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### **MDT Practitioners to Recap Urban Hospital System Research at APTA's NEXT Conference**

A committee established to standardize the referral process for spine care within the New York University Langone Medical Center (NYULMC) will present at the [NEXT APTA Annual Conference & Expo](#) June 21-24 in Boston.

William Oswald, PT, DPT, OCS, Dip. MDT, and Mia Palazzo, PT, DPT, Cert. MDT, are among the speakers discussing "[Value-Based Management of Spine Pain in an Urban Hospital System](#)" as part of the Practice Management Track June 22.

The two were part of the NYULMC Spine Rehabilitation Committee that reviewed current guidelines, created educational materials and developed a training program aimed to standardize triage and evaluation practices in a hospital system that also includes its outpatient affiliates.

The session will discuss the importance of value-based management of patients with spine pain, how to implement standardization of care and how to manage change across multiple geographic locations while respecting individual practitioner autonomy.

Oswald and Palazzo received advanced post-graduate certification in the Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy® from The [McKenzie Institute® USA, who](#) will be on-site at the NEXT Conference to introduce its APTA accredited Orthopaedic Residency Program set to launch this fall. Expo attendees can visit booth No. 510 for more information.

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Dedicated to ongoing education and research, The McKenzie Institute is the center for postgraduate study in the McKenzie Method of Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy (MDT). The McKenzie Method is a philosophy of active patient involvement and education for back, neck and extremity problems. The key distinction is its initial examination and evaluation component – a safe and reliable means to accurately reach a diagnosis and prognosis that will guide appropriate intervention and a plan of care. Rarely are expensive tests required, as Certified MDT clinicians have a valid indicator to know right away whether – and how – the direction-specific exercise intervention will work for each patient. Search the national provider directory at [www.mckenzieinstituteusa.org](http://www.mckenzieinstituteusa.org)