

APTA Section on Pediatrics

E-News Update

Call for Poster Abstracts for SoPAC: Deadline June 30

This Call for Abstracts is for poster presentations at the **Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference**. For more information or to submit a poster, click [here](#) or go to www.pediatricapta.org and click on Meetings & Education, then on SoPAC. The deadline for submission is June 30, 2009, at midnight Eastern Time.

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Interested in getting more involved in the Section on Pediatrics? Visit the Section's [Volunteer Page](#) to find out how!

Register Now for the Section's Early Intervention Course!

The **IDEA Part C Early Intervention Programs: Implementing Recommended Competencies for Physical Therapists course** will be held July 24-25 in Denver, CO. This 2-day program is intended for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who provide, or intend to provide, services in IDEA Part C early intervention programs. Professional development for practice in early intervention is an ongoing process. This course will link the evaluation, assessment, program planning, and intervention with IDEA Part C and current best practice. For more information, click [here](#) or go to www.pediatricapta.org and click on Meetings & Education, then on IDEA Part C. You can register using the paper copy immediately; online registration will be available next week.

Register Now for the Section's Audio Conference on Evidence in Practice!

The Section on Pediatrics' **audio conference "Pediatric Physical Therapy 'Evidence in Practice': An Introductory Course"** will be held June 18 from Noon to 2:00 pm Eastern Time. This audio conference will provide pediatric physical therapists with foundational skills to gather, understand, and apply research evidence in an effective and time efficient manner. This course is targeted toward clinicians with basic computer skills and limited familiarity with online databases. Using an interactive format, participants will develop a clinical question and search for research evidence aimed at answering that question. Participants also will be provided with strategies to enhance the integration of research evidence into clinical practice. For more information, click [here](#) or go to www.pediatricapta.org and click on Meetings & Education, then on Audio Conference. You can register using the paper copy immediately; online registration will be available

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APTA Annual Conference (PT 2009): Register by Wednesday

Register now for **PT 2009** in Baltimore! The advance registration fee will be \$355 until Wednesday; after that, you will need to register on site. This is the first time that Annual Conference will offer an entire Concentrated Educational Series (CES) on School-Based Practice. There will be 15 hours of school-based programming offered by nationally recognized speakers. There is a small additional registration fee for this series: \$25. You may register online through the [APTA Web site](#). The programming will be different from that covered in the SIG IDEA conference and includes:

Thursday, June 11

- School-Based Physical Therapy Services (*Speaker: Susan K Effgen, PT, PhD, Lexington, KY*)
- Activity-focused Motor Interventions with Children in Preschool and School Settings (*Speaker: Mary Jane K Rapport, PT, PhD, Denver, CO*)

Friday, June 12

- Documentation: Professional, Educational, and Medicaid Requirements for Physical Therapists in School-based Settings (*Speaker: Donna E Metzger, PT, Louisville, KY*)
- Examination Strategies for School-Based Physical Therapists (*Speaker: Toby Long, PT, PhD, Washington, DC*)

Saturday, June 13

- Complex Issues: The Concept of Workload and the Determination of Frequency and Intensity of Services (*Speakers: Susan W Cecere, PT, Oxon Hill, MD; Susan K Effgen, PT, PhD, Lexington, KY; Larry Rechlin, PT, MS, ATP, Naples, FL*)
- School Bus Transportation: What Pediatric Physical Therapists Need to Know (*Speaker: Jean Zimmerman, PT, West Palm Beach, FL*)

If you plan to attend PT 2009, we hope you will carve out some time to [volunteer at the Section booth](#) and attend the **Section's Membership Meeting & Breakfast** on Friday, June 12, from 7:00 to 8:30 am. Look forward to seeing you there!

Cerebral Palsy Institute Research Grants Available Through June 29

The **Australian Cerebral Palsy Institute Grant Program** for 2009 is open. Funding is available for projects between \$25,000 and \$350,000 per year, for up to 4 years. Innovative Research Grants are open to researchers from around the world. Applications close June 29, 2009. For more information, please click [here](#).

Call for Nominees to the FSBPT Examination Committees

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APTA is seeking Section on Pediatrics members to serve on a **Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)** examination committee. This year APTA will be providing one nominee for the Examination Development Committee-PT (EDC-PT), two for the Examination Development Committee-PTA (EDC-PTA), and one for the Item Bank Review Committee-PTA (IBRC-PTA). The description of the [FSBPT Examination Development Committees](#) (EDC-PT and EDC-PTA) and the [Item Bank Review Committees](#) (IBRC-PT and IBRC-PTA) provides additional information. If you would like to be considered, please complete and forward the [Personal Information Form](#) and a current resume/CV to Lisa Culver in the Department of Practice at lisaculver@apta.org by May 26.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars:

- [PT 2009](#) (June 10-13, Baltimore)
- [Audio Conference "Pediatric Physical Therapy 'Evidence in Practice': An Introductory Course"](#) (June 18, Noon to 2:00 pm Eastern Time)
- [IDEA Part C Early Intervention Programs: Implementing Recommended Competencies for PTs](#) (July 24-25, Denver)
- [National Student Conclave](#) (October 29-31, Miami)
- [12th Annual Advanced Clinical Practice Course](#) (October 16-18, Chicago)
- [Goofy for Exercise PR Event](#) (January 8-10, Orlando)
- [Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference \(SoPAC\)](#) (January 10-12, Orlando)
- [Combined Sections Meeting 2010](#) (February 17-20, San Diego)

Section on Pediatrics Deadlines:

- [Section Research Grant Submissions](#): Due September 1
- [Section Award Submissions](#): Due November 1