

Call for Manuscript Reviewers

The *Journal of Geriatric Physical Therapy* is seeking to expand its cadre of reviewers for manuscripts, books, and media submitted for peer review.

The Journal currently invites submissions of quantitative and qualitative reports of original research, systematic and integrative reviews of the literature, case reports and case series, and clinical updates providing evidence about current best practice in geriatric physical therapy. The Journal will soon be accepting book and media reviews.

Qualifications for potential manuscript reviewers include:

- 3 or more years of clinical experience.
- Authorship or co-authorship in an article published in a peer-review journal relevant to physical therapy
- Working knowledge of research design and basic principles of statistical analysis (or commitment to quickly build this knowledge)
- Maintain currency with the peer-review literature related to geriatrics. For example, regular critical reading of two or more peer-review journals relevant to Physical Therapy (eg, *Physical Therapy*, *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*, *Journal of Gerontology*, *Archives of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, *Age & Ageing*, *Journal of Physical Activity*, and *Aging*, etc) in addition to the *Journal of Geriatric Physical Therapy*; or regular active participation in journal clubs.
- APTA member
- Access to the internet and familiarity with searching databases of scientific literature
- Content expertise in one or more areas applicable to geriatric physical therapy practice.
- For those interested in book or media review, contribution to preparation of a chapter, text, or media resource; or responsibility for reviewing and selecting such resources for use in clinical or academic settings is more relevant than research experience.

Experienced and novice reviewers are invited to apply. Anticipated commitment is 4 to 5 reviews per year. The Editor will match those new to the process to experienced reviewers for mentorship during the first year as a reviewer. The Journal's Editorial Board is in the process of developing a resource manual to guide the peer-review process. "How to be an effective reviewer" sessions (sponsored by the *Journal of Physical Therapy*) will be available at the 2008 Combined Sections Meetings. A meeting of all *JGPT* reviewers is planned for CSM 2008 as well.

Individuals interested in becoming reviewers should submit (via attachment to email) a letter describing their qualifications to review and their areas of interest/expertise relevant to Geriatric Physical Therapy, and a current Curriculum Vita / Resume to:

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