



EDGE Taskforce Meeting  
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Minutes

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- I. Welcome to new members
  - a. Geriatric reps: Michelle Lusardi, Kathleen Mangione
  - b. Pediatric reps: Carole Tucker, Kristin Kroschell
  
- II. Status of National Outcomes Database (Ken Harwood)
  - a. Goal to have the data to answer the questions that are important to the profession of PT
  - b. Numerous hurdles: eg need to identify algorithm other than # of visits for determining appropriate care
  - c. Business model issue: how to make the system maximally usable and get the information that is needed
  - d. Problem is generic questions don't answer questions about specific categories
  - e. Ortho Section had been making progress on minimum data set
  - f. APTA BOD wanted to examine feasibility, hired consultant Outcomes Inc that is contractor that develops standards for CMS (how all national registries are being developed (eg, what is private info what is not)
  - g. Doing assessment of stakeholder to find out needs from stakeholders to determine feasibility (technology, cost, number of variables that are acceptable to stakeholders
  - h. Hope is that NOD can link to Medicare dataset, OASIS
  - i. There is value to collecting some common general health status data such SF36
  
- III. Update on National Outcomes Database efforts (Jay Irrgang)
  
- IV. Ortho BOD made a decision to pursue a National Orthopaedic PT Outcomes Database

- a. The section coordinated with the NOD project
- b. Developing a pilot project with goals of performance improvement and research database
- c. Clinical practice guidelines for Neck Pain have been published
  - i. Symptoms
  - ii. Classifications
  - iii. Matching classification subgroups to interventions
  - iv. Adopt recommended outcome measures
  - v. There are also examination items
- d. Elements of data collection
  - i. ID info
  - ii. Episode of care period
  - iii. Patient characteristics
  - iv. Dichotomized symptoms (yes/no)
  - v. Primary outcomes: 2 self-report measures
  - vi. Can be modified to gather data regarding dosing
  - vii. Question was raised regarding how adherence to exercise would be tracked
- e. Able to map findings to classifications to intervention ∴ tracks both clinical and process outcomes
- f. Goals is to get 50 volunteers to collect data on 500 patients
  - i. How well did PT classifying (based on symptoms)
  - ii. What interventions was applied (did it match the expected classification)
  - iii. What was the outcome of the intervention
  - iv. Survey participants: what was burden, what changes would you recommend, was the data valuable?
- g. Where possible efforts are being made to use response categories that are part of NOD

- V. Update on Neuro efforts (KMac McCulloch)
  - a. StrokEDGE
    - i. Recommendation level (based on modified Delphi model)
    - ii. Practice setting
    - iii. Clinician experience level
    - iv. Across domains of the ICF
    - v. Documents available on the website
    - vi. Investigating links to existing repositories of outcome measures
      - 1. [www.Rehabmeasures.org](http://www.Rehabmeasures.org)
    - vii. Accessible at NeuroPT.org > health professionals
  - b. MS group meeting for first time
    - i. Building on work of the Stroke group
- VI. International Stroke Network (Steve Wolf)
  - a. Focused on access to rehab for those with stroke
  - b. There is possibility for StrokEDGE to coordinate with this group
- VII. Update from Oncology group (Laura Gilchrist & Pam Levangie)
  - a. Breast Cancer EDGE workgroup formed
    - i. What are areas of outcomes that are needed to assess outcomes (eg, shoulder function, fatigue, lymphedema, pain...)
    - ii. Assigning PTs to areas of outcomes that should be assessed
    - iii. Ken reported American Cancer Society is working on developing set of outcome measures
  - b. Oncology EDGE Measurement Tool Rating Form developed
  - c. Priority List for Outcomes in Breast Cancer Rehabilitation created
  - d. Review of 1st category of Outcome Measures ongoing (Scapular Function)
- VIII. Thoughts from other reps regarding efforts in their respective content areas
  - a. Kristin discussed [www.treatNMD.org](http://www.treatNMD.org) has research rom.

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IX. Plans for Catalog of Tests and Measures