American Physical Therapy Association

Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy

Our mission is to advance pediatric physical therapy through excellence in advocacy, education, and research.
The Academy serves our membership, and that could include YOU!

Any member of the American Physical Therapy Association can join the Academy – or you can join as an Academy Partner, if you’re not eligible for APTA membership. To see the MANY benefits that APTA provides, visit www.apta.org then About Us/Membership & Benefits/Benefits to see the benefits for PTs, PTAs, Students, and more. To find out about joining as an Academy Partner, visit www.pediatricapta.org then Join Us!/Partners Program.
What are the benefits of being a member of the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy?
Benefits of APPT 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 & seasoned professionals (PTs and PTAs) and for students & new professionals through the SNP group.
• Collaboration with and advice from hundreds of pediatric physical therapists across the country via social media options, online communities, study groups, and more

• Opportunities to be a leader in the future of pediatric physical therapy and be involved in the Academy’s numerous volunteer opportunities

• Scholarships, grants, and awards to support clinical research, the PCS process, membership, attendance at conferences, and more
• 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, covering all areas of pediatric practice)
  ▪ Academy-sponsored online continuing education
  ▪ Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatrics course
  ▪ Innovations in School-based Physical Therapy course
  ▪ CSM (APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting)
Resources

- Fact Sheets (on service delivery, assessment, intervention, pediatric conditions, reimbursement, etc)
- Other educational materials related to pediatric PT
- Career Center résumé posting and job search support

Discounts on Academy products

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

Use of the Academy’s booth or banner displays for use at chapter or local events
Academy’s Organizational Structure

- **Board of Directors** (Executive Committee & Regional Directors)
- **Board Liaisons** (APPT Delegate, Federal Affairs Liaison)
- **Standing Committees** (Communications/PR, Education, Finance, Knowledge Translation, Membership, Nominating & 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)
- **External Liaisons** (to outside organizations)
- **Many subcommittees, workgroups & task forces, plus the Executive Director/support staff** (always available at pediatrics@apta.org)
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 seven elected members who serve on the Board of Directors and liaison with the Academy 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, plus the District of Columbia. State reps provide a mechanism for disseminating information to Academy members and info from members to the Academy. They serve as Academy members’ link to the Board of Directors, and also as liaisons to the APTA state chapters.
Academy Connection to APTA Leadership

- The Academy Delegate is appointed by the Board of Directors and represents the Academy and its members in the APTA House of Delegates

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

• **APPTAC** (Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference) each fall, where you can catch up on activities at the Academy Town Hall

• **CSM** (APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting) in early February, which includes the:
  - **Academy Business Meeting**, where you will be updated on current Academy activities, vote on proposed changes, give your input, meet other members, and contribute to the future of Pediatric Physical Therapy
  - **Academy Breakfast**, where you will meet leadership, network with colleagues, and discuss common issues with your Regional Director and other members of your region
If You Are Interested in More Information about the Academy or if You’d Like to Become More Involved:

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