

About the Co-Director of the Pilot Studies Core



G. Kelley Fitzgerald, PT, PhD, FAPTA, will serve as a co-director of **CoHSTAR's** Pilot Studies Core (PSC) housed at the **University of Pittsburgh**. **Dr. Fitzgerald** has over 24 years of experience as a physical therapy clinical researcher. He has a strong research funding track record from federal funding agencies including the National Institute for Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) and the Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ). He has served on numerous scientific review boards, including the Foundation for Physical Therapy's Scientific Review Committee and other private foundations, the NIH, and the Department of Defense. He served for 4-years as Research Committee Chair for the Orthopaedic Section of the American Physical Therapy Association where he was responsible for administering the pilot research grant program for the section. **Dr. Fitzgerald** has also served on the advisory board for University of Pittsburgh Clinical Research Scholars Program in

which he was actively involved in the review and selection of pilot research projects for this program. His research, scientific review, and research administrative experiences provide him with excellent credentials to direct the PSC.

Dr. Fitzgerald has earned degrees from the University of Illinois, Chicago Medical School, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Medical College of Pennsylvania/Hahnemann University. **Dr. Fitzgerald** was the recipient of Foundation for Physical Therapy funding in the form of Doctoral Training Research Grants in 1995, 1997, and 1998, and a Foundation Research Grant in 2000.