

Welcome Annie and Jeremy!

The WPTA is excited to announce a partnership with the lobbying firm of Martin Schreiber and Associates (MS&A) in Madison for lobbying services on state legislative issues and other matters. **Annie Early Reinhard** and **Jeremy Shepherd**, are assigned to WPTA as our primary lobbyists, and our association also has access to all employees within MS&A.



The WPTA views this partnership as a critical component to

ensuring progress with achieving the mission, vision, and strategic goals of the Association. **Kip Schick**, PT, DPT, MBA, President of the WPTA, comments, "The WPTA is impressed with Annie, Jeremy, and MS&A due to their experience and success with lobbying in Wisconsin, which includes their familiarity with lobbying on behalf of member associations. More specifically, MS&A has demonstrated success with legislative achievements, coalition building, and communicating effectively with stakeholders."



As part of the decision making process, the WPTA formed a search committee to consider lobbyists and make a recommendation to the WPTA Board of Directors. The search committee included **Karen Oshman**, CAE (Executive Director), **Kip Schick** (President), **Connie Kittleson**, PT, DPT, (Vice President), **Steve Johnson**, DPT, (Treasurer), **Brett Roberts**, MPT, (Legislative Chair) and **Lori Dominiczak**, PT, MS, (Medical Assistance Chair). The search committee invited specific lobbyists to respond to a request for proposal (RFP). After receiving these proposals, the WPTA interviewed four lobbying firms on October 4 and the WPTA Board of Directors selected MS&A on October 14.

The agreement between WPTA and MS&A began on October 17, 2011 and remains in effect through December 31, 2012. Both organizations have the option to extend the contract beyond 2012.

Annie Early Reinhard states, "Our team is honored to work with the WPTA and its members on issues that impact the physical therapy profession in Wisconsin. Our partnership ensures that the WPTA will continue to have a strong, influential voice in state government." **Jeremy Shepherd** adds that "the WPTA is an impressive organization and we look forward to a long-lasting relationship."

WPTA members will have the opportunity to meet Jeremy and Annie at Spring Conference in 2012!

Welcome!

President's Message



Kip Schick, PT, DPT, MBA

2011 was a busy and successful year for the WPTA!

In January 2011, the WPTA began providing component management services for the APTA Section on Geriatrics and we look forward to continuing this relationship for years to come.

The WPTA and its districts sponsored numerous continuing education events and provided many opportunities for networking. The WPTA recognized several award winners in April, and through the WPT Fund, many of our student members received scholarships that collectively totaled more than \$9,000.

Legislatively we started the year vigorously and successfully defending our scope of practice specific to spinal manipulation as a result of action initiated by the Wisconsin Chiropractic Association.

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Then in February the Governor proposed the biennial budget, which ultimately led to significant changes in the state's Medicaid program. As a result, Medicaid beneficiaries experienced coverage changes, thereby impacting their access and financial responsibility to services such as physical therapy.

For the first time in our Association's history, we received a seat on the State of Wisconsin Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. The Council advises the legislature and regulatory agencies on policy matters concerning the development and administration of the worker's compensation law.

The WPTA worked with numerous legislators and other stakeholders on legislation aimed to promote awareness of youth concussions in sports, and to ensure that physical therapists and other qualified health care professionals are able to manage these injuries and make return to play decisions. Legislation supported by the WPTA passed the Assembly, and the WPTA remains actively involved in the legislation in the Senate, which currently awaits action by the Committee on Public Health, Human Services and Revenue. The WPTA anticipates more activity in the Senate in January.

In August, we received news that **Jason Johns** took a position as the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the State of Wisconsin. In doing so, Jason ended his lobbying business and the WPTA had to identify new lobbyists. After a comprehensive search, the WPTA partnered with **Annie Early Reinhard** and **Jeremey Shepherd** (see page 1) who represent the firm of Martin Schreiber and Associates in Madison.

I am confident that 2012 will bring many opportunities for our Association and our members. Some of the anticipated highlights include: the introduction of our website using a mobile application, on-going emphasis and programming to support health and wellness through our Health and Wellness Task Force, continued work to pass legislation specific to the awareness and management of youth concussions in sports, consideration of changes to APTA policies and position statements on the use of support personnel through the APTA House of Delegates in June, continued work on governance review to make the APTA Board of Directors, House of Delegates, Chapters (i.e. WPTA), and Sections more efficient and responsive to member needs, WPTA Spring and Fall Conferences in Waukesha and Wisconsin Dells, and WPTA cosponsorship with Minnesota and the Section on Health Policy and Administration to offer a course on Leadership Development in Rochester, MN in September.

I sincerely appreciate your membership and involvement in our Association – thanks for all you do!

Happy New Year!

Kip



Jason Johns, Connie Kittleson and Kip Schick

Thanks to Jason Johns

In October, **Jason Johns** became the Deputy Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Veteran's Affairs. In taking this appointment, Jason was unable to continue serving as the lobbyist for the WPTA since he had to end his lobbying business.

Jason was recognized at the Fall Conference in the Wisconsin Dells in October for his contributions and effort to support the WPTA, its members and the physical therapy profession at large. The WPTA's successful legislative agenda over the past several years is due in large part to Jason's ability to work effectively with WPTA leaders and members, as well as numerous legislators and other stakeholders on a variety of issues, including (but certainly not limited to): physical therapy scope of practice, physical therapist assistant licensure, needle EMG, spinal manipulation, creation of the Physical Therapy Examining Board, youth concussions in sports, scope of practice and licensure issues with other professions, Medicaid and workers' compensation.

Although we are disappointed to be losing Jason's insight and talent, we wish Jason the best in his new role with the State of Wisconsin!

Submitted by **Kip Schick**, PT, DPT, MBA, President

Committee News

Legislative Action

Mark your calendars to plan on attending our annual Legislative Day on Wednesday March 7, 2012. (see page 19)

“Those who have changed the universe have never done it by changing officials, but always by inspiring the people.”

– Napoleon Bonaparte

I wonder if Napoleon spoke those words with a foresight of the recall elections that we've experienced over the course of the last year. Since the legislative session ended in November, there hasn't been much activity regarding legislative issues. With our legislators' time and efforts being thrust into a possible mid-term recall election, the legislative gears have down shifted temporarily. We expect the spring session (January to March) to normalize in regards to legislative issues and efforts.

