



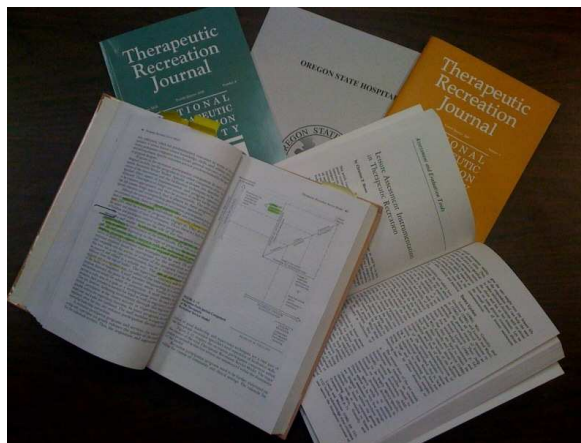
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Evidence Based Practices: What Do You Know About It?

Evidence based practices are the keys to our professional viability. Proofing our outcomes and documenting the effects of our professional viability is the future of



our field. While each of us has great stories of how we have effected and changed the individuals that we serve and work with, often more often than not these wonderful outcomes become buried in contact notes, charts or only surface in verbal conversation at care conferences. Yet these are the very factors that could make all the difference in our professional growth and field if we utilized their power. But you say

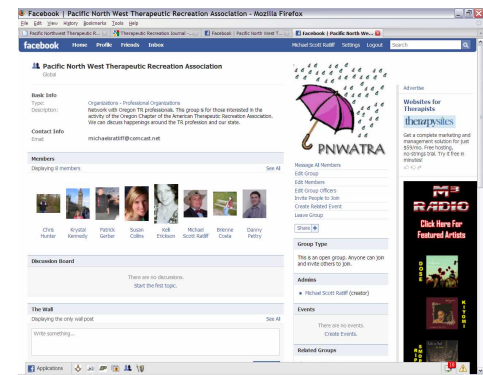
"I'm busy enough," "I don't have time to rewrite my chart notes," "I'm not in research, I don't care," "besides it's how my department implements our programs" or "it's only working with a certain type or limited individuals."

Often we feel we are isolated and only one recreation therapist in a sea of many professionals. But send us your success stories anyway. We want to create a data base that could be used by other professionals; maybe your techniques, methods or procedures could help someone else with the same or similar problems. We want to create a data base that could be used by graduate and research groups...collectively our evidence based individual practices could be the foundation of new theories, new techniques, new discoveries and change that mean better practices for us all.

PNW ATRA has a Facebook Group!

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=38449397532>

We are seeking ways to increase membership communication and networking opportunities for CTRS professionals throughout the State of Oregon. One way has been to start a Facebook group. Please, join us on Facebook. Get to know each other, share ideas, CEU events, job postings or just socialize with fellow CTRS credentialed people working in Oregon.



"You can learn more about a man in an hour of play than in a lifetime of conversation" ~ Plato

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Current Projects of PNW ATRA

- ✓ Grow the PNW ATRA's board
- ✓ Generate a strategic plan for strengthening our Chapter
- ✓ Present the annual fall PNW ATRA's workshop
- ✓ Sponsor at least one Social event for Oregon's CTRS professionals
- ✓ Support ATRA's Recreational Therapy Medicare Project
- ✓ Survey member's expectations for the Chapter
- ✓ Update www.pnwatra.org

Nominations Being Accepted for Board Member Positions:

Looking for a few good, cutting edges, ready for making change, try something new, advance your professional career type individuals. Two positions are available on the Pacific Northwest ATRA Board. Nominations may be submitted to the e-mail address or by contacting Michael Ratliff (503-945-2967, michael.s.ratliff@state.or.us) or Connie Koblenzer-Ratti (503-638-2014, activitydirectorclass@hotmail.com).

Qualifications:

Candidates must be members of PNATRA and ATRA. Hold the rank of CTRS or provisional retired rank.

Responsibilities and Time Commitments:

Board members meet 4-6 times a year. Meetings format can be either in person or via phone conferences. E-mailing insures all members are in communication and controls unnecessary time expenditures.

Benefit of Service:

Advancement of career, meeting other professionals in RT and related fields. Service to the profession and making a contribution to the growth of our wonderful profession. Expanding your understanding and awareness of our branches of service: Hospital and Rehab, Parks and Recreation, and Inclusion Services. Board members reach out and service all aspects of the recreational therapeutic communities.

Board members have been active in planning regional conferences and special events that further the education and communication among CTRS members.

Financial Report:

Our main source of revenues has in the past been generated by our fall conference, providing CEU credits for our members and independent CTRS professionals. The success of these events has provided our association with a healthy balance sheet.

Current fiscal balance for First Quarter of 2009.

\$5869.75

All accounts balanced and paid. No outstanding accounts due.