

Local Physical Therapist Receives Award

Vallie Rogers Hoerning, physical therapist and clinic manager of Physical Therapy Specialists Clinic in Mountain Grove, received the Outstanding Service Award for her contributions in the area of Patient Care from the Missouri Physical Therapy Association (MPTA) at the 2010 MPTA Spring Conference on Saturday, April 17th in St. Louis, MO. The award honors contributions of an outstanding MPTA member who has consistently provided quality physical therapy services.

John Paul Miller, West Plains Clinic Manager for PTSC, presented the award to Rogers Hoerning, stating, "As her coworker I have had the opportunity to work with Vallie for eight years and see firsthand her desire to be the best and push everyone else to be their best."

"I have been passionate over the years about being a better physical therapist, a resource for people and bringing quality rehab to rural southern Missouri," said Rogers Hoerning after receiving the award. "Thanks to Mary Sheid and PTSC for giving me the opportunity to return to my hometown of Mountain Grove to help develop the clinic and educate the community and area health care providers about the physical therapy profession and what we are capable of in the healthcare world. I could tell you a lot of stories about how we have impacted people's lives by having facilities in Mountain Grove and West Plains; it has been an awarding experience for me personally and professionally."

Rogers Hoerning received her B.S. in physical therapy from Southwest Baptist in 1994, and has been practicing in the physical therapy field since January 1995. She helped start PTSC in Mountain Grove in September 1996 and has continued to develop the practice as clinic manager and clinical specialist over the past 15 years. In September 2000 she became the only McKenzie Diplomat in southern Missouri and remains to be one among less than 300 McKenzie Diplomats worldwide.

David Barbe, MD, wrote a letter of support for Rogers Hoernings' nomination stating, "I can't think of another consultant that I use who generates as many positive comments from the patients we have in common. You can tell from the interactions she has with her patients that she not only loves her practice but takes great satisfaction in providing the highest quality of services to her patients."

The honor of being selected by her peers in the profession throughout the state of Missouri speaks volumes of the exceptional care and leadership that Rogers Hoerning has shown. Since the inception of the Patient Care award in 1980, only 16 individuals in MO have had the honor of being a recipient.

In photo from left: John Paul Miller, Vallie Rogers Hoerning, Marcie Harris Hayes, President MPTA