While we will miss **Jason Johns** legislative support of our profession, we are excited about the opportunity to work with new lobbyists, **Annie Early Reinhard** and **Jeremey Shepherd** of MS&A. We look forward to utilizing their unique blend of government affairs and public relations in moving forth our current and future legislative agenda.

One final note, I'm looking to collect some insight on the current level of co-pays that your patients are required to pay to attend therapy. If this has been a barrier to accessing your services (i.e. a patient doesn't attend due to being financially limited), please email me at brett@robertstherapy.com with any concerns you may have. Kentucky has enacted legislation to address this issue and we are collecting data to determine if this is an issue that needs to be considered in Wisconsin.

Visit www.apta.org/Media/Releases/Legislative/2011/3/17 to read about the Kentucky legislation.

Submitted by **Brett Roberts**, MPT, Chair

Membership

The APTA and WPTA Keep Members "In the Know"

One of the best benefits of membership in the APTA and WPTA is staying abreast of current topics related to our profession. Whether it is related to research, public affairs, news articles, or legislation, there are membership resources available to you.

PT In Motion (formerly PT Magazine)

Published monthly to provide legislative, health care, human interest and association news. It also serves as a

forum for discussion of professional issues and ideas in physical therapy practice.

News Now

These updates come daily on APTA's website and in a weekly compiled newsletter email to keep members abreast of the current ways APTA is working for them, new practice tips, recent research, health care headlines and other relevant news for members. You can get these updates via a RSS feed.

PT Now

This resource is currently in beta version and is a new, members-only benefit. It is a clinician web portal that makes the best available evidence easy for you to digest and put into practice efficiently. It will also be a place to collaborate on difficult clinical problems when evidence is lacking. Knowledge is at your fingertips, accessible and practically organized for daily use. Check it out at www.ptnow.org.

APTA Social Media

APTA has an active presence on several social media platforms, helping you stay informed while providing the tools you need to inform others. Through social networking you can engage with other physical therapy professionals to advance your career, and you can take the physical therapy brand to consumers. Follow @MoveForwardPT, @APTATweets and @PTJournal on Twitter, become a fan on Facebook, subscribe to videos on YouTube and connect on LinkedIn.

WPTA Website

Check out the "Spotlight" area on the home page for current updates on legislation, upcoming events and other local Wisconsin physical therapy news. Another great resource is the "Reimbursement" tab where you can find reimbursement information relevant to your specific practice setting.

If you don't know what you're looking for, chances are you'll have a hard time finding it. Luckily, the APTA and WPTA have a diligent team working for you to keep you informed on the latest research, reimbursement changes, legislation and business practice information available. If you know of a piece of current news or legislation that will directly impact a colleague's practice, pass the word on, and be sure to let your peers know that your APTA membership is the reason you are "in the know."

Submitted by **Monique Serpas**, PT, DPT, Chair

Autonomous Practice

Over a decade ago, Vision 2020 was endorsed by the APTA as a strategy to enhance the role of physical therapists in the US health care landscape. Vision 2020 provides the following definition, "autonomous physical therapist practice is characterized by independent, self-determined, professional judgment and action." Physical therapists in private and hospital outpatient facilities enjoy an increased degree of autonomy due to progressive thinking and determined actions of Wisconsin therapists. WPTA members are nationally recognized for their efforts to achieve direct access privileges and embrace the concurrent increase in autonomy. Despite assertions by the APTA that autonomous practice is applicable to all practice settings, we struggle as a profession to understand the concept of professional autonomy in the acute care setting. Medical necessity, collaborative care, physician authority, hospital policy and regulatory standards are all cited as factors influencing autonomous decision making in the acute care setting. The WPTA and Autonomous Practice Committee aim to be leaders in the nation through a project to identify key components of autonomous physical therapy practice to the frontline acute care therapist. Our objective is to identify behaviors, abilities, and characteristics of acute care autonomous practice and develop a hospital practice model including autonomous practice. The Autonomous Practice Committee is looking for therapists who work in acute care settings in the state to be part of a focus group. The focus group will meet one time to identify key components that may be observed in the abilities and behaviors of a therapist who is practicing autonomously in the acute care setting. If you have any questions or are interested in participating in the focus group, please send an email to evan.nelson.dpt@gmail.com.

PT Members will soon be receiving a request to complete the Autonomous Practice Survey. This survey will provide valuable data about how autonomous practice is perceived by therapists and how it is influencing practice. Please take the time to complete the survey. It will provide the WPTA valuable information to properly allocate resources in a manner that best serves members and consumers in Wisconsin.

Submitted by **Evan Nelson**, PT, DPT, OCS, Chair

Research

Student Research Poster Session at Spring Conference

As many of you know, there is an Annual Student Research Poster session at our Spring Conference each year. This poster session provides a rich and exciting

opportunity to witness the scholarly development of physical therapy students from all of the Wisconsin academic programs. This year's conference location will allow for 28 posters within four broad categories: Basic Science, Clinical/Applied Science, Case Study/Reports and Literature Reviews.

Planning begins early, both on the part of the WPTA and on the faculty who support student learning and development through research. Here's a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes.

Each academic program (including PTA programs) is invited to advance a select number of student posters. The number of posters allowed per program is based on two factors: (1) student enrollment in that program and (2) the size of the poster space at the conference site. Each academic program institutes an internal peer-review process to select high quality abstracts to represent the program. This year these abstracts will be available for WPTA members to review online in advance of the conference.

The process leading up to this poster session represents a change from the process of the past. The revised process was piloted last year and supported by the WPTA Board of Directors late spring 2011. This change responds to five primary priorities:

1. Assuring equal opportunity for student and program visibility, regardless of the research resources of the faculty.
2. Reinforcing the emphasis on student research and scholarly activity, rather than on faculty scholarship.
3. Enhancing peer-review scholarly activity (faculty and students) at the level of the programs for initial selection of the posters to represent each program.
4. Providing peer-review at the state-level in the form of conference judging of meritorious posters.
5. Accommodating the varied calendars and opportunities for student research within all academic programs.

