

# CoC Member Organization Representatives Meeting

April 19, 2023



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**Susan Hedlund, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C, FAOSW**

Chair

Member Organization Steering Committee

**Brian Moore, MD, FACS**

Vice-Chair

Member Organization Steering Committee



## 2023 CoC Member Organization Survey

- Survey open January 6 to February 27, 2023
- 40 of 59 CoC Member Organization Representatives responded
- Questions
  - Top 2 to 3 organizational priorities for 2023
    - How can the CoC assist?
  - Top 2 to 3 legislative priorities for 2023
    - How can the CoC assist?
  - Interest in Quality Improvement
    - Engagement with CoC QI initiatives
  - Comments/Questions/Suggestions



Q5 What are your organizations top 2-3 advocacy priorities in 2023 (if not already included in question 3)?

A word cloud of various terms related to cancer care and research. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with some appearing more frequently than others. The terms include: Act, access, care, breast, patient, oncology, cancer, Promote, quality, patients, health, Improving, access, services, patient, research, clinical, cancer, live, access, advocates, cancer, advances, care, and patients. The words are in different sizes and orientations, creating a dynamic visual effect.

Act access care breast patient oncology cancer

care live access advocates cancer advances Promote quality

patients health

Cancer clinical research patient services access Improving



# 2023 CoC Member Organization Survey

Q3 What are your organization's top 2-3 priorities for the upcoming year?

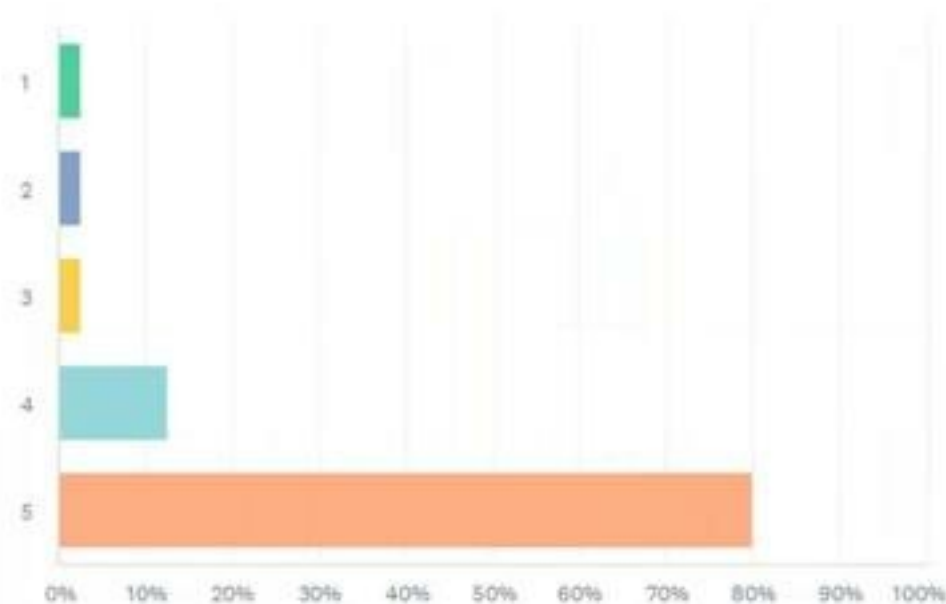


A word cloud of responses to the survey question. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with some words appearing more frequently than others. The words include: advanced, development, care, research, patient, oncology, health, ensure, cancer, access, Improve, services, support, education, cancer, cancer, care, Addressing, equity, Program, Education, quality, Workforce, oncology, health, care, research, Improving, care, team, access, Advancing, Support, improve, cancer, access, quality.

advanced development care research patient oncology health  
ensure cancer access Improve services support  
education  
cancer cancer care Addressing equity Program Education quality  
Workforce oncology health care research Improving  
care team access Advancing  
Support improve cancer access quality

# 2023 CoC Member Organization Survey

Q7 On a scale of 1-5, 1 being not at all interested and 5 being highly interested, what level of interest does your organization have in Quality Improvement (QI)?



