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Deadline for All Section Research Grants Is Today

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 midnight tonight. For complete application requirements and information, please visit the [Research & Grant page](#).

PT Month 2009

The theme for this year's Section on Pediatrics PT Month initiative is Developmental Awareness. All of the materials to help you get involved are now posted on our Web site at www.pediatricapta.org. Just click on the PT Month banner: "Physical Therapy Month October 2009: Moving Children Forward!" and check it out!

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

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 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 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.

Section Partners Program

The Section on Pediatrics has established a Partners Program for pediatric PTs and PTAs outside the United States and other professionals within the US who serve children. As with other Partners programs, the program is limited to individuals who are not eligible for membership in APTA, including PTs and PTAs who live in a country other than the United States and non-PTs/PTAs who work in an affiliated field and would benefit from Section membership. For more information, visit the Section Web site at www.pediatricapta.org and click on About Us.

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.

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.

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](#).

Shoeless Sunday - Shoes4Kids: How to Get Involved

For 4 years now, PTs, PTAs, and students have collected shoes for the needy and underserved children of host cities of APTA's Annual Conference through Shoeless Sunday - Shoes4Kids. Since 2006, they have collected and given away almost 1200 pairs of new youth tennis shoes and over 2000 pairs of new socks to boys and girls. If you would like to know more about this year's event in Boston and how to be involved, please contact Brad Thuringer at 800/657-4344 ext 325 or at

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iPhone Application

With a grant for the Alabama Council for Developmental Disabilities, Drew Davis, MD, Rhett Wheeler, PT, Cammie Woodruff, OT, and Cathleen Crunk, SLP, worked with Push Product Design to develop iPhone app concepts that can be useful for individuals with a variety of disabilities. One of the apps is now available as a free download and they are seeking comments for further improvement. It is called Locabulary and is designed to help speech impaired individuals but is fun for anyone because it makes your iPhone or iPod Touch talk. Feel free to [download it](#) if you have an iPhone or iPod Touch, share it with your friends and colleagues, and let them know what you think by rating it in the app store or sharing your thoughts for improvement at www.locabulary.com.

Section Newsroom

[Leading 50 Business Women in Mississippi](#)

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:

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](#)

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- [SoPAC Advance Exhibitor Deadline](#)
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November 1

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

December 1

- [SoPAC Advance Registration Deadline](#)

December 15

- [Partners Program Application 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 Section election information online!