As in the past, students will set up their posters early on Friday morning of the conference. Peer-review of the posters will take place during the day, and award winners per poster category will be announced at the start of the poster session later that afternoon. Poster judges are selected from research faculty across the state, with two or three judges scoring each poster.

Plan to make the student research session part of your spring conference.

Submitted by **Victoria Moerchen**, PT, PhD, Chair

WPT-Fund

Wellness Fund

Many people with Parkinson Disease (PD) enjoy group exercise programs, but believe they do not fit into the general exercise classes offered in their community. For eight years, **Teresa Steffen**, PT, PhD has been developing and conducting exercise programs for individuals with PD and related diseases. She also initiated the Wellness Fund to help these types of programs get started in areas where the need is not being met. The response to the exercise programs has been outstanding and the need continues to rise.

Currently, there are 13 PD exercise programs in the state. Donations to the Wellness Fund can help ensure that programs like these continue.

PD Exercise Locations

Rite Hite YMCA, Brown Deer – **Anne Ryan**, OT and **Terry Steffen**, PT, PhD

Southwest YMCA, Greenfield – **JT Mathwig**, PT, **Mary Ellen Humpal**, PT and **Danille Parker**, PT, DPT, GCS, CEEAA

Waukesha YMCA, Waukesha – **Kristine DeKarske**, PT

Total Fitness, Shawano – **Jean Darling**, PT, LAT and **Jamie Mursau**, PTA

Ho-Chunk Wellness, Baraboo – **Judee Mehlos**, PT

Racine YMCA, Racine – **Christine Flones**, OT

Kettle Moraine YMCA, West Bend – **Beth Dieringer**, PT and **Anne Langenfeld Smith**, PT

Aurora Physical Therapy, Hartford – **Kim Beimel**, PTA and **Meg Bowen**, PTA

UW Sports Medicine, Madison – **Emily Zimmerman**, PT

Oconomowoc YMCA, Oconomowoc – **Cathy Cauley**, PT, **Amanda Borneman**, PT and **Diane Lorenz**, PT

Door County YMCA, Sturgeon Bay and Fish Creek – **Carl Grota**, PT, **Shawn Hanrahan**, PTA and **Carol Ash**, PT

Aurora Physical Therapy, Sheboygan – **Susan Senti**, PT and **Nick Karvelas**, PTA

Thanks to all the above for the facility support, and for the help of trainers and students.

Exercise is a powerful tool. We want to make sure that more individuals with neurological impairments have access to appropriate exercise instruction. If you have an interest in starting a program or participating in a program, please contact me at csteffen1@wi.rr.com or 414/213-4280. Your support is what keeps this going.

Submitted by **Teresa Steffen**, PT, PhD, Fund Initiator

News from APTA

A new Health Services Research Direct Access Study found that patients who come to physical therapy on their own have fewer visits and lower costs than patients referred by physicians. The study, published ahead of print in the journal "Health Services Research," was funded by a grant from APTA, the Private Practice Section and the Health Policy & Administration Section.

The study provides further evidence to support direct access to physical therapists. A summary of key points include the following.

- The average allowable amount for physical therapy claims was lower for patients who visited a physical therapist directly – \$347 compared to \$420 on average for physician-referred patients.

- Patients who visited a physical therapist directly for outpatient care had fewer visits (86% of physician-referred) on average than those who were referred by a physician.
- The removal of a physician gatekeeper did not lead to overuse of care.
- There was no indication that patients who visited a physical therapist directly became disengaged from the overall health care system and continuity of care was maintained.

Resources about the study are now available on the APTA website including:

APTA Toolkit: www.apta.org/PRMarketing/DirectAccess

APTA press release about the study: www.apta.org/Media/Releases/Consumer/2011/10/13

Conduit

First of all, I would like to thank everyone that contributed to the WPT-Conduit at Fall Conference! Once again there was an astounding amount contributed. As the times continue to be uncertain for health care, it remains of utmost importance to keep our Conduit at a healthy balance. I urge each and every member to contribute as much as they can. This will allow our profession to stay in the forefront of upcoming legislative issues.

There are some interesting ideas swirling about for upcoming fundraisers for the Conduit. Keep an eye open for them in the future. Once again, thank you to all those who contributed, and for those who wish to contribute, go to the WPTA website; click on the Conduit link and download the contributor form. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!

Submitted by **Erik Jacobs**, PTA, Chair

Reimbursement

Things You Should be Preparing for:

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid have postponed enforcement of the use of the 5010 electronic format for billing until March 2012.
www.apta.org/PTinMotion/NewsNow/2011/11/21/Version5010
- ICD-10 is coming in 2013 and needs your preparation!
www.apta.org/Payment/Coding/ICD10

Medicare Enrollment Process: New Provisions

New initiatives to eliminate or reduce fraudulent providers have lead to a new Medicare enrollment and revalidation process.

- Revalidation Cycle: Provider/supplier must resubmit and recertify accuracy of its enrollment information every five years.
- CMS reserves the right to perform on-site inspections to verify information and assure compliance with enrollment requirements, and to assure provider/supplier is fully operational.
- Enrolled provider/supplier must report any changes to information in enrollment application within 90 calendar days of change, except changes in ownership/control which must be reported within 30 calendar days.

For more information see: www.apta.org/Payment/Medicare/Enrollment

Here Come the Medicare Reductions... AGAIN! Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR)

The final rule as of November 21 called for a 27.4% cut in Medicare payments — less than the 29.5% cut estimated earlier this year — for physicians, physical therapists and other health care professionals based on the flawed sustainable growth rate formula (SGR). However, if Congress intervenes before the January 1, 2012, effective date, the aggregate impact of work Relative Value Units (RVU), practice expense RVU and malpractice RVU changes for 2012 on physical therapy services is a positive 4%. This may slightly reduce the overall payment on PT billing codes. The annual “DOC Fix” was complicated by the failure of the

federal “Super Committee” to come up with a solution to our ever-expanding debt. Reductions of 10% “across the board” were supposed to result, as well as expiration of the Therapy exceptions process (Therapy CAP for Medicare recipients in a non-hospital outpatient setting will be \$1,880). Please check the APTA Member Reimbursement web page for status of payment at this printing. www.apta.org/Payment/Medicare. Be on alert for APTA notices to contact your legislators!