# 2023 CoC Member Organization Survey

Q8: What role, if any, could your organization play in CoC QI initiatives (select all that apply):

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not believe my organization has a role in QI initiatives	5.00%	2
Content expertise or SME	70.0%	28
Educating others on general QI principles	47.50%	19
Create new or share existing toolkits, resources, etc.	55.00%	22
Serve as a planning group member	42.50%	17
Other (please specify)	22.50%	9
TOTAL		97

## **CoC Member Organization Representatives Meeting**

### **American Physical Therapy Association**

Chris Wilson, PT, DPT, DScPT

### **Community Oncology Alliance**

Emily Touloukian, DO

### **North American Association of Central Cancer Registries**

Collen Sherman, MS, RHIA, CTR





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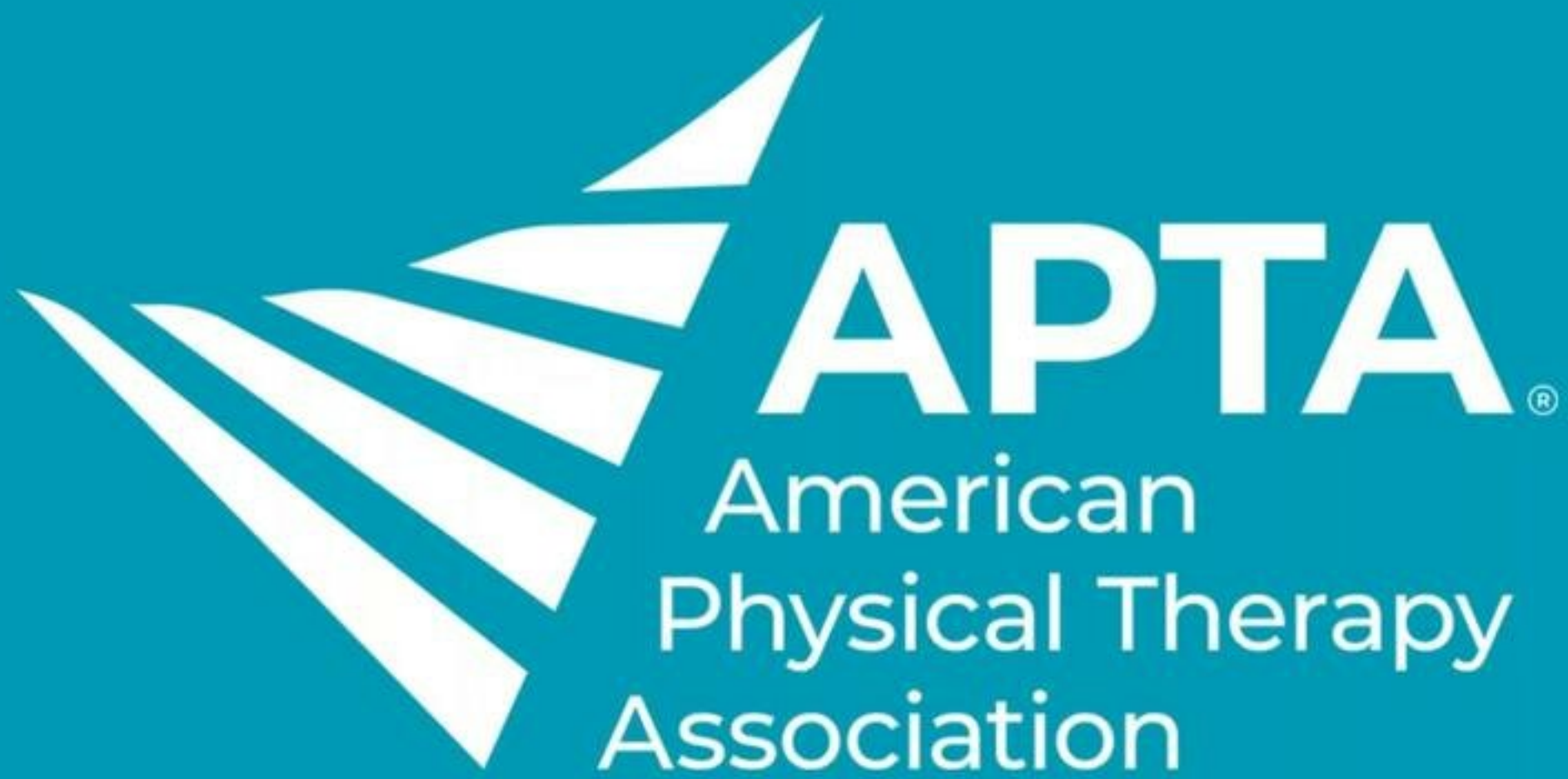
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Vision Statement For  
The Physical Therapy Profession

