

Dear Section On Geriatrics members,

The US Bone and Joint Decade is in the process of coordinating the Global Bone & Joint Decade Network Conference that will be held in October in Washington, DC (APTA is a founding member of the US Bone & Joint Decade). Through Anita Bemis-Dougherty, PT, DPT, MAS, Associate Director APTA Department of Practice, they have requested that a PT member be included in the panel on Bone Health and Osteoporosis.

Timothy Kauffman, PT, PhD, will be representing the SOG and BHSIG on this panel. He will be participating in panels that will be international in nature and will be determining what needs to be done 'beyond the decade'...the work that has to be done for a roadmap for the future relating to bone health and osteoporosis. This will then be developed into a paper that will be published. The areas that will be touched upon will be prevention, intervention, education, & research.

If you would like to know more about the US Bone and Joint Decade program, please click on <http://www.usbjd.org>. Of particular interest would be:

- **[Bone and Joint Decade Global Network Conference](#)**
October 21-24, 2009
Washington, DC
- **[Burden of Musculoskeletal Diseases in the United States: Prevalence, Societal and Economic Cost](#)** - Presenting a compelling argument for greater understanding and expanding research
- **[Fit to a T](#)** - An Education Program on Bone Health and Osteoporosis

Let's hope that our invitation to be a part of this program will make a positive difference in deepening physical therapy involvement when bone health decisions are being made at the national level.

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