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Communicator

Heartfelt Community Service Award Update



In 2025, the Massage Therapy Foundation awarded a \$5,000 Community Service Award to Heartfelt Community of Gloucester, VA, for their project entitled "Compassionate Touch for Veterans with Dementia."

The grant, sponsored by a gift from Biotone, provides compassionate touch to veterans with dementia at Walter Reed Nursing Home. The project is over halfway completed, and has already made a huge impact on the lives of the veterans it serves.

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New CE Courses From IMTRC

Expand your knowledge and earn 1CE per course! These sessions were originally presented at MTF's 2025 International Massage Therapy Research Conference:



Advancing Massage Therapy Through Research: Highlights from AMTA-Funded Grants

Hear from principal investigators and participating MTs as they share insights from AMTA-funded MTF Research Grants including:

- Massage Service Integration in a Military Primary Care Clinic,
- Massage Therapy as a Preventative for Post-Irradiation Fibrosis,
- Trauma-Informed and Culturally-Responsive Integrated MT,
- Massage Impact on Sleep for Hospitalized Pediatric Oncology Patients.

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Practice-Based Research in Massage Therapy

Research that reflects real-world massage therapy practice happens where care is delivered: in clinical and community settings rather than in laboratory environments. Hear from researchers as they share current practice-based studies conducted in hospitals and community care settings. Explore how this research translates into meaningful patient outcomes and actionable insights for massage therapists.

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MassageNet Study Enters Phase II



MassageNet is excited to share that a new research participation opportunity is now open to our members which continues the prior launch of the *National Study on U.S. Massage Therapists' Experiences of Sexual Harassment and Assault by Clients*.

The study is the second phase of the dissertation work of Candidate Morgan Richard, and work builds upon her prior work on the same topic during phase I of the U.S.-based project, begun in April 2026, and replicates a prior study done with Canadian massage therapists.

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IJTMB 2026 Metrics



Congratulations to the *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork* on its latest Scopus metrics for 2026!

The Journal maintained its CiteScore (CS) Q2 ranking in Health Professions (miscellaneous) while increasing its SCImago Journal Rank score to 0.273 and SNIP (Source Normalized Impact per Paper) to 0.64.

The CiteScore (CS) of an academic journal is a measure reflecting the yearly average number of citations to recent articles published in that journal. As a tool, CS helps measure the impact for journals, book series, conference proceedings and trade journals.

Congratulations to the *IJTMB* for continuing to publish high-quality, engaging and citable work!

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Awards and Contests

The following MTF awards and contests are open for applications:

- **Case Report Contest:** Submit year-round—next deadline June 1, 2026

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