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**MESSAGE THERAPY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2008 PRACTITIONER CASE
REPORT WINNERS**

The Massage Therapy Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Practitioner Case Report Contest. This year's first-place Gold Award goes to Erika Larson of Lilburn, GA. Her report is titled "Massage Therapy Effects in a Long-time Prosthetic User with Fibular Hemimelia." As the first-place winner, Ms. Larson receives a \$2,500 cash award. She will also be given a \$1,000 stipend to facilitate her attendance at the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) National Convention this September in Orlando, FL, where she has been invited to present her report at a Foundation-sponsored session.

The second-place Silver Award goes to Glenda Keller, RMT, BPHE, of Picton, Ontario. Her report is titled "The Effects of Massage Therapy in Treatment of Chronic Plantar Fasciitis: A Case Study." As a Silver Award winner, Ms. Keller receives a \$2,000 cash award and an invitation to present her case report as a poster session during the AMTA National Convention.

Two Honorable Mentions were also awarded in the 2008 Practitioner Case Report Contest. These winners are: Robin B. Anderson, LMT, NCTMB, CPT-ACE of Abingdon, MD, for her report titled "Reduction and Stabilization in Parkinson-related Peripheral Edema with Therapeutic Massage," and Sherry A. Robinson-Jackson of Shreveport, LA, for her report titled "The Use of Massage Therapy for Long-Term Glycemic Control in a Type 2 Diabetes Client."

To read the abstracts for these award-winning case reports, please visit:

<http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/PractitionerContest.html>

The Practitioner Case Report Contest encourages the writing of case reports to provide an opportunity for massage therapists and bodyworkers to develop research skills and enhance their ability to provide evidence-based massage to the public.

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