**Transforming society  
by optimizing movement  
to improve the human  
experience.**





## APTA Is 100,000 Members Strong





## APTA Builds Your Community





# APTA Conferences Connect Physical Therapists



## Making a Difference Locally





## 18 Sections and Academies To Increase Clinical Expertise

- Acute Care
- Aquatics
- Cardiovascular and Pulmonary
- Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management
- Education
- Federal
- Geriatrics
- Hand and Upper Extremity
- Health Policy and Administration
- Home Health
- Neurology
- **Oncology**
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics
- Pelvic Health
- Private Practice
- Research
- Sports



## APTA Provides a Strong Voice on Capitol Hill



# Lymphedema Treatment Act

- *The final 2023 Congressional Spending Package folds in provisions of the Lymphedema Treatment Act, which expands Medicare coverage for lymphedema-related pressure garments.*
- *The new coverage will go into effect in 2024 and could affect more than 3 million Medicare beneficiaries.*



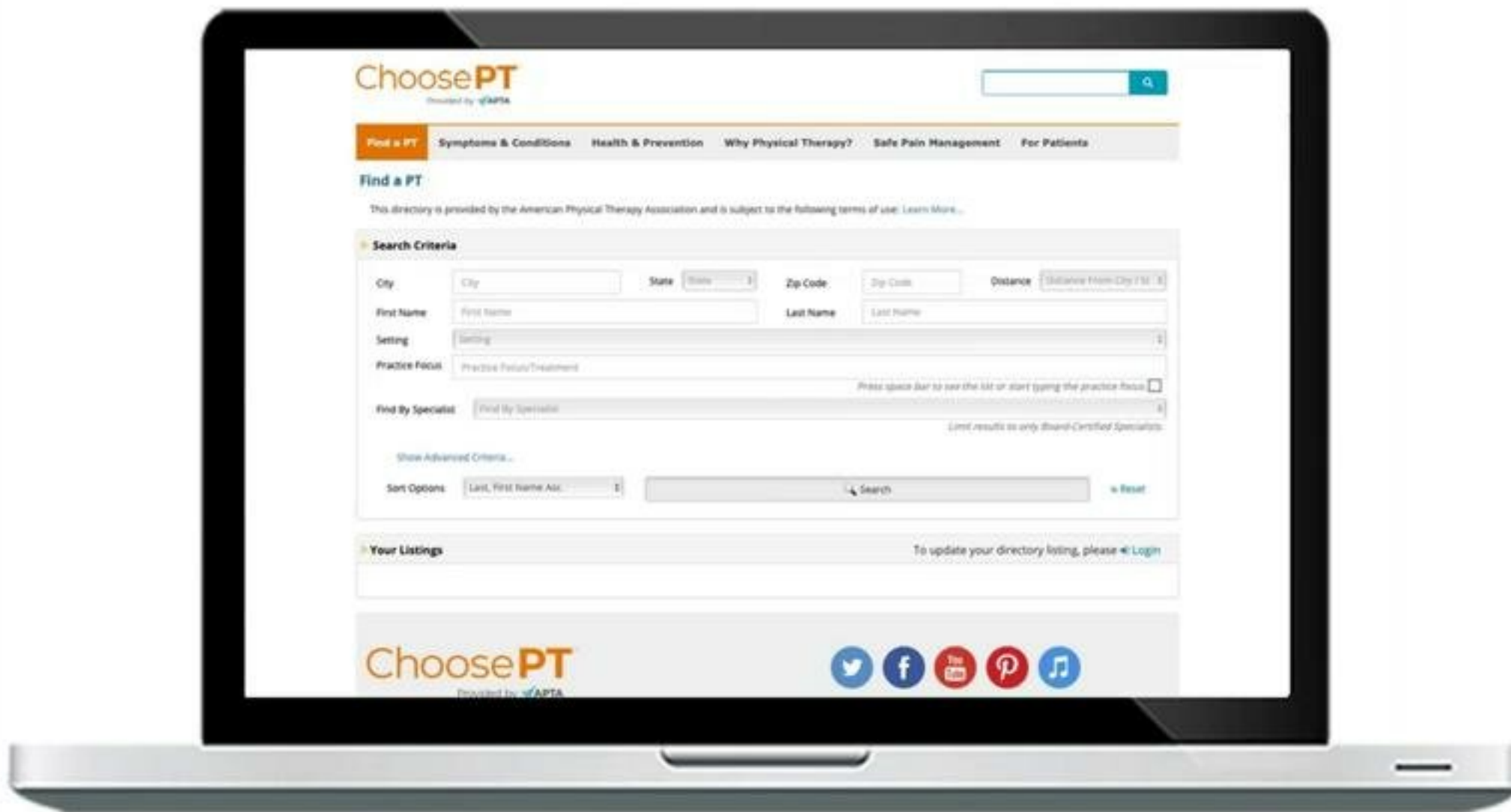
The screenshot shows the APTA (American Physical Therapy Association) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a menu icon, the APTA logo, a search bar, and links for 'Log in', 'YOUR CAREER', 'YOUR PRACTICE', 'PATIENT CARE', and 'ADVOCACY'. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Homepage > Articles > APTA-Supported Lymphedema Act Passes House'. The main heading of the article is 'APTA-Supported Lymphedema Act Passes House'. The subheading reads: 'The legislation allowing Medicare to cover compression treatments now can be rolled into a larger package.' Below this, there is a 'News' tag and a date: 'Date: Friday, November 18, 2022'. The article text states: 'Legislation that would expand Medicare coverage for lymphedema-related compression garments has finally made it out of the U.S. House of Representatives and could be included in a larger end-of-year legislative package. If signed into law as expected, the act could affect more than 3 million Medicare beneficiaries living with the condition.'



