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Ergonomics Survey: Be a Part of MT Research!



MTF is conducting data collection about the work of MT professionals to create a structured job task analysis. With this information, our goal is to provide safety parameters for MT work which may include identifying risk factors, examining practice environments, and analyzing the essence of how typical massage therapy work tasks are performed.

Are you a massage therapist? Contribute to research by taking the survey below:

[Take the Survey](#)

Convention Wrap-Up

As another fantastic AMTA National Convention draws to a close, we have so many great memories, new connections, and fantastic ideas for the future! A great time was had by the creative and generous donors at our Wednesday night Monster Mash fundraiser (click the link below to see photos).

There was so much to see and be inspired by: MTF President Doug Nelson's Opening Session talk, a top-notch AMTA/MTF Research Panel, and fascinating posters at the AMTA/MTF Poster Session. We hope you were able to join us in being a part of this amazing gathering.



[Monster Mash Photo Gallery](#)



Donor Reception Awards



The MTF Donor Reception at the AMTA National Convention is one way that the Foundation shows heartfelt appreciation for the support received from donors and volunteers. **The Foundation is thankful to everyone who has contributed to the mission of supporting scientific research, education, and community service for the massage therapy profession.**

This year's Massage Therapy Foundation Distinguished Service Award went to Clifford W. "Cliff" Korn, LMT, BCTMB. Cliff is a Past Vice President of MTF, serving on many of our MTF Committees and as a Trustee. His many years of service to MTF are greatly appreciated.

The 2018 Performance Health – Massage Therapy Foundation Humanitarian Award was awarded to Dr. Ann Blair Kennedy, LMT, BCTMB, DrPH.

Ann has made numerous contributions to the profession as an educator and as Executive Editor for the *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork*. Her dedication to her students and the quality of research in the massage therapy field have enhanced the profession on many levels.



Save the Date: *Free Research Webinar: Part III*



MTF and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork's 2019 FREE Research Webinar Series will continue with **Part III: How to Find Quality Resources.**

Join us for the live webinar on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 1pm CST. **Sign up today and increase your research knowledge!**

[Sign Up Now](#)

#RunningForResearch

Run the race a lifetime and help raise funds for massage therapy research!

Apply now to run the Boston Marathon on Team MTF through the John Hancock Marathon Nonprofit Program. Application Deadline is November 4, 2019.



[Apply to Run on Team MTF](#)

Grants and Contests Open Now

Have you ever had a great idea for a research project or community service initiative involving therapeutic massage? Have you been inspired by research that you want to share with your colleagues in the profession and beyond? We can't wait to see your ideas!

Apply to the following Grants and Contests today:

- 2020 Community Service Grant Application
- 2020 Research Grant Application
- 2020 Poster Session Abstract Submission
- 2020 Student Case Report Contest

[Learn More About MTF Grants and Contests](#)

Your Support Makes a Difference

MTF is dedicated to making the world a better place. We elevate the profession by funding research grants, scientific conferences, and educational initiatives for massage therapists and by providing direct community service to those in need. **Please consider helping the Foundation continue to fund research and deliver knowledge to therapists' fingertips.**

Now is the time to make research count!

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