

2011 Barbara Knothe Burn Therapist Achievement Award

Kim Walker, OTR



Kim has been involved in the treatment and rehabilitation of adult and pediatric burn survivors for over 18 years as an occupational therapist. She has been an active member of the ABA for 16 of those years. Like Barb Knothe, she has been a 'silent' contributor to the burn rehabilitation community but that does not mean she has not contributed significantly especially locally to the patients she treats at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston Texas.

Her accomplishments include lead author of 8 ABA abstracts as well as co-authoring 13 other abstracts. Of particular note, is the wide variety of subject matter these abstract topics encompass which further demonstrates Kim's ability to provide effective treatment interventions and rehabilitative strategies to her patients. She has moderated 3 Sunrise Symposia and has presented multiple times at the OT/PT Special interest Group. Most recently in 2010 she was a co-author of the JBCR manuscript "*Methods and tools for the measurement of burn scar contractures.*"

Kim has lectured extensively in the area of burn rehabilitation around the State of Texas to varying colleges and organizations including the Texas Occupational Therapy Association. She is a member of the Phoenix Society's SOAR program and has assisted with a number of local burn camps in her area.

Kim has demonstrated exceptional performance, dedication, and service to burn care and rehabilitation by her many years of contributions to her patients and in support of the ABA. Moreover, it is Kim's passion and innovative thinking while treating and supporting burn survivors in every capacity that make her a model for outstanding contribution and excellence in the burn rehabilitation service.