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Reminder: Vote in the Section on Pediatrics Online Elections by Nov 15!

Just a reminder to [VOTE](#) in the Section on Pediatrics elections. Click to read the candidate statements and to cast your vote for Treasurer, Nominating and Elections Committee member, Region I Director, and Region VI Director. Section members will be able to cast their votes until November 15, 2009 (you must have been a Section member as of September 30 in order to vote). Results of the election will be announced at the Combined Sections Meeting in San Diego in February 2010. Let your voice be heard by voting for your candidates of choice!

Register for the Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference: Early Bird Deadline Is Nov 1

Don't forget to register for the upcoming [Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference \(SoPAC\)](#)! SoPAC seeks to provide a forum for pediatric therapists from across the country and around the globe who practice in all areas (academia, research, clinical, EI, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities, and school-based and hospital settings). The goal of SoPAC is to advance the practice of pediatric physical therapy, exchange ideas related to practice and research, and provide participants professional development networking opportunities. Don't miss your chance to participate in this exciting event! [Register for SoPAC TODAY!](#) The Early Bird Registration Deadline is November 1.

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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 Award & Scholarship Nominations Due Nov 1

The deadline to submit nominations for Section on Pediatrics awards and scholarships is November 1. Information about the awards, including nomination forms, are available [online](#). Section awards include:

- **The Outstanding Pediatric Clinician Award:** PT and PTA recognizes two Section members, a physical therapist and a physical therapist assistant, whose clinical practice exemplifies the work and dedication of pediatric physical therapy practice with children and families.
- **The Advocacy Award** honors a member of the Section on Pediatrics who has made an outstanding contribution to pediatric physical therapy, including leadership in the areas of advocacy and government affairs at the regional, state, or national level.
- **The Jeanne Fischer Distinguished Mentorship Award** recognizes outstanding mentorship in pediatric physical therapy.
- **The George "Bud" DeHaven Service Award** honors outstanding service to the Section.
- **The Anniversary Award** honors a member who has made outstanding, visionary contributions in an area of pediatric physical therapy.
- **The Distinguished Service Award** recognizes outstanding contributions to pediatrics by an individual outside the Section.
- **The Research Award** recognizes a Section member who has performed sustained and outstanding basic, clinical, and/or education research pertaining to pediatric physical therapy.
- **The Thesis and Dissertation Awards** recognize a Section member who has completed an outstanding research project as partial fulfillment for a master's degree.

Section scholarships include:

- **The Memorial Fund Scholarship**, which helps fund a member to prepare or sit for the APTA Clinical Specialist in Pediatrics (PCS) Certification Examination.
- **The Student Essay Contest**, which awards the cost of Student member registration for Combined Sections Meeting plus one day per diem for two Student Section members per year.
- **The Minority Recruitment Grant**, which awards the cost of national APTA/chapter membership dues and the cost of Section on Pediatrics dues to two applicants from racial/ethnic minority groups who are currently students or recent graduates from accredited PT or PTA programs each year.

Seeking SOP Education Committee Vice Chairs

The Education Committee of the Section on Pediatrics has been reorganized, and two leadership positions have been created. These positions will be designated as committee vice-chairs; expectations and

duties are as follows:

- **Professional Development Vice Chair:** coordinate development and implementation of recommendations from the Education Agenda and the Knowledge Translation Task Force relating to the structure and content of Section continuing education offerings. This position would not entail administering the logistics and details of programming and conferences; instead the emphasis would be on identifying key content areas and on ensuring the effectiveness of the various methods of delivery (ie, online, traditional, home study, audio, etc).
- **Academic Vice Chair:** coordinate development and implementation of recommendations from the Education Agenda and the curricular content recommendations relating to Section support for pediatric entry-level education and for pediatric entry-level faculty; coordinate the Dianne Cherry Forum at CSM each year.

If you are interested in either position or would like to nominate someone, please send an e-mail and CV to pediatrics@apta.org.

October Is PT Month: Celebrate With a Section on Pediatrics Activity!

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!

Seeking Input on Frequency and Intensity of Care in Outpatient Setting

In response to member needs, a task force of the Practice Committee is working toward writing recommendations for the frequency and intensity of care for pediatric physical therapy in the outpatient setting. The intent is to capture the utilization of PT visits (frequency and intensity) within an episode of care, as well as coordination of care among and within systems of care. If you currently work (or have worked within the past year) in an outpatient setting, please click [here to complete this brief survey](#). Thank you for your time!

Upcoming Section on Health Policy & Administration Offerings

The Section on Health Policy & Administration (HPA) has two upcoming events that may be of interest to Section on Pediatrics members. The Section is a component partner with HPA, so we have a special partner registration rate.

- **Audio conference: Rehab & Electronic Documentation: It IS in Your Future, Part 1 "The Alphabet Soup of Electronic**

Documentation" (Oct 21, 2009, 1:00-2:30 pm EST),

Presenters:

Helene M Fearon, PT & Stephen M. Levine, PT, DPT, MSHA.

HPA Component Partner Special Registration Rate: \$149 per site (based on a SINGLE dial-in connection for the audio conference).

- **LAMP - The Institute for Leadership in Physical Therapy, C1: "Lead Wherever You Are: Becoming a Personal Leader"** (Nov 6-8, 2009, Widener University in Chester, PA). This intermediate leadership program is intended for New Professionals seeking leadership skills needed for their next professional challenge; Leaders in management positions working in a variety of practice settings; Faculty teaching leadership in entry-level physical therapist programs; Clinical Instructors supervising students; Association/Component Board and Committee Leaders navigating the scope of their leadership responsibilities. Register online at <http://www.aptahpa.org> (Early Bird Registration Deadline is Saturday).

For more information, please contact Jennifer Wilson at jennwilson@aol.com or Robin Childers at office@aptahpa.org.

APTA Issues Press Release on Preterm Infants

APTA's PR staff issued a [press release on a study about feet-reaching behaviors in preterm infants](#), published in the October issue of *Physical Therapy Journal*. The release was sent to pediatric journals and publications (specifically health editors of *Parents* and *Parenting* magazines) and health care editors of national media, including the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and CNN.

Newsroom

[Free Developmental Screenings Offered for Children](#)

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars:

- [APTA's National Student Conclave](#) (October 29-31, Miami)
- [SOP's Goofy for Exercise PR Event](#) (January 8-10, Orlando)
- [Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference \(SoPAC\)](#) (January 10-12, Orlando)
- [APTA's Combined Sections Meeting 2010](#) (February 17-20, San Diego)
- [PT 2010: APTA's Annual Conference](#) (June 16-19, Boston)
- [World Physical Therapy Congress 2011](#) (June 20-23, Amsterdam)
- SOP's 4th Annual Providing School-based Physical Therapy

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Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) Course (July 9-10, location TBD)

Section on Pediatrics Deadlines:

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](#)