News from the Foundation for Physical Therapy

Recent Publications by Foundation-Funded Researchers


“Longitudinal Changes in Psychological Factors and Their Association With Knee Pain and Function After Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction,” by Chmielewski TL, Zeppieri G Jr, Lentz TA, Tillman SM, Moser MW, Indelicato PA, and George SZ, was published in Physical Therapy (2011;91[9]:1355–1366). Terese Chmielewski, PT, PhD, SCS, was awarded a Promotion of Doctoral Studies (PODS) II scholarship in 2001. Steven Z. George, PT, PhD, was awarded a PODS I scholarship in 2000 and a PODS II scholarship in 2001.

“In Tribute: Nancy T. Watts—Pragmatic Visionary,” an editorial by Rebecca L. Craik, PT, PhD, FAPTA, was published in Physical Therapy (2011;91[7]:995–996). Craik was awarded a Doctoral Training Research Grant in 1981.

“Taking in the View From 30,000 Feet,” an editorial by Julie Fritz, PT, PhD, ATC, was published in the Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy (2011;41[7]:465–466). Fritz was awarded an Orthopaedic Section Research Grant in 2002 and is currently a member of the Scientific Review Committee.


“A Comparison of Tibiofemoral and Patellofemoral Alignment During a Neutral and Valgus Single Leg Squat: An MRI Study,” by Noehren B, Barrance PJ, Pohl MP, and Davis ID, was published in Knee on June 30, 2011. Brian Noehren, PT, PhD, was awarded PODS I scholarships in 2006 and 2007 and a PODS II scholarship in 2008.

“Psychological Health Impact on 2-Year Changes in Pain and Function in Persons With Knee Pain: Data From the Osteoarthritis Initiative,” by Riddle DL, Kong X, and Fitzgerald GK, was published online in Osteoarthritis Cartilage on June 17, 2011. Daniel L. Riddle, PT, PhD, FAPTA, was awarded a Doctoral Training Research Grant in 1990. G. Kelley Fitzgerald, PT, PhD, FAPTA, was awarded Doctoral Training Research Grants in 1995 and 1997 and a Sports Physical Therapy Section Grant in 2000.


“Moving, Sensing and Learning With Cerebellar Damage,” by Amy J. Bastian, PT, PhD, was published online in Current Opinion in Neurobiology on July 4, 2011. Bastian was awarded Doctoral Training Research Grants in 1994 and 1995.


“Use of Sensitive Devices to Assess the Effect of Medication on Attentional Demands of Precision and Power Grips in Individuals With Parkinson Disease,” by Pradhan SD, Scherer R, Matsuoka Y, and Kelly VE, was published online in Medical and Biological Engineering and Computing on July 12, 2011. Valerie E. Kelly, PT, PhD, was awarded PODS II scholarships in 2001 and 2002.
“The Effect of a Hip Strengthening Program on Mechanics During Running and During a Single Leg Squat,” by Willy RW and Davis IS, was published online in Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy on July 12, 2011. Richard W. Willy, PT, PhD, OCS, was awarded PODS I scholarships in 2008 and 2009 and a PODS II scholarship in 2010. Irene S. Davis, PT, PhD, FAPTA, FACSM, was awarded Doctoral Training Research Grants in 1987 and 1993.

Pittsburgh–Marquette Challenge Kicks Off at National Student Conclave

National Student Conclave (NSC) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, marks the official kickoff for the 2011–2012 Pittsburgh–Marquette Challenge. Help support the Foundation’s mission of funding physical therapy research by joining other physical therapist and physical therapist assistant students across the country in their annual fund-raising efforts.

Stay tuned for more details about a Foundation-sponsored event at NSC on the evening of Thursday, October 20. For more information on Foundation events at NSC or the 2011–2012 Pittsburgh–Marquette Challenge, visit our Web site, Foundation4PT.org.

Join the Foundation’s 6th Annual Online Auction

We are now accepting donations for the Foundation’s 6th annual online auction. Proceeds support the Foundation’s mission of advancing the physical therapy profession through doctoral scholarships and clinical research grants. Suggested donation ideas include physical therapy books and equipment, dinner or drinks with a physical therapist luminary, autographed memorabilia or artwork, or a stay at your vacation home. All donations are tax-deductible and auction bidding will begin October 4, 2011. To learn more, visit Foundation4PT.org or call 800/875-1378.

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Foundation Bids Farewell to Summer Intern

Summer intern Meredith Loveless, Marquette University physical therapist student, was a huge asset to the Foundation this year. Throughout her 8-week internship period, Meredith assisted Foundation staff with countless projects including preparing for PT 2011, preparing for the 2011–2012 Pittsburgh–Marquette Challenge, and maintaining our database of Foundation-funded researchers. The Foundation is sad to see Meredith go and we wish her luck with her future physical therapy studies.

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