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Call For Papers: Rehabilitation for Women, Men, and Children With Pelvic Floor Dysfunction

Pelvic floor dysfunction affects women, men, and children of all ages. People with pelvic floor dysfunction may have urinary symptoms (incontinence, voiding dysfunction, abnormal bladder sensations), bowel symptoms (constipation, incontinence), pelvic organ prolapse, lower urinary tract pain and other pelvic pain, and sexual dysfunction. Populations at high risk for pelvic floor dysfunction include women (athletes, women who are postpartum, women who are menopausal or postmenopausal); people with neurological disorders (eg, stroke, multiple sclerosis, dementia, Alzheimer disease), psychiatric disorders, obesity, chronic respiratory conditions, bladder cancer, prostate cancer; and people whose environmental or occupational constraints have prevented toilet access.

Rehabilitation interventions are beneficial in the management of many of these conditions; however, questions remain regarding:

- Relative effectiveness of different interventions
- Critical components of the interventions
- Optimal timing, intensity, and dosage
- Effects on physical function, quality of life, participation, disability, and short- and long-term outcomes

Physical Therapy (PTJ) invites investigators to contribute original research articles as well as perspectives, case reports, study protocols, and quality improvement articles that will stimulate efforts to understand the role of rehabilitation in the management of pelvic floor dysfunction and the evaluation of relevant outcome measures. Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- Roles of physical therapy, as well as other disciplines
- Development and/or evaluation of outcome measures
- Clinical trials of rehabilitation for people with pelvic floor dysfunction, including methodology papers outlining study designs
- Investigations of underlying mechanisms of pelvic floor dysfunction
- Human and animal studies with clinical relevance
- Studies of the efficacy and/or effectiveness of rehabilitation interventions on activities of daily living, quality of life, physical function, participation, or other aspects of disability
- Utilization of rehabilitative services by people with pelvic floor dysfunction
- Attitudes toward rehabilitation for women, men, and children with pelvic floor dysfunction

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