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the President's Message

By Gary Hanna, ATC, Edinboro University

It is hard to believe the fall sport seasons are over, and we are already in the middle of basketball and wrestling. As we prepare for the holidays, I have just a few comments for my inaugural President's message.

A heartfelt thanks to Dr. Tom West and his committee for an outstanding job with this year's Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in Harrisburg. For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a wonderful meeting. Make plans now to join us next year as we return to the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate those PATS members who received NATA awards in Dallas. Peggy Houghlum, A.J. Duffy III, Dr. Joseph Torg, John Thatcher, Paula Turocy, Scott Lephart, and Jay Hertel all were honored for their contributions to the profession. Our congratulations to these deserving Pennsylvania athletic trainers.

Please take the time to renew your membership in a timely fashion. It is imperative that everyone includes his or her county of residence on the renewal form so that we may ensure your proper representation in our upcoming election.

Finally, I would like to emphasize a point Mr. Barry McGlumphy made in his presentation at the PATS Symposium. We are currently working under a new practice act thanks to the tireless efforts of many in this Society. I urge you to pull out a copy of the Act and revisit it. You need to become the "expert" concerning our new law. Ask questions if you have them. Learn what this new legislation means to you practicing the profession in the Commonwealth. You then need to practice athletic training every-day according to the current act. I cannot emphasize enough the importance that every one of our 1900 members be "experts" in the law that governs how we practice. Take the time and make the effort.

I hope to see many of you in Boston at the EATA meeting in January.

Keep them healthy!

HIPAA Update

By George M. Roberts, ATC,
District II Governmental Affairs Rep.

In August, the NATA Governmental Affairs Committee provided information regarding the final rules information for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and its impact on the profession of Athletic Training. It should be noted at this point that this is provided as information only and should be viewed that way. Any final interpretations of the act should be left to your employer's attorney. Portions of HIPAA will affect the way athletic trainers communicate and otherwise handle medical records/information of our patient/athlete population.

HIPAA is administered by the US Health and Human Services Department and can be broken down into three "Rules". The first one, the "Transaction Rule" is intended to standardized procedure codes and electronic billing format; the second rule, the Security Rule is designed to secure personally identifiable healthcare information being transmitted electronically; the third is the Privacy Rule and it will have the greatest impact on how we communicate and share patient's/athlete's medical information. Actually, the Privacy Rule took effect on April 14, 2001. Most covered entities must comply with the Privacy Rule by April 14, 2003.

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Hall of Fame Nominations

We are looking for nominations for the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame. Nomination criteria can be found on the PATS web page. We are moving the deadline back this year. Please submit your nominations by December 31, 2002 to:

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Gettysburg, PA 17325 or
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We, like the "Marines" are looking for a few good, deserving people for the distinctive honor of constituting the Hall of Fame Class of 2003. Hope you all had a great Fall.

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Editor's Note:

Dear Friends,

We hope this finds you well and getting prepared for the holiday season. Many changes are occurring with your newsletter. The biggest change is that there will only be three issues each year as opposed to four. Please be mindful of the deadlines that are printed in this issue.

We still need your help in making this the "gold standard" to which other newsletters are compared. Please submit your ideas, comments, or concerns to us. Our goal is continue the tradition of making the newsletter an integral aspect of the PATS membership.

Please remember that anyone wishing to send contributions to the newsletter, please pay close attention to the deadlines. When submitting articles, the best formats to use are Microsoft Word on a disk, a direct e-mail, or an e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word or text format. Pictures should be submitted in JPEG format. Our address is:

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As 2002 draws to an end, take time be thankful for the many blessings you have. Have a happy and healthy holiday, and a joyous new year.

Alan and Beth

Newsletter Submission Dates

Spring:
February 15th
Summer
June 30th
Fall/Winter
November 1st

HIPPA Update continued from front cover

Final rules to the HIPAA statues were released in the Federal Register on August 14, 2002. For the complete story, please go to <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa> where you can also find a helpful fact sheet and other pertinent information. Athletic Trainers should be concerned with seven main categories in the final rules that will most likely affect our practice. The categories are as follows:

- Consent For Treatment
- Authorization to Release Information
- Minimum Necessary Rule
- Incidental Uses and Disclosures
- Parents and Minors
- Uses and Disclosures for Research
- Business Associate Agreements

Explanation of each category is available at the NATA website.

