the most P.T.'s / P.T.A.'s to our meetings. The winner will be announced at the June pre-conference meeting. Also, we are developing an "adopt-a-student" program. Therapists will be matched up with P.T./P.T.A. students and help provide transportation to IPTA meetings.

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Legislative Update

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Close State House Races Elections

The following lists most of the races deciding who will control the State House.

35th: Jack O'Connor (R-Palos Heights) v. Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest)

Southwest Suburbs/Cook County: The closest race in 1994, O'Connor won this seat by less than 20 votes. Among other interests, O'Connor owns car dealerships; Crotty is a capital development; director for a not-for-profit agency for special education programs for suburban schools. She's also a former school board president and a Kiwanis club member. The district is considered Republican Dominant.

37th: John Doody (R-Homewood) v. Kevin McCarthy (D-Orland Park)

Southwest Cook County: Doody was appointed to replace the GOP freshman who won a tight race in 1994 (539 votes). Doody, an attorney (primarily in real estate), was then Mayor of Homewood. McCarthy, a former school teacher, is now a sales representative for an educational supply company. He is also very active - as school board president - with St. Michael's church, one of the most influential Catholic churches in the area. While the district is considered GOP dominant, it has been shifting to the Democrats. Education funding will be the biggest issue in this district.

38th: Renee Kosel (R-New Lenox) v. Lois Mayer (D-Mokena)

Southwest Cook County/Portions of Will: Nine-year incumbent Larry Wennlund (R-New Lenox) dropped out of the race in early July and Kosel was then slated. Wennlund beat Mayer 55%-45% in a hot race. While the district is solidly GOP, Mayer is a former employee of the Will County State's Attorney's office and is now an administrator for the Cook County Courts. With Kosel entering the race so late with little time to raise funds, this could prove to be a close race.

House 79th: Marving Lyzenga (R-Lansing) v. Michael Giglio (D-Lansing)

Southwest suburbs: Incumbent Rep. Bill Balthis (R) is retiring after his third term, leaving this an open seat. The district is considered GOP dominant, but demographics are shifting. Lyzenga currently holds three jobs, one of which is a pool supplies salesman. He is also a new member of the Lansing Village Board. Michael Giglio is the son of former Rep., Frank Giglio of the adjacent district #29. (The father Giglio ran for Congress in 1994 and lost.) Democrats are very hopeful; Republicans consider this a "must hold."

80th: Flora Ciarlo (R-Steger) v. George Scully (D-Flossmoor)

South Suburbs: The 7th closest race in 1994, freshman Rep. Ciarlo beat a one-term Dem incumbent 52%-48%. The district is GOP Competitive, but is demographically shifting. Ciarlo works with the Bloom Township High School District, has a background in education, is a widow and the mother of three daughters. She is also a tireless campaigner. Her opponent Scully, is a Flossmore attorney who was very active in a property tax referendum drive for a local grammar school.

100th: Gwenn Klingler (R-Springfield) v. Marvlow Lowder Kent (D-Springfield)

Springfield Area: Klingler beat Kent, who entered the 1994 race late, 52%-48%. Kent, an attorney from a prominent Springfield family, used to work for the Illinois State Bar Association. Klingler has sponsored some profile legislation during her term, including the child molester notification bill. Klingler has a sound reputation as a good attorney, and is married with three children. The district leans Republican.

House 107th: John Jones (R-Mt. Vernon) v. Joe Bob Pierce (D-Mt. Vernon)

Southeast Illinois: In the 6th closest race in 1994, Jones beat a twelve-year incumbent by only 764 votes. The 107th, considered GOP Competitive, has many swing voters. A successful small businessman, Jones is a truck driver and owner of Jones Tank Truck Service; he is evidently "well-loved" in the district and has a strong relationship with state Sen. William O'Daniel (D-53) of the district. Pierce is a retired Baptist preacher and a union electrician who once worked for US Senator Paul Simon. Simon already made an appearance on behalf of Pierce in the primary.

House 115th: Mike Bost (R-Murphysboro) b. John Rendleman (D-Carbondale)

Southern Illinois: Freshman Bost in a Democrat Competitive district beat the 1994 Dem incumbent by 12 points. Bost, while probably the biggest Dem target outside the Chicago area, has been showing strong polling numbers. The 115th has had the highest unemployment rate in Illinois for ten years. Rendleman is the son of a former SIU President and grandson of a former state's attorney.

Final Summary of New Laws From 1996 Spring Session

The following lists most of health-care related State legislation that recently became law.

HB22 (PA89-506): Creates Excellence in Academic Medicine Act, providing incentives to increase private & federal funding for biomedical research. Also creates Task Force on Human Services Consolidation.