Additional CMS Initiatives Under Health Care Reform

Integrity (Audit) Programs Expanding

Now is a great time to take a closer look at your Medicare and other third party payer compliance programs. Since health care reform passage, additional auditing functions have been ramped up.

- Use of program safeguard contractors, zone program integrity contractors (ZPICs), recovery audit contractors (RACs), HEAT (DOJ-FBI-HHS Strike Forces)
- More coordination among agencies: CMS, Office of Inspector General, Department of Justice, FBI

For more information see: www.apta.org/Payment/Medicare/DenialsAppeals.

Wisconsin Worker’s Compensation Updates

Current Wisconsin law considers a fee for medical services delivered to an injured worker reasonable if it is “at or below the mean fee for the health service procedure for which the disputed fee was charged, plus 1.4 standard deviations from that mean” [WIS STATS, sec. 102.16(2)(d)]. The “agreed to” proposal from the Dept. of Workforce Development changes 1.4 to 1.2 standard deviations. When this bill is enacted, likely sometime in 2012, it will result in a small decrease in what providers will be paid for delivering medical services. For more information visit: dwd.wisconsin.gov/wc/councils/wcac/agreed_bill_summaries.htm.

Submitted by **Lynn Steffes**, PT, DPT, Reimbursement Specialist

District News

North Central

The NC District held its fall meeting on October 18 using videoconferencing. Meeting minutes are available on the WPTA website. **Tonja Larson**, PharmD, BCPS, CGP, provided an informative discussion on "Statin Induced Muscle Toxicity." The winner of our drawing for attending the meeting was **Denise Kearns-Legoo**, PT, who won a \$25 APTA gift certificate. Each attendee to a meeting during the year will be entered into the annual drawing for a chance to have their APTA dues paid for the year.

The Education Subcommittee for the District is planning an ethics course for spring 2012. Look for details in future communications and meetings. Interest in a neurodynamics course, as an adjunct to the "Explain Pain" course held in September 2011, was expressed at our meeting. If you have suggestions for CE courses or topics for future meetings, please contact **Stephanie Olson**, PT, MSPT, OCS, **Stephanie Mikoliczak**, PT, **Wes Kurszewski**, PT or **L. Voight Smith**, DPT, OCS, Cert MDT.

The next District meeting will be via videoconferencing on February 21. The meeting will start at 5:30 instead of 6 pm in an attempt to have people attend before heading home after work. This start time was well received at our last meeting. If you have questions, please contact District Chair **Dennis Kaster**, PT at dennis.kaster@ministryhealth.org, 715/346-5482 or District Secretary **Dave Smith**, PT at smith.david@marshfieldclinic.org, 715/389-7501.

Submitted by **Dave Smith**, PT, Secretary

Northeast

On November 9, the NE District held its 6th annual ethics course at The Darboy Club in Appleton, which over 80 people attended. **Lynn Steffes**, PT, DPT, WPTA Reimbursement Specialist presented "Ethical Considerations in Worker's Compensation." Our District would like to extend our gratitude to Lynn for her efforts and participation. Also, a special thank you to R & M Rehab and Dynasplint for helping to sponsor the night's event!

Looking ahead to 2012, our District is seeking to sponsor a local sports team, either for adults or children. Requirements include that individuals must be APTA members or have a family member that is an active member. T-shirts must be printed with a minimum 1.5 inch lettering spelling out "Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association" on the front or back. The sponsorship form is available on the WPTA website, under districts - www.wpta.org/districts/northeast.cfm.

Steve Johnson, DPT, WPTA Treasurer, presented "Autonomous Practice in the Clinical Setting" on

September 19 at Advanced Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine in Appleton. He discussed APTA Vision 2020 as it appears today as well as future revisions. Steve also discussed Wisconsin efforts to promote autonomous practice and facilitated a discussion by members regarding autonomy in their own practices. A special thank you to Steve for his efforts!

On February 25, the District is hosting a CE course "Strategies for Evidence Based Practice." The Saturday morning course will include how to formulate clinical questions, search information databases, appraise literature and apply research to physical therapy practice. It will be presented by **Phil Schaible**, PT, DPT, FAAOMPT, **Jonathon Weiss**, PT, DPT, District Secretary and **Cindy Reinl**, medical librarian. The four hour course, including a computer lab, will be held at Bellin College in Green Bay. Cost is \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members.

In April, the District is teaming up with **Mark Lovat**, Strength and Conditioning Coordinator with the Green Bay Packers, who will present a CE course on functional strengthening. We are attempting a four hour course on a Friday afternoon at NWTC in Green Bay, followed by a happy hour networking social and NWTC PTA graduation party.

The District would like to welcome **Jackie Miller**, DPT, LAT as our newest Nominating Committee board member.

Upcoming Meetings

January 16 - Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Location: Advanced Physical Therapy, Appleton

February 25 - CE course, "Strategies for Evidence Based Practice," 8 am
Location: Bellin College, Green Bay, WI

March 12 - Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Location: Advanced Physical Therapy, Appleton

April - CE course/Elections (date TBD)
Location: NWTC, Green Bay

For more information contact **Kyle Borowitz** at 920/922-7776 or email us at nedistrictwpta@gmail.com.

Submitted by **Kyle Borowitz**, MPT, OTR, CHT, Chair

WPTA Announces Newly Formed Private Practice SIG

Would you like ideas on how to run your practice more effeciently....or would you like ideas on how to open a private practice?
Email us at wptappsig@gmail.com for more information.

Northwest

The NW District fall meeting was held in October in Rice Lake. **Chris Schrantz**, PT and **Nicole Marquardt**, PT presented an overview of the WPTA's Fall Conference to District members. Discussions centered around **John Childs**, PT, PhD course, "Management of Low Back Pain, the Revolution Continues." Chris and Nicole discussed the costs of treatment of LBP in the US, the importance of early referral to PT, the Clinical Prediction Rule for Evidence Based treatment of the lumbar spine and taught the two manipulation techniques that have been studied with the Clinical Prediction Rule.

Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire PTA Program Director **Alissa Amundson**, PT, MS noted the PTA program accepted its fifth class of students in the Fall, 2011. The program is designed specifically to fill a professional business need in the rehab field for by educating PTAs to serve in the Chippewa Valley.

PT Month has come and gone. One of the area clinics, Optimum Therapies of Eau Claire, celebrated PT month by giving back to the community. Patients and staff participated in a food drive for the local food pantry, with the clinic matching donations given.

Submitted by **Steve Seiberling**, MPT, DPT, Secretary

Southwest

The SW District held its Fall Business Meeting on October 24; please go to www.wpta.org/districts/southwest.cfm to review meeting minutes. **Mark Timmerman**, MD of Family and Sports Medicine River Valley Medical Center, presented on Prolotherapy for a one hour CE course. Thank you to the UW DPT Program for hosting this event in Madison.

Plan on attending our annual District workshop on January 28 at the UW DPT Program, 1300 University Ave., Madison. Topics will include: "Manual Therapy of the Craniovertebral Region," presented by **Chantel Hasman**, PT, "Vestibular PT for the Generalist Therapist," presented by **Jim Cumming**, PT and a third topic TBA (please check the WPTA website). This workshop is held in conjunction with Phi Theta, the DPT student organization involved in fundraising for PT research.

We are looking for new fresh faces to get involved in the District CE, PR and Membership Committees as well as goals planning. Please email me at optimalpt@gmail.com to be included in planning our committee meetings and to receive emails.

Submitted by **Jennifer Jeschke**, DPT, Secretary

West Central

We in the WC District flew through fall and are looking forward to 2012. Our Education Committee put together spectacular fall, winter and spring programs.

Recently we were graced by **Mary Rathgraber**, MD, with her discussion on "Differential Diagnosis of Musculoskeletal/Soft Tissue Disorders." Also **Gwyn Straker**, PT, MS, **Michele Thorman**, PT, DPT, MBA and **Mary Kerrigan**, PT, DPT, NCS, CWS, enlightened us with their presentation "Giving Back, Volunteer Opportunities for the Health Care Provider."

We are gearing up for the next couple of months with courses including "Cervicogenic Headaches" brought to us in January by **Paul Reuteman**, DPT, OCS, MHS, MDT, LAT, from UW-La Crosse and Gundersen Lutheran Sports Medicine. In February, "Updates in Parkinson's Diseases" will be taught by **Jason Aldred**, MD, from Gundersen Lutheran Neurology. Finishing off the first quarter of the year will be **Joann Walker**, PT, and **Kerri Houck**, PT, Residents for Gundersen Lutheran Sports Medicine, with "Evaluate and Treat, Common Spring Sport Injuries." We are very excited about these presenters and invite all those who are interested to join us at the Health Science Center on the UW-La Crosse campus.

We thank all of the speakers who have helped us bring quality presentations to our District. If there are any recommendations for future continuing education courses, please contact the District Education Committee by emailing lshepardson@winonahealth.org.

Other news in the District is that we are looking to increase both student and practitioner's communication in the District, so we are planning presentations from the UW-La Crosse DPT students who will discuss therapy topics. Please feel free to come and discuss topics and strategies. Times will be determined at a future date. Voting for new officers for the District has started and will be discussed in January at the CE course.

Submitted by **Jack Knudson-Stuhr**, PTA

Reminder

Please make sure the APTA/WPTA has your correct email address.

We email important updates to keep you informed. Contact the WPTA Chapter Office at wpta@wpta.org or call 608/221-9191 or go to APTA's website: www.apta.org to update your membership information.

Thank You!

2011 Fall Conference in Photos

The Exhibit Hall vendors provided great networking opportunities for attendees.



Participants in Rhondi Miller's Core Extension Pilates learned the benefits of Pilates and how they can be applied to PT practice.



Practicing techniques in Marc Sherry and Dan Enz's Athletic Movement Progressions for Sports Performance and Rehabilitation course on Thursday.



John Child's Clinical Decision-Making for Patients with Low Back Pain lab included hands-on practice and technique refinement for manual therapy interventions.



Celebrating the retirement of UW-La Crosse's Gwyn Straker at the Thursday Welcome Reception.



Nicole Marquardt, Chris Schrantz and Becky Behrens, (NW District) show off the new WPTA dri-fit t-shirts. They are great for running, exercising or just showing the world how proud you are of physical therapy!

Election Results

Congratulations! The results for the WPTA 2011 Election are in. Newly elected members include:

Chief Delegate - **Mike Edwards, PT**

Ethics Committee Chair - **Gwyn Straker, PT, MS**

Directors - **Kristi Hallisy, PT, MS, GCS, CMPT** and **Ed Maher, PT, DSc, OCS**

Ethics Committee - **Judy Dewane, PT, DSc, NCS**

Delegates - **Laurie Kontney, DPT, MS, Connie Kittleson, PT, DPT, Sue Griffin, PT, DPT, MS, GCS** and **Steve Johnson, PT**

Alternate Delegate #1 - **Amy Helminski, PT, MS, OCS**

Alternate Delegate#2 - **Anne Coffman Geers, PT, MS, GCS**

Alternate Delegate #3 - **Kathy Shields, PT, MS**

Nominating Committee - **Rob Worth, DPT, MSc, OCS, MTC, Julie Siefert, PT** and **Kevin Svoboda, PT**

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Topics in PT/PTA Education

This issue's topic – Comment on a unique teaching strategy or student assignment in the area of orthopedics.

Upcoming topic – April 2012 – How does your curriculum promote evidenced based medicine/practice?

If you have a school topic you are interested in hearing about it, please feel free to email it to me at je.sherry@hosp.wisc.edu. **Julie Sherry**, PT, MS, Associate Editor

Concordia University

The orthopedics curriculum at Concordia University entails three courses occurring in consecutive semesters. The initial course of the sequence introduces various topics involved in examination/evaluation and treatment of orthopedic issues. Concepts of critical thinking/problem solving are discussed and the upper and lower quadrant regions are examined in the next two semesters.

