

APTA Section on Pediatrics

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Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference

There are a lot of exciting developments happening with the [Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference \(SoPAC\)](#)! The goal of SoPAC is to bring together pediatric physical therapists from across the country and around the globe to provide a forum for pediatric therapists from all areas of practice (academia, research, clinical, school-based, and hospital settings). SoPAC seeks advance the practice of pediatric physical therapy, exchange ideas related to practice and research, and provide participants professional development networking opportunities.

- [To register for SoPAC, click here](#). The Early Bird Registration Deadline is November 1 (Advance Registration Deadline is December 1).
- [To submit a poster, click here](#). The deadline for submission is August 15 at midnight Eastern Time.
- [To exhibit, click here](#). The Early Bird Exhibitor Deadline is September 15 (Advance Exhibitor Deadline is October 15).
- [To participate on the SoPAC "Goofy for Exercise" Team, click here](#). The Team will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis; the deadline is November 1.

Don't miss your chance to participate in this exciting event!

Register by October 2 for the Section's Advanced Clinical Practice Course

The [12th Annual Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatric Physical Therapy course](#) is geared toward advanced practice and is intended for experienced pediatric physical therapists that have a strong desire to

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investigate current theories and evidence-based practice across settings. Physical therapists who are considering taking the ABPTS examination are particularly encouraged to participate as part of their review. [Click here to register](#). The advance registration deadline is October 2.

APTA Audio Conference for Pediatric Physical Therapists: Register by August 13

APTA will be hosting an audio conference titled "Resources for the Pediatric Physical Therapist" on Thursday, August 20, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm Eastern Time. The audio conference will provide an overview of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Medicaid regulations, and billing and practice patterns relating to pediatric physical therapy settings. Speakers Cindy Miles, PT, MEd, PCS, and Roshunda Drummond-Dye, Esq, of APTA's Payment Policy & Advocacy will provide information on the top challenges for physical therapists specializing in pediatric services. Registration closes at midnight Eastern Time on August 13 or as soon as all available spaces are filled. Visit www.apta.org/thesource to register.

HPA Hosts Audio Conference on Fiscal Year 2010 Updates/Changes to IRF and SNF Rules: Register by September 2

The Section on Health Policy & Administration (HPA) is hosting an audio conference on "Fiscal Year 2010 Updates/Changes to IRF and SNF Rules" on September 9, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm Eastern Time. This 60-minute audio conference will discuss changes in rules and regulations pertaining to the IRF and SNF Part A setting. The conference includes approximately 45 minutes of presentation and 15 minutes of Question & Answer. The intended audience for this audio conference includes all therapy disciplines, including assistants, as well as hospital and SNF administrators, managers, supervisors, nursing home administrators, and rehab managers. The Early Registration Deadline is September 2. As an HPA Component Partner, Section on Pediatrics members are eligible for a special registration Rate of \$129 (early) or \$149 (late) per site. Our Component Partner Promotional Code is PED0803 (this code and your APTA member ID will be required for registration). [You can register online](#). (Please note that if you also are a member of HPA, you'll receive the best rate by registering through the [HPA Web site](#).) Prices are based upon a single dial-in connection for the audio conference.

Expand Your Professional Horizons and Become a PCS: Application Deadline Is Today

Applications for the 2010 exam cycle are now available! The application deadline for Specialist Certification in Pediatrics is today, July 31. For more information, or to request an application, contact the Post Graduate Certification Department by phone at 800/999-2782, ext

8520; or by e-mail at spec-cert@apta.org. Application forms and information are also available through the APTA Web site at www.apta.org/specialist_certification.

Topic for Section \$30K Grant Announced: Deadline for All Section Research Grants Is September 1

Applications are being accepted for the Section on Pediatrics Planning Grant. The purpose of the 2009 Planning Grant is to support the development of multi-site clinical research related to the topic of Research Summit I - fitness and prevention of secondary complications in children with cerebral palsy. A maximum of \$30,000 will be awarded. The Section also will have general research grants in the amounts of \$5,000 and \$10,000 available. Applications for all the research grants must be submitted via e-mail to the Section on Pediatrics (peditrics@apta.org) by September 1, 2009, at 5:00 pm Eastern Time. For complete application requirements and information, please visit the [Research & Grant page](#).