# APTA Advances Public Awareness With ChoosePT.com



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## APTA Strengthens Patient Care



# Academy of Oncologic Physical Therapy



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[www.oncologypt.org](http://www.oncologypt.org)

# Oncology Board Certification for Physical Therapists



## APTA Specialist Certification

Governed by **ABPTS**

- Oncology specialization debuted in 2018
- 164 oncology physical therapist specialists as of 2023



# Oncology Physical Therapy Accredited Residencies

## ○ Accredited Programs:

- Baylor Scott and White, Dallas TX
- City of Hope, Duarte, CA
- Corewell Health East, Troy, MI
- Duke University Health System, Durham, NC
- Memorial Sloan Kettering, New York, NY
- Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

## ○ In Development:

- University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

**ABPTRFE**

American Board of Physical Therapy  
Residency & Fellowship Education





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# Rehabilitation Oncology journal

## ○ Mission

- *Rehabilitation Oncology* is the primary peer-reviewed, indexed resource for advancing oncologic physical therapy practice and cancer rehabilitation through the dissemination of definitive evidence, translation of clinically relevant knowledge, and integration of theory into education, practice, and research.

## ○ Society Affiliations

- *Rehabilitation Oncology* (ISSN 2168-3808) is the official quarterly publication of the Academy of Oncologic Physical Therapy of the American Physical Therapy Association.

[www.rehabonc.com](http://www.rehabonc.com)