The summary described above is not intended to be all-inclusive. Rather, it serves as notice to all certified athletic trainers that provisions called for under HIPAA will impact the way you practice athletic training. Please consult your employer, medical director/supervising physician, and administrators to be sure that you clearly understand your role in the privacy policy and procedures that they will be required to develop.

The following web sites can provide additional information:

www.hhs.gov (US Department of Health and Human Services) follow the "news" link. The HHS News and HHS Fact Sheet are very informative.

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa> Office of Civil Rights web page includes fact sheet, press release and the official copy of the Final Rules.

www.aha.org this is the American Hospital Association site that offers AHA's comments and concerns about the Privacy Rule.

www.fmaonline.org (Florida Medical Association) has a very useful "Confidentiality Assessment Checklist" that may be used by permission of the FMA.

If you have questions regarding this information do not hesitate to contact me at roberts@edinboro.edu or by phone at (814) 732-2776 x261.



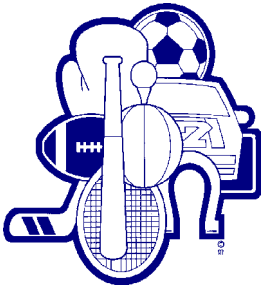
Dan Evans, ATC
College/University Committee Chairperson
Haverford College

It was another record year in Harrisburg!!!! I would like to thank Tom West and his convention staff for putting on a first class weekend.

The College/University Committee moderated a group discussion on the impact of Act 92 and Act 93 on the College/University Athletic Training settings. The key point that came from this discussion was that all College/University Athletic Training departments must have a well-defined Standard Operating Procedure (SOPS). Within your SOPS, each institution will be able to define itself under the guidelines of the new laws. Each institution has the ability to define the patient population for the Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC) in that setting. The SOPS will have to identify your patient population, billing procedure (if appropriate), and referral procedure. It is imperative that you, as a clinician, have your Standing Orders documented and signed by your Team Physician. If you are going to treat a physically active person that does not fall directly into the population outlined in your Standing Orders then you are required to have a prescription, from a physician, for that person. The prescription will need to be written for "Athletic Training Services."

In regards to certification with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I would encourage the membership to keep a close watch on the next renewal. It is my understanding that we will receive the renewal notice from the proper physicians board automatically, but in the age of computers let's not assume anything. It never hurts to ask if you have not received it prior to your current expiration date.

I encourage every ATC in the commonwealth to review the exact wording of the new laws and if you have any question in regards to the impact on the College/University ATC please drop me a line.



the high school corner

By Brian Mesich, ATC
High School Committee Chair
Norwin High School

Are you ready for some WRESTLING?! The PIAA is reviewing many of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFSHSA) wrestling rules in hopes of adopting them for the upcoming wrestling season. The ultimate goal is the health and well fare of the student-athletes.

Some of the significant rule changes are adding the 215 lbs weight class and making the wrestler compete at least half of his matches at his medically certified weight class. This is to hopefully limit those wrestlers from “sucking down” the last few weeks of the season and let the wrestler compete at closer to their “natural” weight. Other rules being considered is limiting a wrestler from wrestling more than one weight class above their certified weight class and shoulder-to-shoulder weigh-ins one hour before the start of a meet and two hours before tournaments. These are possible rule modifications. Be alert and active with your school to see what final rules the PIAA will be adopting for this season. Please check the NFSHSA website (www.nfhs.org) for its rule changes and an excellent article “Aiming for healthy weight in wrestlers and other athletes” by Vito A Perriello, Jr. MD.

Another issue that the high school setting is going to have to face in the near future is the HIPAA Regulations. HIPAA stands for Healthy Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and is broken down into three basic rules: “Transaction Rule”, “Security Rule”, and “Privacy Rule”. These final rules information can be found on the NATA website under HIPAA News. Please also check the other newsletter insert from Mr. George Roberts of Edinboro University, DII Govt. Affairs.

One other topic of recent concern is the PIAA rule that states if an athlete vomits on the playing field during a game that the athlete cannot return to play until the athlete has written clearance by a physician. The Sports Medical Advisory Committee will investigate this current rule during its next meeting on December 7, 2002. Hopefully the rule will be changed and be modified appropriately.

Hope you have a nice winter season and a Happy Holiday season.

Election 2003

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2003 Election.