Following each regional unit, pro bono clients with problems within each region are examined, evaluated and treated in the classroom as a way to provide real life clinical experiences. Two students work together with a client, supervised by a faculty member. Documentation through SOAP notes and reflections on the experience are written following each client interaction with feedback from the supervising faculty member. The reflection questions include thinking about what went well or could have been improved during the client interaction, did they feel the client was comfortable with the experience or what could have been improved and did all go as planned with the session.

This pro bono experience provides service to the community and allows each student to begin working with orthopedic clients. Feedback from the clients as well as the students has been positive. It provides opportunities for hands-on care for the clients and invaluable real life experiences for the students. It challenges the students' problem solving/critical thinking process, gives them the opportunity to improve their self-confidence and helps to promote ongoing professional development.

Most importantly, a final practical examination is performed on real clients, with emphasis on evaluating and providing treatment interventions.

Submitted by **Cheryl Petersen**, PT, DPT, DHS

UW-Madison

Through the use of Musculoskeletal Paper Patient Projects, we have devised a way to make a simple, four-student group project go a long way.

Part 1: Students are assigned a patient case history. They then answer a set of predesigned questions with the ultimate mission of having them create a differential diagnosis algorithm, a prognosis and treatment plan.

Part 2: The group presents their case to an instructor and must demonstrate the related psychomotor skills in a group office appointment. This prepares the students for the upcoming psychomotor skills testing and clinical-decision-making practical exams.

Part 3: The students role play their case as a patient for other students. The students are videotaped performing an entire initial examination and first day treatment. The students have to prepare to role-play their paper patient and prepare to be a PT for an unknown paper patient case.

Part 4: The "patient" provides the therapist with a peer-assessment of their interview process per the ECHOWS tool.¹

Part 5: The students watch the video of themselves as a therapist and rate their overall performance through self-assessment; they identify one strength, one weakness and write one SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-bound) goal for self improvement.

It sounds challenging, but we have it down to a manageable project. We do the entire sequence in the spine course using a variety of lumbo-pelvic cases and repeat the sequence in the extremity course. Along with videotape self-assessment in other courses, the students can watch themselves four times while in our program.

¹ Boissonnault JS, Boissonnault WG, Hetzel S. Abstract: ECHOWS: development and validation of a physical therapist assessment instrument for competence in patient history-taking. *J Orthop Sports Phys Ther*; vol 41,1. 2011, pp.A-88.

Submitted by **Kristi Hallisy**, PT, MS, OCS, CMPT and **Jill Thein-Nissenbaum**, PT, DSc, SCS, ATC

UW Alumni

There is a newly formed alumni collation group that includes all Madison PT graduates.

Please join your fellow alumni for an **inaugural gathering at the Combined Sections Meeting in Chicago** Friday, February 10, 6:30-8:30 pm, Hilton Hotel Lake Erie Room.

Carroll University

A unique teaching strategy utilized by **Christopher Hurley**, PT, DPT, DSc, OCS, SCS, ATC in his orthopedic courses is the use of a ceiling mounted camera that captures and projects in live time. This technology allows students to clearly view an examination or treatment technique that is being demonstrated without having to crowd around the table to see, which is especially beneficial with larger class sizes. Students are also able to apply a technique on their lab partner and look up on the screen for simultaneous feedback on their performance. Previously the instructor would demonstrate and explain a procedure. The students would then go back to their places and practice with the instructor and lab assistants walking around the room giving individual feedback. The camera technology augments this learning process by allowing continual visual feedback that is consistent for all students.

There are plans to store the live camera feed as a video file that can be used as a supplemental teaching aid for students wishing to view the demonstration again as they study and practice. It will also be used in practical exams so students can see their performance and not just receive verbal feedback. It is hypothesized that the real time visual demonstration as well as the video capture will improve self-efficacy in the performance of the psychomotor components of manipulation. Dr. Hurley is currently designing a study to examine this hypothesis.

Submitted by **Kathy Shields**, PT, MS

Marquette University

The fall semester is winding down and our minds turn to our excellent Orthopedics curriculum here at Marquette University. Our primary instructor, **Guy Simoneau**, PT, PhD, has been teaching ortho for more than 15 years. He is also the editor-in-chief for the Journal of Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy, one of the top PT journals in the world.

Guy has implemented some unique teaching strategies in his years of teaching orthopedics. Our students are issued a DVD with nearly 200 narrated videos that illustrate the skills that they learn in our orthopedic labs. This DVD is issued along with a custom set of notes, consisting of a total of over 400 pages of illustrated notes used by the students throughout their year of orthopedics instruction. Evidence based decision making is seen throughout the course, from the use of clinical prediction rules to the accuracy of diagnostic testing.

Another unique experience offered to our students is the Advanced Orthopedics elective course. This course offers advanced training on techniques such as muscle energy, manipulation and soft tissue mobilization.

Our students will also get the opportunity to work with real patients in the newly opened Marquette Sports Rehabilitation clinic. This on-site clinic, headed up by **Jeff Wilkens**, MPT, a MUPT alum, is now treating students, faculty and staff within our building. The clinic opened thanks to the work of **Larry Pan**, PT, PhD, FAPTA and **Paula Papanek**, MPT, PhD, FACSM.

Submitted by **Andrew Starsky**, MPT, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor

UW-La Crosse

Evidence based practice (EBP) has become a central concept to autonomous care in all of physical therapy, especially in orthopaedics. At UW-L, the faculty feel it is imperative to provide students the tools to develop answerable questions, to access relevant data bases and to efficiently locate the evidence that should guide their practice. To accomplish this, EBP behaviors must be modeled in the clinical classes and students should be provided with challenges that enhance their problem-solving thought process to enhance clinical expertise.

