



STROKE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy

In this newsletter...

So many exciting things to cover!

- Welcome new Board Member, Ann O'Neil
- Stroke SIG Membership Meetings - join us
- ANPT Annual Conference - SEE YOU THERE - All Neuro
- AFO/FES New FACT SHEET - Awesome
- 2 new podcasts from Evidence Elevates
- Wow, did you hear? Seat elevators covered
- Do you know someone who does great work in Stroke!! Let us know



Why Dr. Oneil joined the ANPT Stroke SIG.

"I have always appreciated the role of the APTA as advocates of the profession as well as providing information to enhance practice. Over the past two years, I have been reflecting on how I can also contribute to my profession (COVID era provided a lot of time for self-reflection). I value my membership with the APTA since PT school and have promoted the benefits of membership to my co-workers. The most common answer I would receive was that membership was too expensive. I am interested in this position because I want to work as a team in finding solutions to encourage therapists (and recent graduates) to be an APTA member. The population I enjoy working with is the pediatric and neurological population, in particular post stroke. I have used the



Welcome new Stroke SIG Board member, Ann O'Neill

Dr. O'Neil will be a part of our Nominating Committee and be with us for 3 years. We look forward to working with her.

She may be reaching out to you in the future to join our team!!

Dr. O'Neil comes to us with great experience in Stroke. She graduated from the University of Kentucky and became a Neurologic Clinical Specialist in 2022! She has worked in a variety of inpatient and outpatient neuro settings and has been an ANPT member for 10 years.

We are so excited for Ann to join our team!

references provided by the SIG when I was in the Neuro Residency Program and studying for the NCS. I am motivated to continue to promote this SIG with continuing to mentor and develop leaders in the PT profession. I have the excitement, organization skills, enjoy working as a team player, and would be delighted to help support the APTA as a member of a Nominating Committee."

STROKE SIG MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

We have many opportunities for our members to be as involved in the SIG as you wish.

Our meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of every OTHER month from 7:30-8:30 EST with the following dates for this year:

Thursday June 8th

Thursday August 10th

Thursday October 12th



Hello Stroke SIG Members,

The following link will be used for all meetings and will be provided in the Stroke Corner Newsletter and on the website. **The password for the meeting will be provided in a reminder email 3-4 days before each meeting.** Hope you can join us!! CHECK YOUR INBOX.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81922921004?pwd=RkFkUHVBWZ5ZTYyNXdlYkwyQ054QT09>

Meeting ID: 819 2292 1004

ACADEMY OF
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**3rd ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Registration Opens May 31st!

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2023
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

IN-PERSON
(INCLUDES ON-DEMAND CONTENT)

MID OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 30, 2023

ON-DEMAND

ANPT Conference Registration Opens May 31st!!

Registration for the 2023 ANPT Annual Conference **opens May 31st! New in 2023:** In-Person Conference registration **includes both** in-person and on-demand content. Learn more about the conference [here](#).

We are happy to announce the Keynote Speaker for the ANPT 3rd Annual Conference! Patrick Ford will share his experiences in his keynote address: 'The Power of Empathy: A Stroke Survivor's Journey as an Inclusive Clinician.' You can learn more about the speaker and keynote address [here](#).



NEW!! Patient Education Document

How an Ankle Foot Orthosis (AFO) or Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) Can Help to Improve Function after a Stroke

The AFO and FES Knowledge Translation Task Force is pleased to announce the release of a new patient fact sheet. The [fact sheet](#) helps people understand how an AFO or FES can help them, why they may want to consider an AFO or FES, and how to obtain them. The fact sheet also describes the importance of working with a physical therapist to get an AFO or FES.



EVIDENCE ELEVATES

Podcasts of the Educator Town Hall

[National Campaign- Evidence Elevates \(neuropt.org\)](https://neuropt.org)

You can find all of our resources here;

10 podcasts.

Handouts for strength of evidence, substitutions in practice.

Position papers.

And more.

[Episode 10: Part 1 – Moving Forward Task Force Educator Town Hall – Academy for Neurologic Physical Therapy Podcast \(neuropt.org\)](https://neuropt.org)

Tune in for intros and updates from four educators at various stages of changing curriculum. You will hear from Dr. Nora Fritz of Wayne State University, Dr. Kirsten Potter of Tufts University – Seattle, Dr. Patricia Kluding of University of Kansas Medical Center, and Dr. Heather Knight of Creighton University. These leaders discuss how to make change and the kinds of changes they are making to improve their programs.

[Episode 10: Part 2 – Moving Forward Task Force Educator Town Hall – Academy for Neurologic Physical Therapy Podcast \(neuropt.org\)](https://neuropt.org)

Part 2: Town Hall Q+A – This episode provides questions and answers and some great discussion from the Educator Town Hall. The group discusses specifics of how to make change, what kinds of changes they are championing at their institutions and how to help students navigate difficult situations during clinical experiences. This is important information for all educators and clinicians!

And here is a recording of the meeting https://neuropt.org/docs/default-source/evidence-elevates/full_recording_educators_town_hall_4_18_23.mp4?sfvrsn=af6f5a43_0

CMS Expands Coverage for Seat Elevation in Power Chairs!

Great news!!! CMS finds in this national coverage analysis that the evidence is sufficient to determine that power seat elevation equipment is reasonable and necessary for individuals using power wheelchairs when the coverage criteria are met. See the full decision [here](#).

The AT/SWM SIG would like to thank the ANPT and the APTA and everyone who supported and advocated for this important issue.



Recognize Greatness! Let us know!

Do you have a colleague who deserves to be recognized by their peers for their great work in stroke research? Now is the time to submit a nomination for the ANPT 2024 Awards!

<https://www.neuropt.org/about-us/awards/nomination2024>

STROKE Research Award

Award nominations are due by August 1st and winners will be recognized at the CSM 2024 in Boston!

contact us at strokesig@gmail.com



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