Southwestern Representative: 3-year position
Southeastern Representative: 3 year position
Secretary: 2-year position

This year the election will be moved back 1 month. This means that nominations can be made up until February 28, 2003. The voting will start on April 1st, (no fooling) and conclude on May 1, 2003.

This year, PATS will begin putting all the candidate’s biographies on the official PATS web site. There are plans to hold the election through our web site.

As voting members of PATS, please support this new and more efficient way to support our fine organization. Additional information will be coming to you as the election draws closer. Thank you and stay involved in your professional organization.

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Remember to Vote!

Clinical Connection

Scott Devore M.A., ATC, PATS Clinical Chair
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I hope that you had a successful and injury free fall season. I would like to welcome Pamela Gass as the new co-chair for the clinical committee.

The committee, along with the PATS Reimbursement Advisory Group (PA RAG) continues to develop and plan reimbursement strategies for ATCs in the Commonwealth. We provided successful and informative workshops this summer on reimbursement in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Linda Mazzoli provided excellent presentations on reimbursement in athletic training at both workshops. We are planning a workshop in the central Pennsylvania in the near future.

Linda Mazzoli and I Co-Chair the PA RAG and have been coordinating efforts with the NATA RAG in developing the reimbursement plan for the Commonwealth. As members of PATS, we ask that you direct all concerns and efforts to us in relation to reimbursement for athletic training services. We can answer specific questions and provide you with information via email or by telephone. Please do not take it upon yourself to contact the NATA RAG without consulting with us. Each state society has its own efforts in accordance with guidelines developed by the NATA RAG.

The NATA has a new website relating to the utilization of athletic trainers as "Physician Extenders" and reimbursement. You can log on to www.nata.org to acquire information on reimbursement through the physician extender route.

The clinical committee and PATS are working hard for your future as a professional in the Commonwealth and hope that you will continue to support our collective efforts. We need to continue to work together and develop opportunities for the profession. If you have any questions or concerns relating to clinical issues or reimbursement, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

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PATS Convention Continues to Set Attendance Records

By Thomas F. West, PhD, ATC, Convention Committee Chair

The 2002 Convention continued to build upon the success of previous conventions and drew nearly 500 attendees to downtown Harrisburg. Many factors worked together to help us achieve this including the membership's interest in learning more about the new Athletic Training legislation passed earlier this year. Another factor was the PATS convention continued to be one of the region's most affordable CEU opportunities.

The Awards Luncheon was again the highlight of the weekend. Over 400 attended the luncheon to see our organization induct Rudy Corona, Dr. I.O. Silver, and John Thatcher into the PATS Hall of Fame. Thanks to the work of Buz Swanik, the lectures and workshops were an additional highlight that provided attendees with information on a variety of topics. The PATS Golf Tournament also continued to be a great event for the membership. John Hauth and his committee members hosted a fun event and awarded many prizes.

PATS 2003 Annual Convention
and Symposium
Harrisburg Hilton and Towers
June 6, 7, and 8, 2003

I want to thank all the individuals that helped make this year's convention a success: Eric Lippincott, Yvette Ingram, Gerard Rozea, Chris Reidy, Sandy Bush, Roberta Polizzotto, Joseph Hazzard, AJ Duffy, and Keith Vanic.

We have already begun planning the 2003 convention. This is your convention, so if you have any suggestions or speaker recommendations please feel free to contact me. Please come back in 2003.

North Central Representative Message

Craig M. Sechler, MS, ATC, Joyner Sportsmedicine Institute



Hope all has gone well this past six months. In case you were thinking that you missed the summer edition of the newsletter, you did not. We combined the summer and fall issues.

It was really nice to see around 500 people at the PATS convention this summer. As enthusiasm around the convention continues to grow, I am concerned that we are quickly going to outgrow the Hilton in Harrisburg. Many of the conference rooms this year were quite overcrowded. A year ago the PATS Board signed a three-year deal with the Hilton, second to a positive response over the years prior. Two more years at the Hilton, then we will have to look at relocating. Speaking of continuing education conferences, you only have till the end of December to complete your CEU requirements and submit them to the NATABOC.

Speaking of moving on, the PATS Board of Directors recently held a long range planning retreat. Items discussed were primarily centered on how this society can service its membership. Telecommunications (holding elections on line, newsletter, web-site, list serves, etc.) were some of the main topics. The convention was another. Expanding our public relations effort will also be a major focus in the near future, including the expansion of the PATS display to suit the needs of a much more diverse population. If you have any other items you feel need to be addressed, please feel free to contact me.

