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Point of View

- 1861 Musculoskeletal Impairment Complications in Diabetes

Cardiovascular

- 1865 CentriMag Short-Term Ventricular Assist Device Support

Education

- 1874 Education Research in Physical Therapy

Musculoskeletal

- 1885 Predictors of Reduced Physical Activity 3 Months After Injury

- 1896 Virtual Environment Perturbation-Based Gait Training

Neurology

- 1905 Virtual Reality in Stroke Rehabilitation

- 1919 Locomotor Exercise Intensity With Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury

- 1930 Knowledge Translation Interventions in Stroke Rehabilitation

Pediatrics

- 1938 Effectiveness of Rehabilitation Interventions in Children With Cerebral Palsy

Measurement

- 1955 Balance Impairment in Individuals With Parkinson Disease

- 1965 Lymphedema Measurement Properties

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- 1994 Development of Complex Physical Therapist Interventions



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Call For Papers: Pain Management

In 2011, the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine) published *Relieving Pain in America: A Blueprint for Transforming Prevention, Care, Education, and Research*.¹ In the United States, this report ushered in the current “impact era” of pain as a public health problem. *Relieving Pain in America* described the individual experience of pain as complex, multifactorial, and often difficult to effectively manage. The report also indicated that there is a systemic lack of understanding of pain among researchers and health care providers. Five years later, this lack of understanding continues to have a major impact on relief for patients with pain.

Globally, musculoskeletal conditions are one of the most common sources of prolonged pain and disability. With the increasing prevalence of chronic pain, the use of opioids as a first line of treatment has contributed to the current opioid epidemic in the United States. In response to the opioid epidemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published the *CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain*.² The first *Guideline* recommendation highlighted nonpharmacological treatment options, including physical therapist interventions, as frontline strategies.

PTJ is developing a Pain Management Special Issue to *transform the understanding of pain and promote the implementation of best practice strategies* among rehabilitation scientists and clinicians. Scheduled for publication in early 2018, the special issue will aggregate and disseminate timely and important papers on topics including but not limited to:

- Breakthroughs and advances in understanding factors that predict response to nonpharmacological interventions for pain relief
- Physical therapist intervention or management strategies that provide effective pain relief, prevent progression to chronic states, or demonstrate reduction in the prescription of opioids for pain relief
- New theoretical concepts or approaches for improving pain management
- Innovative methods for pain assessment
- Comparative effectiveness or randomized trial results comparing different nonpharmacological management techniques or comparing results of nonpharmacological management to results of pharmacological or surgical management
- Systematic reviews and/or meta-analyses that provide new information on the effects of nonpharmacological interventions
- Translation or implementation research that improves the uptake of evidence-based strategies for reducing pain or that adapts evidence-based strategies to improve access or treatment effectiveness among hard-to-reach populations or in resource-poor environments

PTJ invites high-quality manuscripts (original research, perspectives, Point of View articles, and systematic reviews with meta-analysis) for peer review. Priority will be given to those papers with the greatest potential to improve pain management practice patterns and patient outcomes. Those interested in contributing to this special issue are asked to submit a 1-page proposal for consideration. For instructions and a downloadable proposal submission form, visit <http://ptjournal.apta.org/content/call-papers-pain-management>. **Proposals are due no later than January 9, 2017.**

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