The orthopaedic courses at UW-L are offered to students in the second year of the curriculum. The three courses are organized according to anatomical region: Spine, Lower Extremity and Upper Extremity. These courses run concurrently with two EBP courses. Collaboration between instructors ensures that content and application of concepts are woven into all courses. For example, as students learn from **John Willson**, PT, PhD how to evaluate and interpret clinical prediction rules, they are learning established clinical prediction rules which enhance diagnoses and intervention for pathologies such as hip osteoarthritis or anterior knee pain from **Paul Reuteman**, DPT, OCS, MHS, MDT, LAT. Also, as students learn about clinical practice guidelines for lower quarter pathologies in their orthopedics course, they learn how to evaluate and interpret systematic reviews and meta analyses in their EBP courses. As students progress through the curriculum, they begin to appreciate how the pillars of EBP are threaded through clinical practice.

Submitted by **Paul Reuteman**, DPT, OCS, MHS, MDT, LAT

Topics in PT/PTA Education [cont.]

Editor's Note

[The following UW-La Crosse article was inadvertently missed in our last issue. The topic was - Comment on a unique teaching strategy or student assignment in the area of neurological rehabilitation.]

Students complete Adult Neuro-Rehabilitative PT in the fall semester of their second year. Prior to this course, students have completed Functional Neuroanatomy, Motor Behavior, PT Examination, PT Interventions and CardioPulmonary Rehabilitation.

Learning activities target active and applied skill development in units organized to progress from early medical care and PT management through community reintegration. Two activities emphasizing active learning, analysis and judgment provide training in the use of clinically relevant assessment tools.

The NIH Stroke Scale (NIHSS) online training series is accessed. This scale is validated for use with patients

following acute stroke, and provides status and prognostic indications for recovery. The certification process requires three to four hours, and the online video clips and scoring process facilitates students understanding of patient variability following stroke. Upon successful completion, students submit their NIHSS training certificate.

The DPT program acquired educational training modules for the Functional Independence Measure (FIM). Students are required to view the introduction, discuss rating samples applied to video demonstrations, complete case-based practice quizzes and submit an online quiz of rating accuracy. Students collaborate to learn the assessment details of the tool and then individually complete the final quiz as a graded homework assignment. Students report that this initial experience with the FIM scoring tool and rating algorithms is difficult, and that they appreciate working in small groups to problem solve the scoring details.

Submitted by **Erin Hussey, PT, DPT, MS, NCS**

CLINICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

APTA Clinical Instructor Education & Credentialing Program

The program (two days) addresses issues of planning and preparing for physical therapy students during their clinical experiences, developing learning experiences, and supporting ongoing learning through questioning and effective feedback. Skills of student evaluation are discussed, as well as the identification and management of students in exceptional situations. It includes information regarding student supervisory guidelines as well as legal, regulatory and ADA issues. An "Assessment Center" provides each participant with the opportunity to apply information from the program in simulated situations. **15 contact hours**

APTA Advanced Clinical Instructor Education & Credentialing Program

The focus of this new course is *best clinical practice* and *best clinical teaching*. This course is open only to physical therapists who have taken the original CI Education and Credentialing Program workshop. It includes 2 days of programming along with some online preparatory work to be applied in class. **16.75 contact hours**

Annual Wisconsin Clinical Education Consortium (WCEC) State Conference

This one day conference is for anyone interested in clinical education. **7 contact hours**

Date/Location	Workshop/Conference	Contact
March 12 & 13 Marquette University	APTA CI Credentialing	Diane Slaughter 414/288-5987 diane.slaughter@mu.edu
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May 17 & 18 UW-La Crosse	APTA CI Credentialing	JoAnn Stenich 608/263-7131 steinich@pt.wisc.edu
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November TBD Concordia University, Mequon	APTA CI Credentialing	Lois Harrison 262/243-4468 Lois.harrison@cuw.edu

Schedule provided by the Wisconsin Clinical Education Consortium tgrabinski@uwla.edu

Recognition

Awards

The WPTA Awards Committee is at your service to assist you in recognizing your wonderful co-workers and peers, that on a daily basis, exemplify the values and characteristics that our profession upholds. Consider nominating them for one of the following WPTA Awards:

Physical Therapist Assistant Award of Excellence

Outstanding Service Award

Clinical Excellence Award

Hall of Fame Award

Clinical Instructor of the Year Award

Mentor Award

Rookie of the Year Award

Otto A. Cordero Award for Lifetime Achievement

Please take a few minutes and nominate worthy WPTA members. The nomination forms and instructions are on the WPTA website under the "About WPTA" tab. The deadline is January 31, 2012.

American Board of Physical Therapy Residency & Fellowship Education Announces

J. Scott Straker, PT, MS, SCS, ATC and Gundersen Lutheran Sports Physical Therapy Residency Program successfully achieved re-credentialing as a post-professional sports residency program. Their ongoing credential is effective through October, 31, 2021.

In Memoriam – Joe Vareka

By **Don Gavinski**, PT

It was with sadness that I heard of the passing of **Joe Vareka**, PT. He was my mentor and friend in my first job as a physical therapist. We worked together in the Appleton Public School System as well as after and before school hours in his private PT clinic. His was one of the first private clinics in Wisconsin. During my four years in Appleton, Joe taught me a lot about therapy and being a professional. Involvement in the WPTA and APTA was part of my learning. Joe served as President of the WPTA (1962-1964.) In addition, he took community and social service seriously and encouraged my volunteer activities with the local Muscular Dystrophy Association of America. He was gracious to include me in his family activities and his wife Beverly provided many a late supper for both of us. Joe was an avid sportsman, especially fishing. He tried to teach me to fish but I never caught a fish! Thanks Joe for a great four years.



WPTA Spring Conference Country Springs Hotel, Waukesha

THURSDAY

Breathing New Life into Old Electrophysiologic Technologies/**Starsky**

Examination and Treatment of Running Injuries/**Heiderscheid** and **Straker** (continues Friday)

The Medically Complex Older Adult/**Bottomley** (cont. Friday)

Stroke Rehab: Achieving and Maintaining Rehab Outcomes/**Zalewski**

sneak peek...

THURSDAY cont.

