

**Telerehabilitation SIG  
Executive Committee Teleconference  
Wed 27 August 2008**

Members of the Executive Committee to discuss the Goals and Activities of the SIG and set out a plan of action to achieve these goals.

**Schedule for teleconference calls** – It was decided that SIG teleconference calls should be held every 4 weeks in order to progress various activities. SIG members are encouraged to join every second teleconference call.

- **Each teleconference will be held 8.00am EDT US/ 10pm Australian time**
- Dates are set out below:
  - Open to SIG members - **Wed 1 Oct**
  - SIG Executive – **Wed 5 Nov**
  - Open to SIG members –**Wed 3 Dec**
- Call number: 1-800-503-2899  
Access code: 2231720  
International Code: +1 303-248-0817
- Members are encouraged to send through agenda items to Chair (Deb Theodoros) and Co-Chair (Ellen Cohn) for each meeting

**Development of Standards for Telerehabilitation**

- Executive committee decided that drafting standards for telerehabilitation should be a *high priority* for the SIG
- As ATA has a framework for this process, it was decided that the SIG should work with this framework, adding relevant guidelines pertaining to telerehabilitation such as technology, human factors, ethics, certification etc.
- Dave Brennan agreed to lead the drafting of standards and guidelines for the SIG
- Need to form a working group which should include ATA members, SIG members, members of other SIGs which have developed their own standards and guidelines, professional association members. Members of executive committee to be part of this working group.
- Members are asked to send details of any professional associations that might be interested in developing telerehabilitation standards and guidelines to Dave Brennan
- Any SIG members interested in working on the standards and guidelines, please contact Dave Brennan and join the next conference call

**Recognition of telerehabilitation providers in US**

- Need for telerehabilitation providers to be recognized by Medicare was emphasised by members of the Executive Committee
- SIG to continue to advocate for this with ATA board

- Reed Franklin, Senior Director of Public Policy in ATA has been invited, and has accepted, to join the next SIG teleconference call to discuss this issue

### **Increasing profile of Telerehabilitation**

- The committee agreed that the profile of the SIG could be improved by posting white papers or presentations onto to SIG website
- Ellen to look into the possibility of doing this.
- Members are asked to submit any suitable information to Ellen

### **Development of white papers**

- Members considered this goal to be a minor priority compared to standards and guidelines

### **List of SIG members on listserv**

- It was suggested that a list of all SIG members should be placed on the listserv. Ellen to look into this.

### **ATA Conference, Las Vegas 2009**

- Ellen suggested that the SIG host a Discussion platform presentation at the conference. Suggested topic was a Review of technologies used in telerehabilitation. Dave, Ellen, Paul, and Trevor Russell to do this.
- Members are asked to provide suggestions for activities for the SIG display in the Exhibition Hall for the conference. Previous displays have included a poster outlining various projects on telerehabilitation and a handout listing all telerehabilitation presentations at the conference. Send suggestions to Deb Theodoros for this.

### **Telerehabilitation terminology**

- Executive committee agreed that SIG should continue to be called Telerehabilitation SIG
- To be discussed again at next meeting