Lastly, we have several leadership openings. We are always looking for people to step up and volunteer. Becoming involved will not only help advance our profession greatly, but is quite professionally rewarding as well. If you are interested in being involved, or need anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me.

South Eastern Representative Message

Chris Peduzzi, Philadelphia Eagles

I hope everyone has survived the fall season and had a chance to catch your breath before the start of the winter sports season. I hope all of you will get a chance to spend some down time with family and friends during the holiday season. All of us will be back in full swing before you know it.



The 2002 PATS symposium was quite a hit with record numbers attending. The convention was full of quality lectures that were well received by those in attendance. I would like to personally thank Dr. Tom West and his convention staff for organizing an outstanding program and a convention that ran very smooth. Thanks again Tom and staff! Congratulations to the 2002 PATS Hall of Fame inductees of Rudy Corona, Dr I.O. Silver, and John Thatcher. This honor is well deserved.

A friendly reminder to everyone in the southeastern region, as well as all other regions in the state, to become involved in PATS. Any time you can volunteer is beneficial to all Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers. For those of you already involved in the Society, I encourage you to "recruit" others to become involved.

As your southeastern representative, I would gladly relay any comments or concerns at the upcoming PATS Board of Directors' meeting. I feel that this is a great opportunity for athletic trainers in our region to have an opportunity to have the voice heard. Comments or concerns can be forwarded to me via e-mail (peduzzi@eagles.nfl.com) or by phone at (215) 339-6727. Thanks and I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

South Central Representative Message

Teresa Zepka, Millersville University

Hi! My name is Teresa Zepka, and I am your new South Central Representative. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative to the PATS Board. I sincerely want to be in touch with EACH of you in the SC region to listen to your ideas and hear your suggestions. Therefore, I would like to arrange a couple of regional meetings throughout south central PA. I need your thoughts regarding sites, dates, whether we want an informal meeting, or a CEU opportunity, etc... What will bring YOU out to a regional meeting? Please let me know at tzepka@millersville.edu. Once the details are ironed out, I will post the meeting notices on the PATS website announcement page.



Heartfelt appreciation goes out to SC athletic trainers Steve Heckler and Sandy Bush for their commitment and service to PATS and the SC region. As Steve moves south, our prayers and wishes go with him for a long and happy retirement in sunny Florida! (We should probably throw a few prayers in there for Steve's golf game, too J) Sandy has done a great job representing the South Central region, and I believe the "Bush-Man" still has a few years until his own retirement, so PATS will continue to benefit from his dedicated work ethic as he leads our current legislative efforts.

The more you get involved, the stronger PATS becomes! Please call or email me anytime you have a question, comment, concern, or if you are looking to become more active in PATS. The fall sport season is winding down, and we can all look forward to some relaxing time shared with our families and friends over the holidays.

South Western Representative Message

Larry Cooper - Penn Trafford High School

Hello and Happy Holidays. Hopefully, you have survived the fall season and are anticipating a calmer winter season inside and out of all the rain. Take this time to examine your performance as a Certified Athletic Trainer and how you relate to your student athletes. See if you are getting to know the person, the athlete, or both. Remember your formal education with heavy emphasis on Psychology and Sport, Behavior Modification, and Athlete Education? Are you still employing the strategies you learned or are you too busy and just treating the injury? A lot of the time it is the little things that make a difference between truly connecting with a student athlete or not.



PASADA and PATS are working towards a conference that would benefit both professions. Look for information involving their annual meeting that will be held in March 2003. It could be an opportunity to get NATA CEUs, as well as Act 48 hours from the State Department of Education.

Wrestling rule changes adopted for PIAA member schools are now corresponding with the National Federation rules. As always, there will be detractors because of change. I personally feel that the changes will benefit the sport and hopefully remove some of the unsafe weight loss practices and weight cycling that wrestlers currently employ.

The WPIAL has formed a Sports Medicine Advisory Board and had its initial meeting in November. If you work in PIAA Districts 7 or 8 contact me with any of your concerns or ideas.

Elections will be coming this spring, get your nominations ready and forward them soon. The strength of your Society depends on the volunteers that come forward. If you do not feel you are ready for that big of a commitment yet, be a committee member, there are always ways for you to get involved. Take the time to make a difference, get involved.

