

## **2018 Barbara Knothe Burn Therapist Achievement Award**

### **Ingrid S. Parry MS PT**



Ingrid Parry has been a stalwart member of the burn rehabilitation community for over 20 years. She embodies the key attributes of a model burn therapist: a collaborative spirit, a strong work ethic, tenacity, and most importantly, a great passion for promoting excellence in burn survivor rehabilitation. She has worked primarily as a physical therapist at the Shriners Hospital for Children, Northern California since 1997. During this time she has advanced her skills as a clinician, a researcher and an educator and has made numerous substantial contributions to improving the care and quality of life of pediatric burn survivors nationally and internationally. Ingrid has dedicated her career in helping therapists around the globe develop advanced clinical skills and competencies in caring for burn survivors.

Within the burn community, Ingrid has published over 20 peer reviewed publications, three textbook chapters, one letter to the editor, and several extensive rehabilitation related videos. She has been a co-investigator or collaborator on 4 multi-center funded research grants and has over 70 local, national and international presentations on burn rehabilitation. She has been an invited guest lecturer at 4 different universities and colleges, some of which have spanned across 20 years. Additionally, she is an active volunteer in medical relief burn missions in multiple underserved countries including Nicaragua, Honduras, Peru, Guatemala and Mexico providing hands-on workshops and training. She has been extensively involved in the American Burn Association, the International Society for Burn Injuries, the American Physical Therapy Association and has actively been contributing educational content to the burn rehabilitation website ([Burntherapsit.com](http://Burntherapsit.com)). Her volunteer commitment within the American Burn Association includes committee appointments to chair of the Membership Advisory Committee, Rehabilitation Committee and the AdHoc Certification Committee as well as serving on the Board of Trustees. Furthermore, her illustrious service to this organization conferred her with the Curtis P. Artz Distinguished Service Award in 2016.

Most recently, she has taken on the herculean task of leading the development of the ABA Board Certification Program for Burn Therapists. Her thoughtful, systematic approach starting with the development of burn therapist competencies and her overall leadership have made this burn rehabilitation dream a reality as the certification for burn therapists will be launched at the ABA Annual Meeting in 2018. These efforts will not only allow every burn therapist the opportunity to strive towards expert status, and obtain public acknowledgement when they have achieved it, but through their actions and this process, the quality of burn survivor rehabilitation will rise, benefitting all burn survivors who receive this care. Her outstanding clinical skills, knowledge, expertise and compassion in caring for others has positively impacted therapists, physicians, nurses burn survivors and the entire burn rehabilitation community around the globe.