



The Pronouncements Committee is currently seeking applicants to contribute to the following NATA Position Statement Updates:

- Skin Diseases
- Patellofemoral Pain

An update to the original NATA Position Statements on Skin Diseases and Patellofemoral Pain are needed and therefore a high priority for the Pronouncements Committee. The formation of an author group for each of these manuscripts is now underway. We are inviting researchers and clinicians to apply for an author group in which their background will provide expertise to the position statement. Within the same process, applicants can indicate their interest in being lead author. Researchers should submit an NIH-formatted biosketch with the opening paragraph addressing the open call and contributions to science addressing the positions statement. Clinicians should submit a one-page cover letter addressing the open call and a CV/resume for consideration via the online portal linked below.

Responsibilities: Writing group members will be involved in all aspects of developing the manuscript. Position statements now include the following steps: development of focused subsection topics, choosing search terms, providing search criteria, working with a librarian to search literature for evidence, evaluate evidence using the SORT criteria, interacting with systematic review software (e.g. Covidence, DistillerSR), writing the background section using the evidence gathered, developing recommendations based on the evidence, participating in a consensus building methodology (i.e. modified Delphi method), fine tuning the position statement document, and responding to reviewer feedback.

A lead author will be selected to coordinate the writing team and oversee all aspects of the manuscript development as described above including adherence to the below timeline.

General Qualifications of author group members:

- Demonstrated clinical or research expertise that relates directly to the position statement you are applying to.
- Researcher should have substantiated excellence in writing, primarily manuscripts published in refereed journals, within the topic area. Experience with systematic reviews or scoping reviews is desired
- Clinicians should have substantiated experience in providing healthcare within the topic area and be comfortable with fully participating in the writing process
- Proficiency in evidence-informed planning & decision-making, and critical appraisal of research
- Comfort with applying SORT criteria

- Writing group members can be certified athletic trainers, athletic therapists, physicians, and other pertinent healthcare providers within the topic area
- In addition to the qualifications above, the Pronouncements Committee considers diversity in background as a priority when making author group decisions. The pronouncements committee also wishes to minimize overlapping expertise of authors, instead prioritizing that each other brings different types of expertise to the document.

Specific Considerations for Writing Group Leader:

- The lead author is usually an athletic trainer, however consideration of other professions is possible for a co-lead partnership
- Substantial research and writing expertise in the content area of the position statement you are applying to.
- Demonstrated capability in critically appraising research and using the Strength of Recommendation Taxonomy (SORT) grading system
- Proficiency in group and individual leadership with the ability to meet the general deadlines outlined below.
- Experience with systematic reviews are desired.

If you are interested in being considered as a lead author or writing group member, please submit your application materials [HERE](#).

The deadline to submit your application for consideration to the writing group and/or lead author is **January 16, 2025.**

STEPS TO PUBLICATION	TIMELINE
Outline of document is submitted for review	2 months
Submission ready draft is submitted to JAT for subcommittee review	1 year
Draft of manuscript is submitted to JAT for review	3 Months
Submission of new draft to JAT for external peer review	3 Months
Draft is returned to author group with suggested revisions via JAT	3 Months
Pronouncements Committee reviews new draft and provides feedback/revisions	3 Months
NATA Board of Directors <u>and</u> NATA Foundation Board of Directors approve final draft (revisions/edits may be possible)	1 month
Position Statement sent to <i>JAT</i> for formatting/final technical edits	2 weeks
Lead author facilitates submission of all above components and receives all feedback	