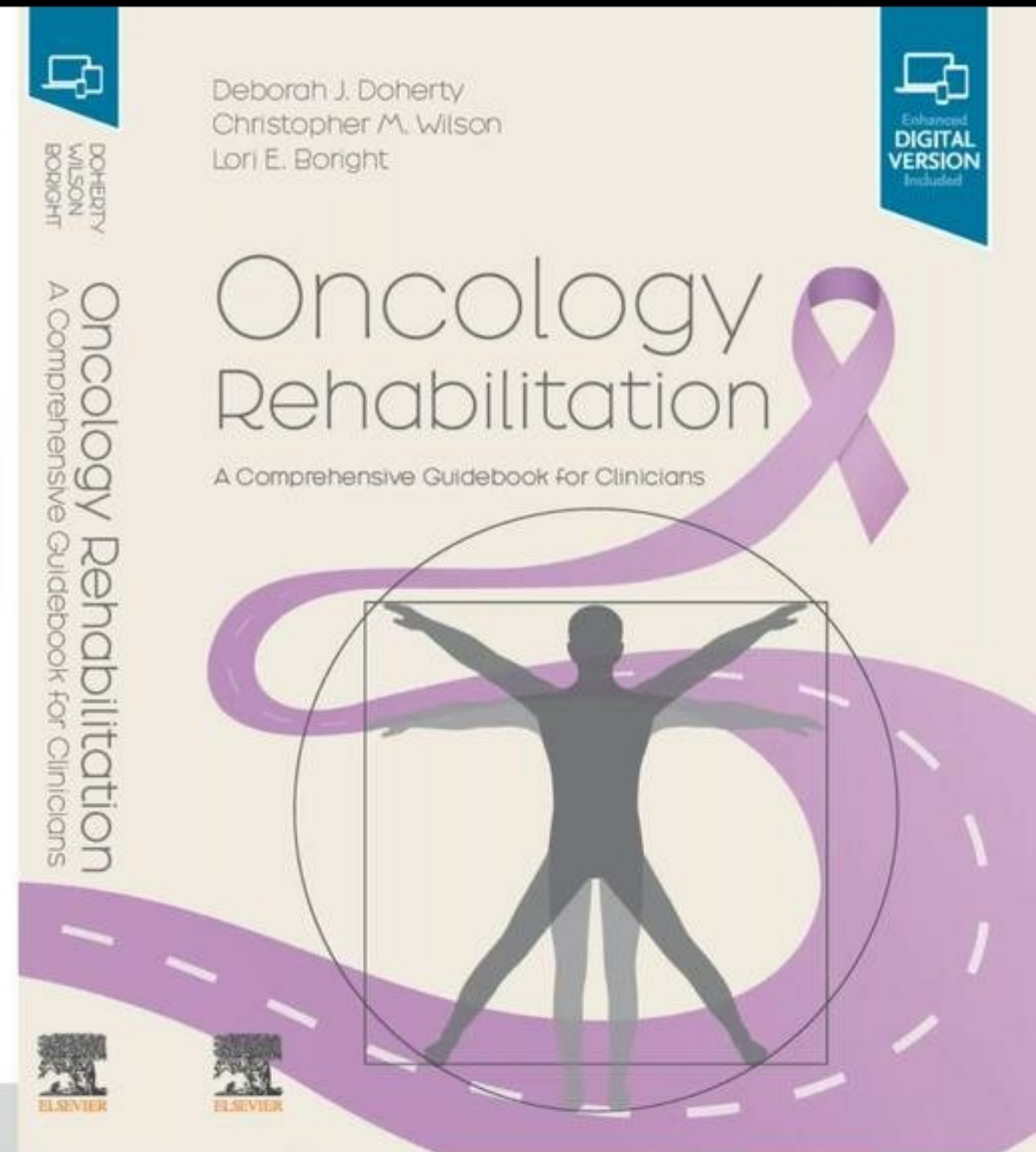
# Rehabilitation Oncology April 2023 Highlights

- Cancer Pain and Frailty: A Scoping Review of How Cancer Pain Is Evaluated and Treated in the Frail and Elderly
- Effect of Telerehabilitation Versus In-Clinic Rehabilitation Delivery on Self-Efficacy in Breast Cancer–Related Lymphedema
- Weekly Telephone Call Impacts Outcomes of an Individualized Home Exercise Program in People Recovering From Cancer



## New book on Oncology Rehabilitation

- Published by Elsevier
- Oct 2022





# **APTA Oncology Academy Special Interest Groups**

Balance &  
Falls SIG

HIV Disease  
SIG

Hospice &  
Palliative Care  
SIG

Lymphatic  
Diseases SIG

Pediatric SIG

Residency



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## **Oncology EDGE Task Force (Evaluation Database to Guide Effectiveness)**

- Evidence based systematic reviews of outcome measures psychometrically tested for use in the cancer population
- 26 systematic reviews and practice recommendations to date
- [https://oncologypt.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/EDGE-Annotated-Bibliography\\_4\\_2018.pdf](https://oncologypt.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/EDGE-Annotated-Bibliography_4_2018.pdf)



# Oncology EDGE Task Force

## (Evaluation Database to Guide Effectiveness)

- By Cancer Type:
  - Colon
  - Urogenital
  - Prostate
  - Head and Neck
  - Breast
- By Symptom
  - Pain
  - Fatigue
  - Strength
  - Cardiorespiratory Fitness
  - Peripheral Neuropathy
  - Lymphedema
  - Incontinence
  - Sexual Dysfunction
- Diagnosis Specific
  - Neck Dysfunction
  - Shoulder Dysfunction
  - TMJ Dysfunction
  - Scapular and Arm Dysfunction





# Academy of Oncologic Physical Therapy



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Building a community that  
advances the profession of  
physical therapy to improve  
the health of society.



