

APTA Section on Pediatrics

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Volunteer at SoPAC!

Win a free conference registration by working at the Section booth at SoPAC! We will have a drawing for a free conference registration to Combined Sections Meeting or Annual Conference. Your name will be entered in the drawing once for every hour that you work at the Section's booth. We will need workers at the Disney Health Fair on January 7 Noon to 8:00, January 8 9:00 to 8:00, and January 9 10:00 to 6:00. We will also need workers at SoPAC on January 11 11:45 to 5:30 and January 12 7:00 to 1:45. This is also a great opportunity for students! You can sign up on-site at the booth at the Health Fair and/or at the conference. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Donna Metzger at donnametzger@bellsouth.net.

Foundation for Physical Therapy Awards \$100,000 in Grants and Scholarships

The Foundation for Physical Therapy has announced the recipients of the 2009 Florence P Kendall Doctoral Scholarships and 2010 Research Grants! Four first-year doctoral students will each receive \$5,000 towards their education in physical therapy, and two research grant recipients will receive \$40,000 each to fund new research projects. See the list of recipients and read more about these funding opportunities on the Foundation's Web site at www.FoundationforPhysicalTherapy.org. Congratulations to Section on Pediatrics member Linda Lowes!

New Resource Portal for DBMD

DuchenneConnect is a new, Web-based registry and resource portal (www.duchenneconnect.org) that brings together those living with Duchenne/Becker muscular dystrophy (DBMD), healthcare providers, researchers, and stakeholders in the DBMD community. Established in November 2007, DuchenneConnect is lead by experts in neuromuscular disease and leaders in the non-profit, government and advocacy communities. If you are interested in joining the community, you can find out more by contacting Yetsa Adadevoh or Vanessa Rangel Miller by phone at 404/778-0553 or by e-mail at coordinator@duchenneconnect.org.

Literature Review Posted from the Pediatric Sports-Fitness SIG

The PSFSIG has posted a [literature review on Sever's Disease and an article on treatment of Sever's in the young gymnast](#) on their page of the Section's Web site.

WCPT: New Ideas, Big Issues, New Ways of

Upcoming Events

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

Thinking

The International Scientific Committee is organizing the program for the 2011 Congress in Amsterdam, Holland, and is building on past experience and surveys of physical therapists to create an invaluable professional event - whichever part of the world you happen to come from. For full details of the Congress, including deadlines for satellite program sessions, poster abstracts, and platform abstracts, are available at www.wcpt.org/congress.

PTJ Releases Podcast on Feet Reaching in Infants Born Preterm

Reevaluate the principles upon which development occurs-and look not just at the brain, and not just at behavior, but at "brain behavior." Bartlett, Heathcock, and Galloway discuss the implications of "Exploring Objects With Feet Advances Movement in Infants Born Preterm: A Randomized Controlled Trial." [Click here to listen to the Podcast](#). Running time: 24:35 (12.2 MB). Questions? Contact the PTJ managing editor at janreynolds@apta.org.

Results of the Foundation's Online Auction to Benefit the Pediatric Fund

The winning bid on the Section toys for the Foundation's Auction was Brenda Buus of Brookings, SD. She is a member of the Orthopaedic Section and is planning to use the toys as Christmas and birthday gifts for her nieces and nephews and added that a couple might have to stay at "Auntie Bren's" house. Congratulations to Brenda, and thanks to all who participated in supporting the Foundation!

The Section on Pediatrics Seeks Member Feedback

Advocating for Children with Progressive Disorders Task Force: 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. [Click here to take a survey](#), so the Section can identify and address your needs in serving children with progressive disorders.

Section Research Summit: The Section's Research Committee is developing a proposal for Research Summit III and needs your input! Please [click here to complete a survey](#).

Section on Pediatrics Member Research Projects

Clinical Instructors' Perspectives on the Inclusion of Pediatric Curricular Content: The purpose of this research project is to determine clinical instructors' perspectives about which specific pediatric curricular content areas should be included in the curricula of entry-level physical therapist education programs. Survey responses are anonymous and individual responses will not be identifiable. [To take the survey, click here.](#)

External Surveys

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Take a Survey for Pathways Awareness: Pathways Awareness (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. [If anyone who has not taken the survey would like to participate, please click here.](#)

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)
- [APTA's Screening for Medical Referral: The Pediatric Client Birth to Six Years](#) (April 10-11, Dallas, TX)
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- [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)
- [APTA's Screening for Medical Referral: The Pediatric Client Birth to Six Years](#) (July 10-11, Valhalla, NY)