

## EDITORIAL

## GOING GREEN!

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One of the most prevalent topics in our society today is the need to “go green.” No matter what your nationality, political preference or place in life, everyone is – or should be – concerned about the need to conserve our natural resources.

Many subscribers have voiced the desire to receive the *North American Journal of Sports Physical Therapy* as an online publication rather than a printed publication. Use of the Journal online is at an all-time high and continues to grow.

In addition, some other key physical therapy-related journals have chosen to move toward online publication. *JOSPT* offers an online-only option, as does the APTA. To the editorial board, and the executive boards of our partner countries, this indicated a trend that bore strong consideration.

*NAJSPT* has listened, looked, and responded.

Beginning with this issue, *NAJSPT* will become an online-only publication.

Access will be simple. Each member of SPTS and SPC will be able to log onto [www.najspt.org](http://www.najspt.org) with his or her membership number, along with their first initial and last name to gain full access to all Journal issues. Articles will be provided in pdf format, complete with photographs and support materials. Subscribers may choose to download and print articles at will. Subscribers who are not members of SPTS or SPC will be given log in usernames and passwords upon subscription to the Journal. When each issue is ready to view, members and subscribers will receive an email alert.

While there are some marginal cost savings with moving to an online-only format after the initial volume, the real

savings is in resources. *NAJSPT* is printed in a facility that uses the latest technology for “green” printing, including soybean-based inks, partially recycled paper stock and solvent reclamation and disposal systems. Still, each issue of *NAJSPT* requires the use of over one ton of paper, 500 pounds of ink, plus hundreds pounds of solvent, yards of petroleum-based printing plates, and gallons of water.

Taking four issues each year of *NAJSPT* to an online-only format will obviously change our impact to the environment. It’s a simple step to making the world a little better.

The editorial board is certain that subscribers will enjoy the new format and look forward to you your reactions and ideas about how we can improve the publication. We also look forward to your own submissions to this publication as you share your contributions to sports physical therapy practice around the world. Comments may be emailed to Mary Wilkinson, the managing editor, at [mwilkinson@spts.org](mailto:mwilkinson@spts.org).

Thank you for your support and participation in the *North American Journal of Sports Physical Therapy*.