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**APTA Names Physical Therapy Outcomes Registry Scientific Advisory Panel**

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ALEXANDRIA, VA — The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) has appointed a Scientific Advisory Panel to oversee its [Physical Therapy Outcomes Registry](#) (“Registry”).

The members of the [Scientific Advisory Panel](#) (SAP) are: James Irrgang, PT, PhD, ATC, FAPTA (Director); Kristin Archer, PT, DPT, PhD; Linda Arslanian, PT, DPT, MS; Janet Freburger, PT, PhD; Christopher Hoekstra, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT; Stephen Hunter, PT, DPT, OCS; Michael Johnson, PT, PhD, OCS; Christine McDonough, PT, PhD and Linda Woodhouse, PT, PhD.

The SAP will provide direction for the registry on scientific integrity, clinical application, quality, public policy and research. It will also contribute and provide oversight to the Registry’s research agenda, data management and analysis strategies, clinical application and utility of the registry, addition of content areas (modules) and scholarly publications.

The Registry, a top strategic priority at APTA, helps evaluate patient outcomes from physical therapist services by collecting data from across the full continuum of physical therapy care. Data will help guide best practices, help providers meet regulatory reporting requirements, generate benchmarking reports, and help shape payment policy. Data from the Registry is published in the Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC®) [database](#), a worldwide universal coding system that provides standardized codes and names for more than 73,000 data elements.

“The Scientific Advisory Panel represents excellence and a wide range of expertise — research scientists, front-line clinicians, and managers and administrators from the physical therapy business community,” said APTA President Sharon Dunn, PT, PhD, OCS.

In addition to helping to identify areas of success and opportunities for improvement in providing patient care, the Registry supports physical therapists in current and future quality and compliance programs required by payers, such as the Physician Quality Reporting System.

The American Physical Therapy Association represents more than 93,000 physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students of physical therapy nationwide. Learn more about the types of conditions physical therapists can treat, and find a physical therapist in your area, by visiting [www.MoveForwardPT.com](http://www.MoveForwardPT.com). Follow Move Forward PT on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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