Have a safe and successful winter season.

Northwestern Representative Message

Kay Mitchell Emigh, Grove City College

The season of giving is quickly approaching. As we consider gifts for family and friends let's also consider the gift of time. Now is a great time to get involved within YOUR professional organization, PATS. If you are interested in becoming involved and would like more information please contact me or any members of the Board of Directors. I, as well as anyone, realize the time constraints on members of our profession but the rewards far outweigh the commitment.

As your Northwestern Representative I would like to organize a regional meeting and request your input in regards to concerns or topics to address. Also, if you are interested in hosting a regional meeting please contact me. I would like the meeting to be in early March. Speaking of March...PATS is sponsoring a contest for athletic training students and athletic student aides. The contest is for submission of marketing and public relations events for National Athletic Training Month. Please encourage your students to participate. This could be their first step in becoming an involved member in their future profession.

As 2002 comes to an end and we approach 2003 remember to put the PATS Convention on your list of things to do. Tom West and his committee did an outstanding job last year and are busy preparing the 2003 convention which will be in Harrisburg June 6th - June 8th. Also, my first New Year Resolution is that there will be a Northwestern Regional Golf Outing in the summer of 2003. I promise President Hannal!

In closing, may you and your family have a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy, successful and prosperous New Year.

PATS Annual Convention & Symposium

June 1 - 3, 2002 Harrisburg (Hilton & Towers)

EATA Convention

January 5 - 7, 2003	Boston, MA
January 10 - 12, 2004	Philadelphia, PA
January 8 - 10, 2005	Boston, MA
January 8 - 10, 2006	Philadelphia, PA
January 6 - 8, 2007	Boston, MA

NATA National Convention

June 14 - 18, 2002	Dallas, TX
June 24 - 28, 2003	St. Louis, MO
June 15 - 19, 2004	Baltimore, MD
June 14 - 18, 2005	Indianapolis, IN
June 27 - July 1, 2006	New Orleans, LA

Future
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PATS Loses a Charter Member

With the loss of Dave Tomasi, the athletic training world lost one of its most revered and influential founding fathers. A unique mix of storyteller, teacher, philosopher, mentor and old school "hands-on" athletic trainer, he had an unsurpassed zest for life. His intense passion for athletic training and the development and success of his students set a standard for future athletic training educators that will be hard to meet.

We often tend to quantify the influence a person has had on the field by counting the number of athletic trainers he or she produced, but for Dave Tomasi, that impressive number doesn't begin to tell the full story. What set him apart is the depth of the impact he had on the personal and professional lives of so many.

His driving motivation was a deep sense of responsibility for the full development of every one of his students. He fretted, worried and worked tirelessly until each graduate of every class had a graduate assistantship or job to begin their career. He then took pride in, and bragged about, their successes as if they were his children.

Those of us who had the advantage of knowing and working with him will forever remember and cherish both his accomplishments and his idiosyncrasies. Tomasi stories will undoubtedly be told for years to come whenever athletic trainers get together.

Dave was a well-read master of trivia, capable of long recitations on everything from the history of coal mining in central Pennsylvania to the ballistics of a .308 Winchester, often regardless of whether the listener had any interest in the subject. He was also a man with a strict sense of routine and timeliness. He was always early. At his funeral his priest told of Dave arriving for church 45 minutes early every Sunday and sitting in the parking lot reading the paper to make sure he would have no problem getting his regular seat in his favorite pew.

He was fiercely independent and generally felt there was a right way to do things. I can recall him telling a physician that he had good knowledge but "lousy hands" and he'd better work on that. I also remember him telling a student to turn down a good job offer because Dave had decided he should go to a specific graduate school and had arranged and verbally accepted a graduate assistantship on his behalf.

The stories and memories will go on and perhaps even be embellished over time, but what cannot be exaggerated is the significance of his contributions to his field. That impact will continue to grow because his students are now mentoring the next generations of athletic trainers and they learned how to do it from Dave Tomasi. They could have had no greater model to emulate.

I will miss Dave, but my personal loss of a professional colleague and peer, hunting buddy and friend, is somehow made more enduring knowing so many of you share my feelings.

