



Clinical Education News and Views

Faculty & Students Serve Baltimore at PTRS Service Learning Center

The PTRS Service Learning Center (SLC) provides a physical therapy care delivery system to the medically indigent and disadvantaged citizens of the Baltimore metropolitan area.

The center affords area clinicians and

Medicare Updates

The latest changes to the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual have been published. These changes will hopefully ease some of the burden felt by outpatient services relating to reimbursement, and may be found in Change Request 3648 published in May, 2005 and revised July 25, 2005. The following URL will take you directly to this Change Request for further information:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters/mmarticles/2005/MM3648.pdf>

Significant changes reflected in this update involve removal of physician visit requirement under certain conditions, initial certification of plan of care timing requirements, allowance of delayed certifications for plans of care, and changes to definitions of 'signature' to allow written, electronic or stamp signatures.

Further information on these changes, as well as all Medicare language, is available online at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_transR34BP.pdf

There is information on working within the Medicare structure available on the APTA's website under Advocacy, Federal Regulatory Affairs.

The APTA will offer a 2-hour live audio conference to discuss the recent changes for payment and practice. Please see the following URL for further details:

<http://www.apta.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=23677>

alumni the opportunity to serve as role models for the students by demonstrating how one can give something back to the Baltimore community.

Currently operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. in room 146 of the Allied Health Building, the SLC also offers the students enrolled in the entry-level DPT program access to patient care that is supervised and directed by a licensed physical therapist.

The center's director, Vincent Conroy, PT'90, DScPT '05, states, "We are still seeking patient referrals as well as area clinicians who may want to contribute to the project as clinical faculty members." Opportunities exist for short- or long-term commitments, as well as adjunct faculty appointments through the School of Medicine. If you would like to assist with patient care or you are interested in sending us a referral please contact Dr. Conroy at 410-706-4312 or leave a message with Joyce Johnson at 410-706-7721.

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might be?

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New Staff



Brian D. Smith
Program Manager

Joining us in June, Brian hails from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where his management skills have been put to the test by such varied and prestigious organizations as The Republican National Committee and The Miss America Organization. His administrative talents are a welcome addition to the Clinical Education team.

Tonas Kalil, PT, MGA
Instructor / ACCE



Among his many accomplishments, Tonas has worked as a consultant for the International Association of Firefighters and co-founded the Mid-Atlantic Burn Camp Fund, a non-profit organization which provides programs for burn-injured youth and their families. He plans to enter the DScPT program at Maryland in the fall.

Basic EKG Interpretation & Clinical Application A Free Continuing Education Course

This course will focus on a systematic method for the interpretation of cardiac rhythm strips that are commonly monitored throughout various areas of clinical practice. We will review how cardiac function relates to the electrical activity of the heart and analyze the most common arrhythmias experienced by patients and clients. We will discuss the clinical relevance for the rehabilitation therapist and how the skills of EKG interpretation should influence the clinician's decision when developing an intervention plan.

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27
5:30 – 7:30 PM

University of Maryland, School of Medicine
Department of Physical Therapy
and Rehabilitation Science
Allied Health Building
100 Penn Street, Room 219

Reunion Weekend

Receptions, games, and a free seminar are featured during the department's Reunion Weekend. This year's festivities will be held from Thursday, October 6th through Saturday, October 8th. Highlights will include a Friday night reception grouped by graduation decade and the popular "PT Playoffs", where teams of faculty, alumni, students, and allied health professionals from the community will compete in relay and trivia games for prizes and bragging rights.

This course meets the basic criteria of the Maryland State Board of Physical Therapy examiners for 8 contact hours, 0.8 continuing education units.

To register please contact Alyssa Menkes at 410-706-2299 or email at: amenkes@som.umaryland.edu

For more details on these or other department events, please contact Alyssa Menkes by phone at 410-706-2299 or via email at:

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