Invitation to Present at the Pediatric Practice Forum: Deadline October 15

The Section is seeking speakers for this year's Pediatric Practice Forum. The topic of this year's forum is "Sharing Creativity and Innovation in Pediatric Clinical Practice." The purpose of this forum is for practicing clinicians to share ideas about clinical practice and information with their peers. You are invited to share your creative interventions, strategies, activities; innovative programs; and adaptations, modifications, and specialized use of equipment, toys, and materials. [For more information or to submit your application, click here](#). The deadline for application is October 15.

New TDPT Testimonials Page

Check out the [TDPT new testimonials page](#) to find comments from Section members who recently graduated from a transitional DPT program. These individuals have also provided contact information and would love to chat with you to answer any questions about taking the "big leap" toward a doctorate in physical therapy.

APTA Seeking Examples of Innovative/New Practice Models by August 15

APTA's Department of Practice is collecting data on innovative models of physical therapy care delivery and is asking members to provide examples of new and emerging practice models that demonstrate improved access to care, cost effectiveness, and the physical therapist's role in the management of patients. Examples of alternative models of care delivery include:

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- Chronic disease management initiatives
- Emergency room triage, evaluation, and treatment
- Managed care and public health clinic entry point models
- Disease prevention initiatives
- Primary care initiatives

Members are asked to send a brief description of innovative practice models (300 words or less) by August 15, along with contact information, including name, phone number, and e-mail address to Brandybradley@apta.org.

Buddy Up for the Buddy Walk

The Section on Pediatrics has been contacted by the National Down Syndrome Society asking for our participation in their Buddy Walks again this year. Although we have a new national focus on prematurity awareness for PT Month 2009, we encourage anyone who is interested to "buddy up" with Down Syndrome Society again for the Buddy Walks. While the Section won't be providing the written materials, you are welcome to use the [Section fact sheets posted online](#). You can find contact info at www.buddywalk.org. We would love hearing about your efforts and seeing any pictures!

UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation Offers Medical Grants

The [UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation](#) offers medical grants up to \$5,000 for children who have medical needs not covered or not fully covered by their commercial health insurance. The medical grants do include physical therapy, orthotics, etc. [For more information click here](#).

Childhood Obesity and World Physical Therapy Day

[World Physical Therapy Day](#) on September 8 is an opportunity for physical therapists from all over the world to raise awareness about the crucial contribution their profession makes to keeping people well, mobile, and independent. This year's theme, continued from 2008, is Movement for Health and includes [information on Childhood Obesity](#). To find out more, visit www.wcpt.org.

Congratulations to the PTA Recognition Recipients

The recipients of the PTA Recognition in Pediatrics this year are Darcey Riemer, PTA, Noble, OK, and Amber Searle, PTA, Oklahoma City, OK. Congratulations, Darcey and Amber!

Red Flag Ruling

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced this week that it will further delay enforcement of the "Red Flag" rule until November 1, 2009. This rule had been scheduled to go into effect August 1. Physical therapists and other health care providers who provide services to patients without requiring those patients to pay in full at the time of service will need to comply with new "Red Flag Rules," which require the establishment of an identity theft prevention program. The FTC reports that its staff will increase its efforts to educate businesses about compliance and to ease compliance burdens by providing additional resources and guidance. These efforts will help clarify whether businesses are covered by the rule and what they must do to comply. For more information, visit [APTA's Identity Theft page on the Web site](#).

Section Newsroom

["Overcoming Spina Bifida"](#)

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars:

- ["How to Start a Physical Therapy Private Practice" course - sponsored by APTA's Private Practice Section](#) (September 19-20, Alexandria, VA)
- [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)
- [World Physical Therapy Congress 2011](#) (June 20-23, Amsterdam)

Section on Pediatrics Deadlines:

August 15

- [SoPAC poster deadline](#)

September 1

- [Section Research Grants Due](#)

September 15

- [SoPAC Early Bird Exhibitor Deadline](#)

October 2

- [Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatric Physical Therapy Course Registration Deadline](#)

October 15

- [SoPAC Advance Exhibitor Deadline](#)
- [Application Deadline to Present at the Pediatric Practice Forum](#)

November 1

- [Section Awards Due](#)
- [SoPAC Early Bird Registration Deadline](#)
- [SoPAC "Goofy for Exercise" Team Deadline](#)

December 1

- [SoPAC Advance Registration Deadline](#)

Coming Soon!

- Watch for the launch of our beautiful new Section on Pediatrics Web site!
- Look for the fall edition of the SOP newsletter with more details about SoPAC and other Section activities.
- Watch for the launch of PT Month materials. This year's tagline is "Physical Therapy: Moving Children Forward!" and our theme is developmental awareness. Information and materials will be available on the Web site in the near future.