

## EDITORIAL

# NAJSPT INDEXED IN CINAHL

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This February issue of the *North American Journal of Sports Physical Therapy (NAJSPT)* begins our third year as a journal. The biggest achievement that occurred in 2007 was the selection of *NAJSPT* to be indexed in the Cumulative Index for Nursing and Allied Health (CINAHL).

According to the CINAHL website at [www.cinahl.com](http://www.cinahl.com) - "The CINAHL database is the authoritative source of information for the professional literature of nursing, allied health, biomedicine, and healthcare. For nearly forty years the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature print index has indexed English-language and selected foreign-language journals covering nursing and other specialized health care areas." The database includes relevant materials from seventeen allied health disciplines - including physical therapy.

We were quite pleased that our journal was accepted into the CINAHL index. This accomplishment was due the strong commitment to the journal provided by the Sports Physical Therapy Section and Sports Physiotherapy Canada, as well as the great support provided to me by Associate Editors - Carolyn Emery (Canada) and Mike Voight (USA). We also have support from the many reviewers listed on earlier pages of this journal. I also want to acknowledge the outstanding work of Mary Wilkinson, Managing Editor - the glue that holds this Journal together. Indexing in CINAHL is an important prerequisite for our long term goal of being selected for indexing by MEDLINE.

According to the PubMed website - "MEDLINE is the largest component of PubMed (<http://pubmed.gov>), the freely accessible online database of biomedical journal citations and abstracts created by the U.S. National Library of

Medicine (NLM). Approximately 5,000 journals published in the United States and more than 80 other countries have been selected and are currently indexed for MEDLINE."

My next major task in my role as Editor-in-Chief is the successful application to have *NAJSPT* indexed in MEDLINE. This task will be quite a challenge. The process is to apply to the National Library of Medicine through an NIH-chartered committee, the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC). This group reviews all new journal titles and recommends those to be indexed for MEDLINE. The LSTRC meets three times a year, reviewing about 140 journal titles - selecting 20%-25% of the titles reviewed for indexing. As you can see - many journals apply and only a small percentage are successful.

To be successful in our attempts to become indexed by MEDLINE, we need to continue to receive quality submissions. The journal showed good growth in 2007 - the number of published articles and pages of text went up and the number of original research articles increased. A continued commitment from our readers to provide quality submissions to *NAJSPT* is imperative!

Indexing in CINAHL is great news! But it is only one step in the process of achieving our goals...

Stay tuned.