HB2533 (PA89-525): Makes permanent a pilot program for long-term care health insurance partnerships, to be administered by the Departments of Aging, Insurance, and Public Aid.

HB2557 (PA89-513): Requires health care maternity coverage for 48/96 hour minimums following vaginal/cesarean deliveries, respectively. If home care is provided, in-patient care is not required unless a physician does.

HB2564 (PA89-476): Requires the Department of Public Health to make available to the public information concerning symptoms & treatment of sarcoidosis.

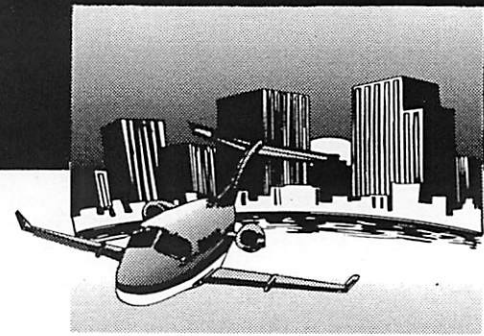
HB2632 (PA89-507): Creates Human Services Department, a consolidation of the Departments of Alcohol & Substance Abuse, Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities, & Rehabilitation Services; consolidates parts of the Departments of Public Health, Public Aid, & Children & Family Services.

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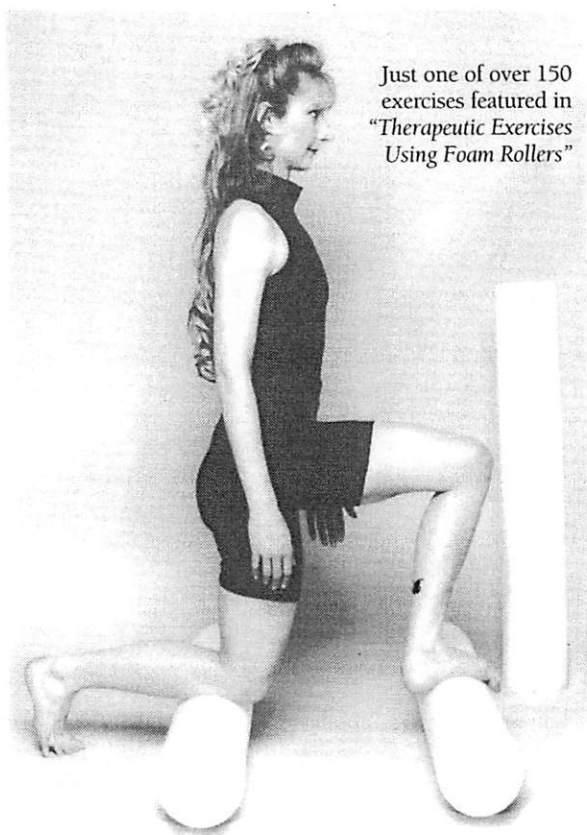
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PT Month and the Miami/ Marquette Challenge

The University of Illinois at Chicago physical therapy students are planning activities to support both PT Month and the Miami/Marquette Challenge. On October 26, 1996, the group will be hosting a Volleyball Tournament to raise funds for the Foundation for Physical Therapy. The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization which was set up in 1970 to provide financial assistance to further scientific research and advance the art and science of physical therapy. In 1989, Marquette University of Milwaukee, Wisconsin challenged all other PT programs to raise the most money for the Foundation. Since then, \$188,000 has been generated through the University of Miami-Marquette Challenge for this dynamic and proactive cause. More than 500 research papers have been published in professional journals as a result of Foundation funded research.

The "Sandy Phalanges" Indoor Sand Volleyball Tournament will be held on October 26, 1996 between 10:30 and 5:30 pm at the North Avenue Beach Bar in Chicago. The tournament is a 4 on 4 co-ed indoor sand volleyball tournament and is held to increase public awareness of the benefits of physical therapy, provide a community fitness opportunity, as well as support the Foundation. This year's participants include teams of physical therapists and students from the Chicagoland medical community such as University of Illinois Hospital, Illinois Masonic Medical Center, the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center, Midwestern University, Northwestern University and Northern University. Anyone interested in participating should contact Angie at the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Illinois at Chicago - 312/996-7783.

For October's Physical Therapy Month the students are participating in a joint effort with the University of Illinois Medical Center to educate local high school students about physical fitness, trauma prevention and general wellness. Their plan is to send a practicing PT with two students to various high schools to discuss these topics.

October is PT Month

Since 1981, physical therapists have set aside October to celebrate their profession and educate the public about physical therapy. This year's celebration is particularly meaningful as the profession celebrates its 75th anniversary.

This year's theme for National Physical Therapy Month is **Healing the Generations**. This theme refers not only to the 75 years that physical therapy has been in existence, but also to the age range of people - spanning several generations - who benefit from physical therapy.