# **The Community Oncology Alliance Projects and Priorities**

## **CoC Member Organization Presentation**

Emily Touloukian, DO  
Coastal Cancer Center  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
April 19, 2023





# About the Community Oncology Alliance (COA)



- COA is a non-profit organization advocating on behalf of independent community oncology practices and the patients they serve
  - Independent, non-hospital-based community oncology serves the majority of patients with cancer in the U.S.
- Members from across the country form a volunteer, grassroots advocacy and professional association
  - Clinicians, pharmacists, nurses, patients, and other health care stakeholders are represented by COA
- COA's goal is to ensure that every American facing cancer has access to quality, affordable, and accessible cancer care in the communities where they live and work

# Addressing Unnecessary Burdens and Impediments to Patient Care



- Ensure patients have timely access to high-quality, evidence-based, standard of care treatments
- Reduce interference of non-clinical middlemen/actors
  - PBMs and insurers that negatively impact patient care
- Fixing an out-of-control, broken, and burdensome utilization management system
  - Prior authorization
  - “Fail first” step therapy and formulary restrictions



# Ensuring the Success and Viability of Independent Practice



- Seeking sustainable and equitable payments for independent practices
  - Tackling low or inadequate reimbursement (Annual Medicare fee schedule changes, Medicare sequestration, etc.)
  - Supporting a healthy community oncology workforce
- Creating a more level playing field between independent practices and other sites of service
  - Addressing site of service reimbursement differences
  - Fixing public policies that drive/feed consolidation



# Leading the Future of Quality Programs and Measurement



- Seeking solutions to ensure quality, improve the patient experience, and reduce total cost of care at all levels of health care system
  - Addressing cost drivers at all levels of the health care ecosystem
- Leading the next generation of oncology payment reform
  - Oncology Medical Home (OMH)
  - Enhancing Oncology Model (EOM) and other government models
- Aligning stakeholders (insurers, employers, government, providers) on quality programs and measures
  - Reducing burden of numerous quality measurement/reporting programs
- Ensuring appropriate quality measures for oncology practices and pharmacies
  - Developing appropriate oncology pharmacy quality/performance measures around orals and prescribing

# How COA Addresses Priorities



- A national and state advocacy network for practices to drive change
- Network practices to share resources and knowledge
  - Practice administrators (CAN)
  - Pharmacists (COPA)
  - Oncology/Hematology fellows
  - Patients (CPAN)
- Robust array of support and tools for practice operation
- Research and thought leadership





# Mission of COA



The mission of COA is to ensure that patients with cancer can receive quality, affordable, and accessible cancer care in the communities where they live and work.



# North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, Inc. (NAACCR, Inc.)

Colleen G. Sherman, MS, RHIA, CTR

APRIL 19, 2023

# NAACCR's Mission:

- Develops and promotes uniform data standards for cancer registration;
- Provides education and training;
- Certifies population-based registries;
- Aggregates and publishes data from central cancer registries;
- And promotes the use of cancer surveillance data and systems for cancer control and epidemiologic research, public health programs, and patient care to reduce the burden of cancer in North America

# NAACCR's Steering Committees

- Communications Steering Committee
- Professional Development Steering Committee
- Research And Data Use Steering Committee
- Standardization And Registry Development Steering Committee
- Strategic Planning And Alliances Steering Committee



# NAACCR's Strategic Initiatives

- Certification
- Minimal Data Sets/Partial Records
- Race and Ethnicity Reporting
- Informatics
- Communications
- Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
- Training Opportunities
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Advocacy and Policy

## Current Work

- Steering Committees recently met to review their workplans and determine how best to incorporate NAACCR's strategic initiatives
- Due to volunteer workload, it will not be feasible to immediately focus on all initiatives
- Assessing/Updating Certification for registries is a high priority area
- Work on defining a minimal data set has begun

# Mid-Level Tactical Group

- Oversees the change management and implementation of NAACCR Data Standards
  - Reviews proposed changes to NAACCR data standards and makes recommendations to the High-Level Strategic Group
  - Ensures change implementation progresses according to schedule
- Comprised of representatives from standard-setting organizations, including NCDB and AJCC



# Mid-Level Tactical Group

- Involves annual implementation timeline
- Procedures for process improvement

# Mid-Level Tactical Group

## Challenges

- Different stakeholder needs
- Accelerating pace/frequency/volume of changes
- Limited opportunity to fully assess impact of changes
- Increasingly complex systems
- Complex interdependencies are not well documented
- Processes are evolving and not well understood

# More Information!

- [www.naaccr.org](http://www.naaccr.org)
- NAACCR Annual Conference, June 20-22, 2023, New Orleans, LA



Thank You!

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# Open Forum

