Dear New Balance and Falls Special Interest Group Member;

Welcome to the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy's Balance and Falls Special Interest Group (BFSIG)!

This special interest group was developed to provide an opportunity to network, communicate, and work together with a common goal of promoting independence and decreasing the number of falls experienced by older adults.

We would like to share with you just some of the benefits of being a member of the BFSIG:

- 1. Receive bi-monthly e-newsletters providing a wealth of information on the accomplishments and future plans of the groups, recent research, and important issues regarding balance and falls.
- 2. Be given opportunities to participate in the BFSIG activities.
- 3. Have access to balance and falls related resources to help enhance your practice and the lives of older adults.
- 4. Each year the BFSIG sponsors a program at the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) in January or February, which I hope you will consider attending. We also hold our annual face-to-face meeting during CSM.
- 5. Member conference calls to help you achieve your goal of fall prevention.

We value and welcome any ideas, questions, concerns, or suggestions for programming and BFSIG activities. We are always looking for ways to expand the scope of the SIG and we look forward to your participation and contribution.

Please email us at agptbalanceandfallssig@gmail.com

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Sincerely – on behalf of the Balance and Falls Special Interest Group,

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