American Physical Therapy Association

Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy

Our mission is to promote the highest quality of life for all children, people with developmental disabilities, and their families
The Academy serves our membership, & that could include YOU!
What are the benefits of being a member of the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy?
Benefits of membership

• Access to online, printed, and podcast versions of *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, the Academy’s award-winning, Medline-listed quarterly journal.

• Monthly electronic newsletters to keep you informed about the latest news in the Academy and pediatric physical therapy

• Mentoring program for new and seasoned professionals (PTs and PTAs)
• Collaboration with and advice from hundreds of other member Pediatric Physical Therapists across the country via Social Media, Online Community, and Academy Listserv. Join online!

• Opportunities to be a leader in the future of Pediatric Physical Therapy and to be involved in the Academy’s numerous volunteer opportunities

• Scholarships, grants, and awards to support clinical research, the PCS process, and students’ attendance at Academy conferences and CSM
• Free membership in any or all of the Academy’s 7 Special Interest Groups (SIGs): Academic & Clinical Educators, Adolescents & Adults with Developmental Disabilities, Early Intervention, Hospital-Based PT, Neonatology, Pediatric Sports-Fitness, School-Based PT

• Educational opportunities with reduced fees at:
  – APPTAC (Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference)
  – Academy-sponsored continuing education courses (incl. home study courses)
  – Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatrics course
  – Innovations in School-Based Physical Therapy course
  – CSM (Combined Sections Meeting)
• Resources
  – Fact Sheets (on service delivery, assessment, intervention, pediatric conditions, reimbursement, etc.)
  – Other educational materials related to pediatric PT
  – Career Center resumé posting

• Discounts on Academy products

• The latest reimbursement and legislative news, including state-specific reimbursement resources

• Use of the Academy’s table-top booth for use at chapter or local events (includes photos, membership brochures, sample for-sale items, etc.)
Academy’s Organizational Structure

- Executive Director
- Board of Directors (Executive Committee and Regional Directors)
- Standing Committees (Communications/PR, Education, Finance, Membership, Nominating and Elections, Practice, Payment Policy & Advocacy, Research, Awards)
- Special Interest Groups (Academic & Clinical Educators, Adolescents & Adults with Developmental Disabilities, Early Intervention, Hospital-Based PT, Neonatology, Pediatric Sports-Fitness, School-Based PT)
- Various current workgroups
The Executive Committee

Consists of four elected officers who provide leadership to the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy and serve on the Academy’s Board of Directors:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Regional Directors
Consists of 7 elected members who also serve as Board Liaisons for the State Representatives

I  Western: AK, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA
II North Central: CO, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WY
III Great Lakes: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI
IV Northeastern: CT, DE, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
V Southeastern: DC, MD, NC, VA, WV
VI Southern: AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, PR, TN
VII South Central: AR, AZ, LA, NM, OK, TX
State Representatives

One State Representative is appointed by the Regional Director for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

State reps provide a mechanism for disseminating information to Academy members. They serve as Academy members’ link to the Board of Directors, and also as liaisons to the APTA state chapters.
Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy &
APTA Leadership

- The Academy Delegate
  is appointed by the Executive Committee and represents
  the Academy in the APTA House of Delegates

- The Board Liaison
  is determined by the APTA and represents the Academy
  on the APTA Board of Directors.
Join us at these Academy events:

APPTAC (Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference) each fall
CSM (Combined Sections Meeting) in early February.
It includes the:

- Academy Business Meeting, where you will be updated on current Academy activities, vote on proposed changes, have opportunity to give your input, meet other members, and contribute to the future of the Academy of Pediatric PT

- Academy Breakfast Meeting to meet leadership and discuss common issues with other members of your region
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC PHYSICAL THERAPY OR WOULD LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED,

Please contact us at:
www.pediatricapta.org
Or
Cindy Sliwa, Executive Director, at cindysliwa@apta.org