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IMTRC Returns to Seattle in 2028!

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International
Massage
Therapy
Research
Conference

May 7-9, 2028
Seattle, Washington

Mark your calendars! **Massage Therapy Foundation's 2028 International Massage Therapy Research Conference (IMTRC) will take place May 7-9, 2028 in Seattle, Washington.**

This important conference will bring together massage therapy practitioners, educators, integrative health researchers, allied health professionals, and others interested in massage research from around the globe. **We hope to see you there!**

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New Research Perch with Ruth Werner

Research Perch



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Listen in to *Research Perch*, as **Ruth Werner and Dr. Niki Munk** discuss three Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder-related case reports from the *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (IJTMB)* September 2025 Special Issue on Massage Therapy and Mental Health. Learn more about the role therapeutic massage can play for those dealing with the after-effects of trauma, and the importance of research in this area.

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Community Service Award Application Season Wrap Up



Massage Therapy Foundation received a record number of Community Service Award applications during the 2026 granting cycle—with submissions arriving from across the globe.

The level of interest this year reflects the growing recognition of massage therapy as a powerful tool for supporting health, resilience, and connection in communities everywhere. It also speaks to the success of this year's increase in our maximum award amount of up to \$20,000.

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Coming Soon: Double Your Donation May 9-17



Get ready! During MTF's Spring Match Fundraiser May 9-17, make a gift to MTF and MassageBook will double your donation—up to \$2500 total.

Your support makes MTF research, education, and community service initiatives possible. Set a reminder to give May 9-17, and your contribution will go twice as far!

Can't wait? Your contribution is appreciated any time!

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Awards and Contests

Call for Poster Abstracts closes May 1st! Share your research at MTF Poster Session at AMTA 2026 National Convention. Encore posters may apply.

[SUBMIT YOUR POSTER ABSTRACT](#)

The following MTF awards and contests are open for applications:

- **Case Report Contest:** Submit year-round—next deadline June 1, 2026
- **Poster Abstract Submission:** Deadline May 1, 2026



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