

*Proposed APTA
Aquatic Therapy
Section*

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Dear Therapist:

As you can see by the heading, this letter will hopefully update you on the formation of the Aquatic Therapy Section for the APTA.

First let me tell you that both Richard Ruoti and I have been working together on this project from the beginning, since April of 1990. So if you have seen correspondence with only one of our names on it, this doesn't mean that there are two different proposals to the APTA. This is a joint effort.

As far as the progress on preparing this proposal, I'd have to say it is great. As most of you knew through our phone conversations, the deadline for a 1991 approval was December 31, 1990. We did not get our minimum number (200) of signatures by this date, but have them now. Even so we are still actively recruiting therapists who would like to become a member of this section if approved in June 1992. They may contact either Richard or myself at the above addresses for further information.

In addition, I have nearly completed the busy work of writing the Section's bylaws which must be pre-approved and edited prior to final submission in December 1991.

The negative component to this is that there are two APTA sections (including the sports medicine section) that felt that an aquatic therapy section would duplicate the efforts of their section. Richard and I will be working on this hurdle over the next few months.

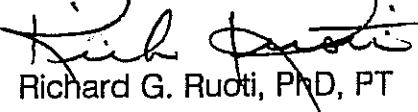
So what comes next? Completion of the bylaws, final approval by the other 17 Sections and if possible more signatures and petitions from our peers. (This last item would help significantly!)

We will continue to keep you updated as things change, please feel free to contact either of us at any time.

Sincerely,



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