



Neurology SIG Update

Hello Neuro SIG Members!

The Neuro SIG officers are sending this message to update you on events and activities planned for the remainder of 2020. We have a passion for growing our professional involvement and within that, we wanted to take the time to talk about some exciting things coming up within our SIG.

2020 PPTA MovePA Annual Conference

As you may be aware, the 2020 PPTA MovePA Annual Conference will be held virtually this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. While the details of this event are to be determined, we are able to announce that due to the COVID-19 circumstances, the Neuro SIG will not be offering any specific Sunday morning programming this year. However, we do anticipate that there will be other exciting neurologic rehab focused opportunities as part of the programming for the general conference. In addition, we still plan to hold a virtual membership meeting for our SIG members around the same time as the virtual conference. The exact date and time are to be determined. Please be on the lookout for correspondence from the Chapter office for these updates.

Upcoming Neuro SIG Webinars

As many of you know, the Neuro SIG hosts webinars throughout the year that are free of charge for Neuro SIG members. Here are the details of what we have scheduled to date. Stay tuned for further updates and registration details.

Webinar 1: The Use of Shaping Principles to Increase Repetitions and Improve Outcomes During Physical Therapy Intervention | *1 General Contact Hour*

Presenter: Beth Gustafson, PT, DHSc, MEd

Date/Time: July 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

[Register Today!](#)

Webinar 2: A Parent & Caregiver Perspective from the Mother of a TBI Survivor

Presenter: Marie Beattie

Date/Time: Sept. 30, 2020, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | **AWAITING CONFIRMATION**

Other Learning Opportunities: Topics In NeuroRehabilitation

Description: In recognition of Stroke Awareness Month, ReWalk Robotics launched a new weekly web series, called Topics in NeuroRehabilitation. The series highlights leaders and experts who present on a variety of topics, including neuroplasticity, gait rehabilitation, and advanced technologies. [Review the full series.](#)

2020 Neuro SIG Award: Deadline July 15

We are currently seeking nominations for the Neuro SIG Award of Excellence, which will be presented at the PPTA 2020 Virtual MovePA Annual Conference. The award recognizes a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who is a member of the APTA/PPTA and has made meaningful contributions to physical therapy at the individual, chapter, or national level in the practice area supported by the SIG. The contributions can be in any of the following areas:

- Excellence in patient care or clinical practice
- Excellence in education or research
- Community advocacy

Do you know someone who should be a recipient of this prestigious award? Show your colleagues that you've noticed how hard they've worked & nominate them today! You can access the nomination form and find out more details on [our home page](#).

Research Highlights:

This year the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy (ANPT) announced the publication of 2 new Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs). You can access their links below.

- [Locomotion CPG](#)
- [Concussion CPG](#)

COVID and Neurological Implications:

As we learn more about the COVID virus and having these individuals needing therapeutic services - Panagiotis Gklinos describes how COVID-19 impacts the central nervous system based on the current available research. [Access and review the article for free.](#)

If you have additional suggestions about topics for upcoming learning opportunities or other areas for improvement, please let us know! We want to hear from you as your input and participation is vital to help you get the most out of your membership. Remember to look out for the PPTA Weekly email that includes news, upcoming events, and registration links for meetings and contact hour sessions! Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the betterment of our profession!

All the best,

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