Bruce Young, Ph.D.
Chairman, Department of Health Science
Lock Haven University

PATS On The Back

- 👍 Congratulations to Joe Hazzard and his wife on the birth of their son.
- 👍 Congratulations to Cheryl Ferris, University of Pittsburgh, and her husband, Joe, on the birth of their new baby boy, Richard Alex Ferris.
- 👍 Congratulations to Shelly Fetchen, University of Pittsburgh, on her recent engagement to Dan DiCessaro.
- 👍 A 'PAT on the Back' to Gary Hanna for his wonderful work as 'interim treasurer'.
- 👍 AJ Duffy, President-Elect, for his care of one of his football players who suffered a heart attack during practice.
- 👍 Dr. Linda Meyer (Platt), PATS Liason to Pennsylvania Special Olympics, on her summer wedding.
- 👍 Karen Maddix (Deitrick), PATS Secretary, on her summer wedding.
- 👍 Brandyn Charlton, PATS Treasurer and his wife on the birth of their baby girl.

Congratulations to the following NATA Award winners

Peggy Houglum, PhD, ATC, PT -
NATA Hall of Fame

A.J. Duffy III, MS, ATC, PT -
Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer

Joseph Torg, MD -
President's Challenge

John Thatcher, MS, ATC -
Sayers "Bud" Miller Distinguished
Educator of the Year

Paula Turocy, EdD, ATC -
Athletic Trainer Service Award

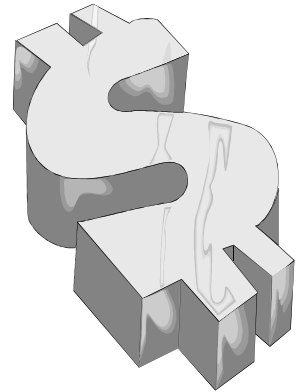
Scott Lephart, PhD, ATC -
William G. Clancy Jr., MD, Medal for
Distinguished Athletic Training Research

Jay Hertel, PhD, ATC - Freddie Fu, MD, -
New Investigator Award

Reimbursement for Athletic Trainers

Scott Devore, MA, ATC

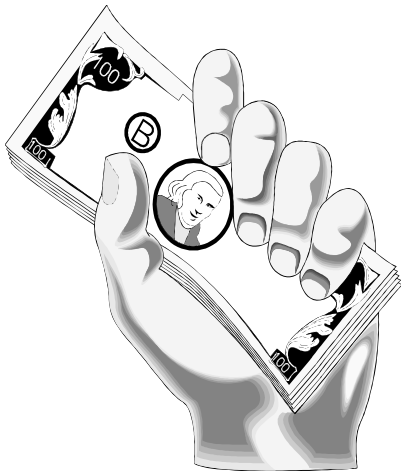
The PATS Reimbursement Advisory Group (PA RAG) provided educational workshops relating to reimbursement for athletic training services in August. The workshops were provided in conjunction with information from the NATA RAG. They were conducted in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Linda Mazzoli provided an excellent presentation at both workshops. A central Pennsylvania workshop is being planned for the future.



The goals and objectives of the workshops were to provide relevant information relating to reimbursement of athletic training services in all practice settings. The discussions centered around reviewing basic assumptions with regards to reimbursement, understanding coding procedures, practice and documentation guidelines, goals to approaching payers, and to provide marketing ideas for athletic training services for the physically active.

Reimbursement for services is a detailed process and is not limited to insurance reimbursement. It is not restricted by practice setting for athletic trainers and applied in each state in accordance with its legislation, guidelines, and regulations. Reimbursement is politically and market driven. It can be professionally enhancing if the process is carried out in an organized and efficient manner. Like our current legislative efforts for PATS, this is a process that takes time to implement and develop ideas. As health care professionals, we need to learn and understand this process before applying it to our own setting and sports medicine market. These workshops and the PA RAG will continue to provide you with the information necessary to understand the entire reimbursement process.

The PA RAG has been researching and gathering information in planning for reimbursement for ATCs in the Commonwealth over the past 3-4 years. Linda Mazzoli, Barry McGlumphy, and I have acquired information from the NATA RAG and a variety of other sources to develop an information packet on reimbursement for PATS. In light of the current legislative changes enacted through PATS this year, we have been able to further these efforts and open up doors for the reimbursement process in the future.



The PA RAG asks the membership to be patient with this process. Please contact us first for any information relating to reimbursement issues. We welcome any questions and concerns relating to these issues and would be glad to provide any information to you via e-mail or phone. We are planning future workshops on reimbursement and ask you to attend to learn more about this process to enhance your ability in the sports medicine market.

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