PT Priority is interested in hearing about the many ways facilities and therapists celebrate PT Month in Illinois. Articles and pictures can be submitted to the IPTA Chapter Office.

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Announces Paralympic Results

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's (RIC) 14 Paralympic athletes brought home two gold, three silver and two bronze medals from the Atlanta games. RIC's Wirtz Sports Program had more representatives in the Paralympics than any other program in the country.

- Track: Linda Mastandrea (Elmhurst) won a gold medal in the 200 meter dash and a silver medal in the 100 meter dash.
- Quad Rugby: Bill Renje (Tinley Park) and the U.S. Team were undefeated in all their matches, inning a gold medal in the final game against Canada.
- Swimming: Stephanie Brooks (Algonquin) and the U.S. Team won the silver medal in the 4 x 50 freestyle relay. At 15, Stephanie was the youngest member of the U.S. Swim Team.
- Tennis: Hope Lewellen (Palos Park) and her partner won a silver medal in women's doubles.
- Track: Sheila O'Neil (Libertyville) won a bronze medal in the 100 meter dash and took fourth in the 200 meter dash.
- Field Events: Tom Becke (Indiana) Placed fourth in discus, fifth in shotput and seventh in javelin. This was his fourth Paralympics.
- Boccia: Kenny Johnson (Chicago) and the U.S. Team won two out of five games but did not advance to medal rounds.
- Powerlifting: Normez Schulz (Chicago) placed 10th in the 56K weight class.
- Sitting Volleyball: Lloyd Bachrach, (Chicago) Tracey Lange, (Wisconsin) Paul Moran (Chicago) and Kurt Smith (Elmhurst) of the U.S. Team placed 11th in the tournament.
- Wheelchair Fencing: Ella Chafee (Oak Lawn) and Kathleen Winter (Chicago) each won several matches but did not advance to final rounds.

Correction

The address and phone number for Betsy Voyles were incorrectly given in the August Issue's column "Up Close and Personal". We apologize for the error. The correct information is:

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Executive Committee Message

Sandy Levi, PhD, PT
Secretary

As I look out into my backyard, the leaves on the trees are turning glorious colors. Soon they will fall to the ground. I enjoy the greenness of summer and the privacy afforded me by the density of the vegetation. I also look forward to the starkness that comes with the departure of the last leaf. For then I have an expansive view of my neighborhood, the passing of trains, the main thoroughfares and shops in the distance. It gives me an overview of my community.

During our fall Chapter Meeting, our entire membership will have the opportunity to discuss physical therapist/physical therapist assistant relationships. We will address our alliances both within our professional association and within practice. Now that the "density" of the activities of the 1996 APTA House of Delegates is behind us, the Illinois Chapter will take some time to look beyond individual realms of practice and examine the connections among all practitioners within physical therapy professions.

We will talk about the terms professional and paraprofessional. We will discuss full votes and half-votes. How supervision and individual judgement should be balanced.

We will chart our future professional roles. This is a process that is not only enhanced, but truly requires, conversations among all members of the physical therapy community. Please look beyond your own backyard of practice; please take the time to survey where we are as a profession; and please invest some of your talent in planning a bright future for us all.

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More Than Three Hundred Physical Therapists Receive Specialist Certification

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To obtain certification, candidates must demonstrate specialized knowledge and advanced clinical proficiency in one of the following areas of physical therapy practice: Cardiopulmonary, Clinical Electrophysiology, Geriatrics, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Pediatrics, and Sports. Candidates must submit evidence of required clinical practice in the specialty area and successfully complete a rigorous written examination. The certificate is valid for 10 years. At the end of this period, the candidate must apply for recertification.

The specialist certification program began in 1985. To date, the board has recognized 1,723 certified clinical specialists and has recently instituted a touch-screen electronic testing system, which allows candidates to complete the written examination on computer at more than 140 locations across the country.

The ABPTS, an appointed group of the APTA, has the responsibility for overseeing the physical therapy clinical specialist certification program. The Board awards certificates to physical therapists meeting approved requirements. The mission of the ABPTS is to enhance public health by ensuring clinical excellence in physical therapy practice through credentialing clinical specialists.

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Graduate Students	9
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Total	2,698

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What is the Section on Geriatrics?

Geriatric Physical Therapy

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1. Providing the membership with current information relating to the changing health care system and its impact on the aging client and the therapist's practice;
2. Contributing to the professional growth of geriatric physical therapy through education and research;
3. Supporting specialization in geriatrics;
4. Keeping members informed of current research findings as well as issues vital to the specialty;
5. Facilitating interaction between political interests, professional groups and PTs;
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