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14 Montanans among physical therapy workshop participants at U of Montana

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MISSOULA, Mont.--

A Missoula physician and 13 other Montanans will participate in a 20-hour workshop on back manipulation Thursday through Sunday (June 12-15) at the University of Montana during the spring meeting of the state chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Workshop director is Dr. John M. Mennell, who is chief of the Veterans Administration Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services at Brentwood Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif.

Class hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1:45 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m.-noon Sunday. Sessions are scheduled in the newly developed physical therapy area at the University Women's Center. Registration is at noon Thursday at the Women's Center.

The workshop is sponsored through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Mountain States Regional Medical Program (MSRMP). Program coordinators for the UM workshop are Vincent V. Wilson, a professor who is director of the pre-physical therapy program at UM, and Nora Staael, an assistant professor of health and physical education at UM.

The physical therapy workshop is first in a series of Continuing Education programs to be offered under the auspices of the MSRMP.

"The program represents the initial action taken by the Montana Medical Education and Research Foundation," Wilson said. "Physical therapy is one of 13 allied health professions represented on the Foundation's Board of Directors."

Dr. Mennell is an associate professor of physical medicine on a year's leave of absence from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. He is immediate past president
of the North American Academy of Manipulative Medicine and a founding member of the British Association of Physical Medicine. Dr. Mennell is author of many papers, and two books--"Back Pain" and "Joint Pain."

Dr. John A. Evert is the Missoula physician slated to be on hand for the workshop. Phyllis Bagley, also of Missoula, one of the physical therapists who will participate in the program, will conduct a tour of the Missoula Crippled Children's Association Rehabilitation Center from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday. The center is under construction.

Other physical therapists who will participate in the workshop include Leo Beck and Gene Moe, Missoula; Richard Bartow, Joe Luckman, and Dan McWhorter, Great Falls; Inez Jamison and Robert Nicol, Billings; Gordon Herwig, Bozeman; David West and Tom Larson, Butte; Louise Lulack, Plains; and Richard DonTigny, Havre.

The MSRMP serves a four-state area including Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada.

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