

Keynote Speaker

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Dr. Cleland earned a Master of Physical Therapy Degree from Notre Dame College in 2000 and the Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree from Creighton University in 2001. In February of 2006, he received a **PhD** from Nova Southeastern University. He received board certification from the American Physical Therapy Association as an Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist in 2002 and completed a fellowship in manual therapy through Regis University in Denver, CO in 2005.

Josh is presently a **Professor** in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Franklin Pierce University. He practices clinically in outpatient orthopaedics at Rehabilitation Services of Concord Hospital, Concord, NH.

He is actively involved in numerous clinical research studies investigating the effectiveness of manual physical therapy and exercise in the management of spine and extremities disorders. He has published over 170 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals including *Spine*, *Physical Therapy*, the *Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy* and *Manual Therapy*.

He is an Editorial Review Board Member for the *Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy*. He is currently an author/editor on 3 text books. Dr Cleland is a well know speaker at both the national and international level. He is the recipient of the 2013 and 2014 Rose Excellence in **Research Award** and the 2009 Eugene Michels New Investigator Award. He also received the 2008 Jack Walker Award from the American Physical Therapy Association. Additionally, Dr

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