The UW-Madison Physical Therapy Alumni Coalition is proud to sponsor a Community Visiting Lecture for all Health Care Providers

“Letters to be Written - Communication Ain’t no Soft Skill”

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DATE: Friday, September 17, 2021
TIME: 12:00-1:00pm
LOCATION: Health Sciences Learning Center - Room 1335
750 Highland Ave, Madison, WI

**We will be Livestreaming this event - Link will be sent closer to the date**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This 1-hour lecture will discuss the relevance of patient-centered communication and how we translate our patients’ needs, values, and preferences in our interprofessional communications. In the world of specialty clinics and electronic communication, how do we best support and advocate for our patients as we practice the 3 components of evidence-based practice (best research, clinical expertise, patient preferences).

SPEAKER BIO: Dr. Bill Boissonnault, PT, DPT, DHSc is Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison Doctor of Physical Therapy Program and former Executive Vice President of Professional Affairs for the American Physical Therapy Association. He was a founding member of and Curriculum Director for the University of Wisconsin Hospital/Clinics and UnityPoint Meriter Hospital Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Clinical Residency Program. Dr. Boissonnault holds multiple adjunct physical therapy faculty positions, presenting nationally and internationally and teaching differential diagnosis, diagnostic imaging, and communication skills. Dr. Boissonnault is editor of the textbook Primary Care for the Physical Therapist: Examination and Triage (Elsevier Saunders 1st, 2nd and 3rd editions) and past co-editor of Pathology: Implications for the Physical Therapist I (Saunders 1st and 2nd editions). He has multiple journal publications related to differential diagnosis and physical therapist practice. Dr. Boissonnault is past-president of the Foundation for Physical Therapy, the profession’s national research fund-raising organization and past-president of the Orthopedic Section of the APTA. In addition, he chaired the APTA Manipulation Legislative Task Force and the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists Practice Committee.

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