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Editor's Message

## Forty Years

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This special issue on Oncology Physical Therapy Education marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year of our journal. APTA Oncology began as a special interest group (Section) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) with our [inaugural newsletter](#) published in September 1982 and formal APTA recognition in June 1983. The rationale for the development of our (now) Academy was to “provide a means by which members having a common interest in special areas of physical therapy may meet, confer and promote the interests of their respective section.”<sup>1</sup> Entering our 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence, we have not just met and conferred with one another, but we are recognized as a specialty practice by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. Sincere thanks to all of our predecessors who have brought us this far; we owe you a debt of gratitude for your vision and foresight. The topic of this special issue appropriately marks the progress we have made so far and provides the genesis for continued excellence for the time to come. The Editorial Board of *Rehabilitation Oncology* hopes the pieces in this issue provide guidance to and spark ongoing conversation about educating the oncology rehabilitation practitioner.

1. *Oncology S.I.G. Newsletter 1(1). September 1982.*