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IRG Physical & Hand Therapist Continue Advancing their Clinical Specialties
*IRG Physical & Hand Therapy Celebrates Twelve Therapists
for Advancing their Clinical Specialties*

MILL CREEK, Wash., May 9, 2022: Next week, 12 physical and occupational therapists from IRG Physical & Hand Therapy will be honored by Shannon O'Kelley, IRG's President & CEO, for the hard work they have put in to further their clinical specialties. Hours of study and effort goes into achieving board certifications and therapy fellowships and residencies demonstrated by these dedicated physical and occupational therapists.

Obtaining a board certification allows for the highest quality of patient treatment by keeping therapists on the cutting edge of healthcare technology and research. Studies have shown that board-certified physical therapists provide better patient outcomes more quickly in their specialty area.

Board certifications are granted by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), requiring a minimum of 2,000 hours of clinical practice, a rigorous application and final examination process. Only 11% of physical therapists in the United States are board-certified in any specialty. The APTA offers board certification in a variety of fields, including Orthopedic Clinical Specialist (OCS), Sports Clinical Specialist (SCS) and Neurologic Clinical Specialist (NCS).

IRG joins Shannon in congratulating the following therapists on recently receiving board certifications:

Alessia Eng, PTA, OCS
Bailey LaPlante, PTA, OCS
Brad Defenbaugh, DPT, SCS
Gina Peterson, DPT, OCS
Jessie Lesar, DPT, OCS
Michael Hearron, DPT, OCS, CSCS
Samantha Bennett, DPT, OCS
Sarah Clue, OTR/L, CHT

Additionally, one of our therapists recently completed the rigorous Certified Hand Therapist (CHT) certification – this requires 4,000 hours of clinical work and a thorough examination process for upper extremity treatment. Congratulations to Sarah Clue, OTR/L, CHT on this accomplishment.

IRG would also like to recognize the accomplishments of our therapists who have recently completed fellowships and residencies. Physical therapy fellowships and residencies involve hours of hands-on instruction, mentorship and clinical work to acquire specific skills and

knowledge for specialty treatment areas, such as mastery of manual therapy techniques.

Congratulations to the following therapists for completing fellowships and residencies with the Ola Grimsby Institute in advanced manual therapy:

Michelle Wendt, DPT, OMPT

Martin Roskoff, DPT, FAAOMPT

Michelle Frazier, DPT, OMPT, COMT

Victoria Rose, DPT, OMPT

IRG encourages the development of their staff and offers financial support for obtaining certifications and additional training. To schedule an appointment with a clinical specialist or learn more, visit IRGPT.COM.

About IRG Physical & Hand Therapy:

IRG Physical & Hand Therapy is the Northwest's premier physical and hand therapy group. The organization is dedicated to providing services that improve the lives of its patients and that contribute to the enrichment of its surrounding communities. The IRG family of clinical and administrative staff and providers are innovators when it comes to partnering with community members to develop programs, collaborate on projects, establish networking relationships, and pioneer initiatives that give back to local causes.

IRG Physical & Hand Therapy is headquartered in Mill Creek, Wash. and operates over 35 outpatient orthopedic clinics throughout the Puget Sound region. More information about the organization can be found at IRGPT.COM.

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