

EDGE Taskforce Meeting
Minutes
February 3, 2006

Members present: Suzanne Campbell, Rebecca Craik, Tony Delitto, Julie Fritz, Stephen Haley, Gail Jensen, Pam Levangie, Barb Norton, Shirley Sahrman, Patti Scheets, Linda Van Dillen, Carolee Winstein, Steve Wolf. **APTA staff:** Ken Harwood, Marc Goldstein, Andrew Guccione
Moderator: Edelle Field-Fote

I. Introductions, overview of inaugural meeting

II. Classification: what does it mean?

Group members offered various perspectives regarding what the term

Categorizing

Interpretation of tests based on context/interaction

Defining a group based on variables related to test

Differs depending on whether goal is prognosis versus outcomes management

[The group agreed that for purposes of this group the goal is outcomes management]

III. What will we gain (what is the incentive)?

Identify what PTs should be treating

Decrease variability in management

Make patient/subject samples more homogeneous

Improve understanding of initial/baseline status

Standardization of testing/measurement/care

Increase professional credibility

IV. What will we lose (what is the resistance)?

Loss of creativity

Time constraint

Loss of innovation

Reimbursement not tied to success of outcomes (no incentive)

V. Defining the task to be undertaken.

Given the diversity of opinions regarding how PTs should consider the Classification process, the discussion turned to how best to offer guidance to clinicians in the field. There was a brief discussion of the APTA's CONNECT Database, and how the taskforce's efforts might synergize with APTA's efforts. In accordance with the concept of standardizing testing, the group agreed that there are already multiple guidelines available to direct clinicians in the selection of the most appropriate (i.e., sensitive, reliable, valid) outcome measures. Therefore, the most valuable effort would be to select from available tests/measurements and make specific recommendations about which to use in the assessment of specific patient types.

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully,

Edelle Field-Fote