Motion Development at the APTA House of Delegates: A Case Study on the Current APTA Task Force on the Use of Support Personnel/**Schick** and **Edwards**

FRIDAY

This is Not Business as Usual/**Steffes**

Wheelchair Seating and Positioning, and Power Wheelchair Mobility/**Lanouette** and **Pleva**

Clinical Decision Making: From Novice to Expert Practice/**Kontney**

SATURDAY

Addressing Challenges of Early Mobility/**Truskowski**, **Gebauer**, **Mueller** and **Franz**

Elderly Exercise and Fitness/**Parker**

Keeping Secrets: Confidentiality, Disclosure and Our Duty to Report (Ethics)/**Stoeckmann** and **Deacon**

Also on Thursday: Keynote Luncheon Speaker, Welcome Reception, Issues Forum and Minute to Win It Social Event. Join us Friday for the Poster Presentation and Reception, Business Meeting and Awards Dinner.

Details soon at www.wpta.org

Welcome to These New Members!

PTs

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PTA

Brooke Tabat

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PTs = 1,486

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**Total Membership =
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Foundation for Physical Therapy

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Wisconsin PT Programs Accept 2011 Challenge to Raise Funds for Research

A total of 63 schools participated in the 2010-2011 Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge to raise a record-setting \$264,270 in support of the Foundation for Physical Therapy. The Foundation would like to thank the students from both the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Marquette University for their strong fundraising efforts. Marquette University, as founder and co-host of the Challenge, matched the third place funds. Since the Challenge began in 1989, students have raised a grand total of \$2,075,200!

The annual Marquette Challenge is a grassroots fundraising effort coordinated and carried out by physical therapist and physical therapist assistant students across the country to support the Foundation for Physical Therapy's mission of providing funding opportunities to outstanding physical therapist researchers. In the latest funding cycle, funds raised by the Challenge helped

fund a \$40,000 research grant to **Daniel White**, PT, MSPT, ScD, of Boston University for his research "Factors Associated With Day-to-Day Walking in Older Adults With Knee Osteoarthritis." The Challenge also partially funded a \$40,000 research grant to **Cory Christiansen**, PT, PhD, of University of Colorado Denver for his research "Improving Function After Total Knee Arthroplasty With Weight-Bearing Biofeedback."

The first place winner of the 2010-2011 Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge was, for the second straight year, the University of Pittsburgh, whose students raised \$56,800. We welcome back the University of Pittsburgh as co-host for the upcoming 2011-2012 Challenge. For the second year in a row, Sacred Heart University won second place, raising \$31,560. Emory University students raised \$23,820, earning the third place title this year.

Students of all PT and PTA programs in the state of Wisconsin are encouraged to support the Foundation for Physical Therapy and physical therapy research. To learn how you can support the Challenge, please visit the Foundation's Web site at www.Foundation4PT.org, or email Marquette student coordinators at mallory.fetta@marquette.edu or amanda.theisinger@marquette.edu. Contributions for the 2011-2012 Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge should be submitted by April 12, 2012.

Submitted by **Natalie Fuerst**, SPT, Marquette University



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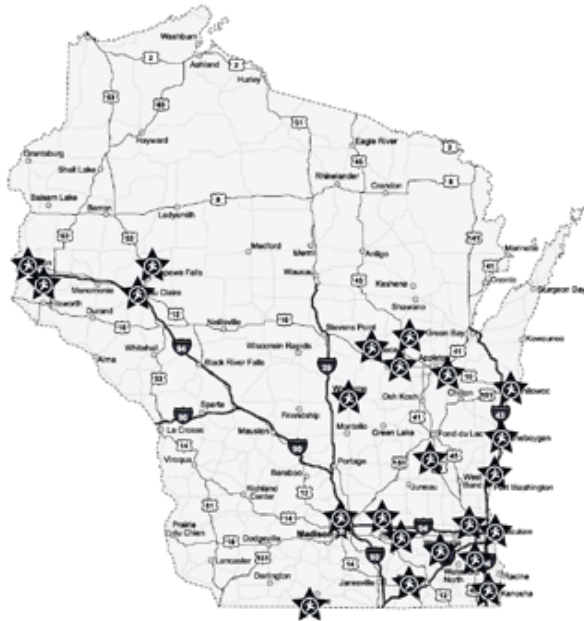
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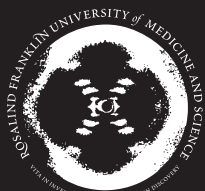
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2 contact hours will be awarded to attendees.

Activities

- 9:00 - 9:30am Registration and Check-In
- 9:30am Welcome and Overview of State Legislative Issues - **Brett Roberts**, MPT and **Kip Schick**, PT, DPT, MBA
- 10:00am Invited Speaker - the Honorable Governor Scott Walker, with Time for Questions and Answers
- 10:45am Break
- 11:00am Meeting with Legislators and Talking Points - **Annie Early Reinhard** and **Jeremey Shepherd**
- 11:30am "Wisconsin Politics in 2012 - What to Expect" - Speaker to be determined (check WPTA website for updated info.)
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 12:45pm Leave for Capitol
- 1:00 - 3:00pm Legislative Visits at Capitol

Legislative Day Registration Form

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March 2-3 Examination and Treatment of the Cervical and Thoracic Spine; an Evidence Based Manual therapy Approach with Ken Olson, PT, DHSc, OCS, FAAOMPT.

March 12-13 Level I and Advanced APTA Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Programs - courses held simultaneously. Registration Deadline: February 10.

May 4-6 Evidence Based Therapeutic Exercise for Pelvic Floor Dysfunction with Elizabeth Hampton, PT, WCS, BCB-PMD.

May 29, June 12, 19, 26 PHTH 7549 Differential Diagnosis with William G. Boissonnault, PT, DHSc, FAAOMPT, FAPTA.

Mid June Diagnostic Imaging as part of PHTH 7539

June 16 Exercise and the Brain - 1/2 day program - New for 2012!

June 20-23 Treatment of Bowel, Bladder and Pelvic Floor Disorders: Anatomical, Physiological, and Behavioral Foundations for Clinical Practice - The 8th annual offering of this flagship course.

July 27 Ethics and Jurisprudence as part of our annual clinical issues and practice updates. Huge Discounts for Alumni!

September 27-29 Behavioral and Rehabilitation Treatment of Bowel Disorders.

December 7-8 Physical Rehabilitation and Treatment of the Knee and Ankle with Dr. Neumann and Dr. Starsky.

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