

BALANCE AND FALLS SIG

EXECUTIVE NEWSLETTER

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Get Access to BFSIG's Monthly Challenge!

Membership is quickly growing! Make sure to email agptbalanceandfallssig@gmail.com to be added to our email list to receive each monthly challenge. Each newsletter is equipped with suggestions to getting started.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ The NFPAD Kickoff Meeting was on June 28th and was a great success! Thank you to all of leadership who assisted in putting it together. You can access a recording of the video [here](#).
- ◆ Outcome Measures Toolkit 2.0 Update – the new toolkit is available and free to the public! <https://geriatricspt.org/special-interest-groups/balance-falls/Outcome-Measure-Toolkit/>
- ◆ Make sure to follow us on twitter @APTAGeriBFSIG to remain up to date on new events, literature, and upcoming projects the BFSIG has planned!



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OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SIG AND CURRENT PROJECTS

- ◆ We are currently looking for PTA and PT SIG members to reach out to Ann, our PTA liaison, to be featured in the Clinician Focus Feature in the newsletter that was initiated in June! Please email agptbalanceandfallssig@gmail.com for more information!
- ◆ **The APTA Geriatrics Balance and Falls Special Interest Group (BFSIG) is looking for a new Clinical Liaison** to replace Haim Nesser as he transitions out of his role by the end of the year. We are looking for someone to begin on-boarding to train alongside Stefanie, the co-clinical liaison. To be eligible, you need 2 years of clinical experience, be a currently licensed PT/PTA, be an APTA Geriatrics member, and be willing to volunteer 4-5 hours per month to work on the Monthly Challenge. You can apply online on APTA Engage [here](#). If you have questions or want additional information, please email the BFSIG at agptbalanceandfallssig@gmail.com.
- ◆ Our Research Liaison, Jen, will be handling questions that come in with regards to current literature, responding with comprehensive evidence-based research. See her response to a question about fall risk in the acute care setting in the [May Gerinotes publication](#).
- ◆ The BFSIG Vice Chair, Shweta Subramani, is currently working with the Oncology SIG to help develop a community screening toolkit for use on NFPAD/PT Day of Service to screen people with cancer with an adapted version of the STEADI geared towards people with cancer or with a history of cancer. Stay tuned for more info!

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