

## Clinical Reasoning and Curricular Assessment Consortium

### Candidate Bio and Statement – 2020



#### CRCAC Nominating Committee Member – one to be elected - three-year term

NAME: Michael Obert	CANDIDATE STATEMENT
<p>I am a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy and Instructor in the Department of Physical Therapy at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, OH where I have been a full-time Instructor since 2014. I earned my MPT at Saint Louis University in 2006, and am currently in the doctoral project phase to earn my DHSc from the University of Indianapolis with anticipated completion to occur in May 2020. I also serve as the Co-Academic Director for the Cincinnati VA Orthopedic Residency in partnership with Mount St. Joseph. My research agenda consists of assessment and development of clinical reasoning skills in DPT students. As a faculty member, my teaching focus is in orthopaedics, basic examination and evaluation, vestibular rehab, and exercise physiology. I have worked in outpatient orthopedics for 14 years, and currently remain active in the clinic on a weekly basis working with an outpatient orthopedic and sports medicine population. I have been a member of the Clinical Reasoning Curricular Assessment Consortium for two years now and look forward to contributing more over the next several years.</p>	<p>I am eager to have the opportunity to serve the CRCAC in the position of Nominating Committee Member. The complexities of assessment and development of clinical reasoning has always intrigued me, both in the clinic and with DPT students as they are growing in their clinical reasoning skills. With the ever changing healthcare environment, new advances in medical treatments, and the growing body of evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning skills are going to be even more vital to our profession and the public that we serve in the future. I look forward to serving in this role on the CRCAC to help find and recruit the leaders who will continue to push for a further understanding of clinical reasoning development and assessment both in PT curricula and clinically for our profession as a whole. I feel that my various roles as an orthopedic PT, clinic manager, faculty member, and residency board member give me various perspectives to draw from in achieving the goals of the consortium. I greatly appreciate your consideration for your vote.</p>



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<b>NAME: Matt Walk</b>	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENT</b>
<p>Dr. Matt Walk is currently an Associate Professor at the University of the Incarnate Word where he facilitates courses in clinical reasoning of 1st year DPT students. Dr. Walk’s clinical practice has primarily been in large urban public health systems. In this setting, Dr. Walk was a strong advocate for the inclusion of physical therapy services in primary care settings. His clinical and teaching experience aligns with his research interests of clinical reasoning and how best to facilitate and assess it in students. He has published several peer-reviewed articles and lectured both nationally and internationally on the topic of facilitating and assessing clinical reasoning. He is a Board Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist as well as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapists. Matt has been an active member of the CRCAC for the past 3 years.</p>	<p>I am excited about the work that the consortia has done to lay the foundations for research and collaboration in clinical reasoning education as well as providing a fact sheet of common terms. Moving the consortia forward through collaboration with other SIGs/consortia and outreach to members is an important next step. I would work to see the consortia continue to develop strategies and tools for members to utilize within their educational setting with available online materials. The consortia must work both in supporting progressive educational research and translating that research into practice for its members. As a member of the executive committee, input on the direction of the consortia as well as engagement of all members is key to sustaining and increasing the momentum the consortia has already built.</p>