

# APTA Section on Pediatrics

## E-News Update

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### **VOTE · VOTE · VOTE**

Dear Colleagues,

The 2009 Section on Pediatrics voting period will end on Sunday, November 15, at midnight. *Do not let it slip by without you casting a vote!*

The Section on Pediatrics is known for being a creative, vigorous Section, at the forefront of contemporary practice. The leadership represents the members. The leadership relies on the members to be involved and voice their opinions and online voting is your chance to do so. *Do not give up the chance to voice your opinion!*

I implore you to take a few minutes and cast your votes for members of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. The Section leadership needs to hear from members. [Voting can be done online](#) and takes only a few minutes - *let your voice be heard!*

Toby Long  
Chair, Section on Pediatrics Nominating Committee

### **Advocating for Children with Progressive Disorders Task Force**

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

At Combined Sections Meeting 2008, the Section voted to form a task force to support therapists in serving children with progressive disorders and their families. The Section has identified the following potential areas where therapists may need guidance: documenting need, establishing goals, determining episodes and plan of care, documenting status, providing education, optimizing care giving and addressing pain management, promoting self-determination, and procuring reimbursement. A task force of pediatric physical therapists with expertise in serving children with progressive disorders has been established. [Click here to take a survey](#), so the Section can identify and address your needs in serving children with progressive disorders.

## Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference: Advance Registration Deadline Is December 1

Registrations have been pouring in, but we still have room for you at 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](#) online or fax your registration to 703/706-8575.

## Share Your Thoughts About the Section Research Summit

The purpose of the Section on Pediatrics Research Summits is to foster collaborative research among an identified team of physical therapist researchers to address important questions related to pediatric physical therapy. Other disciplines are invited to the summit meeting, but the team is led by physical therapist researchers. The goal is to secure substantial funding to answer important questions and move forward the field of pediatric physical therapy. The first Research Summit was held in 2004 to address physical fitness in children with CP. The summit led to funded studies to address muscle strength and cardiopulmonary fitness. Research Summit II was held in 2006 and focused on topics related to Early Intervention. The Research Summit Committee is now exploring the plan for a third Research Summit, and we need your help! We need to know "What is driving you CRAZY? What topics do you think need to be addressed in pediatric physical therapy research?" A [survey has been posted online](#) and will be available through January 10. The committee will share results at CSM in San Diego in February.

## H1N1 and Pediatric Physical Therapy

APTA is interested in developing a story for the media regarding the role of physical therapists in the rehabilitation of children recovering

from H1N1 and is seeking to identify some therapists who have served these children. If you have provided services to children recovering from H1N1 and are willing to be interviewed for a story to promote the role of pediatric physical therapists, please contact Erin Wendel, APTA's Associate Director of Media Relations, at [erinwendel@apta.org](mailto:erinwendel@apta.org).

## Take a Survey for Pathways Awareness

Pathways Awareness ([www.pathwaysawareness.org](http://www.pathwaysawareness.org)) is a national nonprofit focused on raising awareness of motor delays and the positive effects of therapy, and they are conducting a [national survey of therapists about your observations of the children you treat](#). What trends have you observed? What issues do you think physicians and families need to be aware of? The goal of the online survey is to compile these responses and report your observations to the public, helping parents, teachers and health professionals take action. Last year, APTA members participated in a Pathways survey that received nationwide attention in publications such as USA Today, Newsweek and Pediatric News and raised awareness of the importance of tummy time for infants. The survey is completely anonymous. However, if you wish to provide us with your name and contact information if we have further questions, you may do so at the end of the survey.

## Visit the Foundation's Online Auction to Benefit the Pediatric Fund by December 3

Could you use some new toys and activities for your pediatric clients or for your own children or grandchildren? Check out the item that the Section on Pediatrics has donated to the [Foundation for Physical Therapy's 4th Annual Online Auction](#); proceeds from the item will benefit the Section's Pediatric Fund through the Foundation. To bid on the Section's item, click on Toys on the Foundation Auction site and follow the step-by-step instructions. Bidding runs through December 3.

## Take the Section's PT Month Survey by November 20

Thanks to all who participated in this year's PT Month: Moving Children Forward! We hope that our materials were helpful, that your event was successful, and that you took lots of pictures! Send the photo releases (scanned in an email or a hard copy) and pictures (email) to Jacqueline Gilbert at [jacqueline-gilbert@hotmail.com](mailto:jacqueline-gilbert@hotmail.com) (or email her to arrange for mailing). Please include the name with the picture so that we can pair the correct release with the photo. We also ask that you complete a very brief survey; just go to [www.pediatricapta.org](http://www.pediatricapta.org), click on the PT Month banner, and scroll down and click on Take Survey. We appreciate your input; your comments really help us in making future decisions.

## PT 09 Pediatric Sessions Now Available as Online Courses

Several of the School-Based CES and pediatric sessions at PT 09 are now available as online courses through [APTA's Learning Center](#).

Available courses include:

- PT09: Pediatrics: A Primer for Physical Therapists on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) - Part I
- PT09: Pediatrics: A Primer for Physical Therapists on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) - Part II
- PT09: Pediatrics: Activity-Focused Motor Interventions With Children in Preschool and School-Based Settings
- PT09: Pediatrics: Complex Issues: Concept of Workload and Determination of Frequency & Intensity of Services
- PT09: Pediatrics: Examination Strategies for School-Based Physical Therapists
- PT09: Pediatrics: School-Based Physical Therapy Services

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## Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendars:

- [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 Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 \(IDEA\) Course](#) (July 9-10, Portland, OR)

### Section on Pediatrics Deadlines:

December 1

- [SoPAC Advance Registration Deadline](#)

December 15

- [Partners Program Application Deadline](#)