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Pediatric Clinical Residency or Fellowship Program Grant Applications Due March 1

Did you know that the Section on Pediatrics will award \$4,500 per year to assist potential pediatric residency and fellowship programs with the APTA credentialing process? This money will be made available in the form of 3 grants in the amount of \$1500 each, for reimbursement of the credentialing application fee. The committee will consider grant applications on a "first-come, first-served" basis in two rounds throughout the calendar year; the first application deadline is March 1, the second is September 1. For more information, visit the [Section Web site](#).

Register for School-Based PT Course by March 10

The Providing School-Based PT Under IDEA Course will be held April 11-12 in Chattanooga, TN. For complete course information or to register online, go to the [Section Web site](#) and click on the course icon from the home page. The Early-Bird registration deadline is March 10; a late fee of \$50 will apply after March 10.

PT 2008 Online Registration Is Open: Early Bird Registration Ends April 16

Online registration for PT 2008: APTA's Annual Conference and Exposition is open, with early-bird registration closing on April 16. PT 2008 in San Antonio will feature cutting-edge programming, lively discussions, networking opportunities, and more. Don't miss keynote speaker Lee Woodruff, the first ever Oxford Debate, dialogue and discussion sessions, and the new Center for the Intrepid. Details on programming, housing, and registration are available [online](#).

Pediatric Physical Therapy Podcast Feature Unveiled

Pediatric Physical Therapy (PPT), the Section on Pediatric journal, is proud to announce a brand-new feature: PPT is now podcasting, which allows you to review the research, case reports, and editorials in each new issue quickly and easily. Download the audio podcast and listen while at the gym, in your car, or simply at your desk. All you need is a computer. Transferring the podcast to a portable mp3 player, such as an iPod, is optional. Access is easy! Choose one of the following three ways to listen:

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[Upcoming Section Events](#)

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

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For detailed help, contact [Science Audio](#). Let us know what you think of the new podcast, and give us your ideas about what new features you would like to hear! Write to pedpt@scienceaudio.net.

New Issue of *Pediatric Physical Therapy*

The Spring 2008 issue of PPT is in the mail and available online (click here for [Table of Contents](#)). Section members can always access *Pediatric Physical Therapy* articles online - just go to the [PPT home page](#) (also linked from the [Section's Web site](#) under Resources & Listserv) and log in. To activate an account with the publisher, click on Login (at the top of the page), then click Activate/Register, then register by typing capital "APTA" and then your APTA membership number - no spaces where it says "member number," and then your e-mail address.

CSM 2008: The Final Tally

The numbers are in, and CSM 2008 in Nashville broke all records with just under 7,300 attendees! CSM 2008 handouts will continue to be posted [online](#) until July 16. CSM 2009 will be held in Las Vegas; please make note of a schedule adjustment - the conference will kick off on Monday, February 9, 2009, and will end on Thursday, February 12. This change was necessary due to Las Vegas hotels' policy of only booking conventions during the week.

CSM 2008: Section Business Meeting Summary

Be on the lookout for the PowerPoint presentation summarizing the activities at the Section's business meeting at CSM. The Section passed the new Strategic Plan and bylaw amendments (these will be posted soon on the [Section's Web site](#) under "About Us" in the near future).

Section on Pediatrics Supports Disaster Relief Efforts

If you were at CSM, you know that tornadoes tore through Nashville. The Section on Pediatrics donated \$1,000 to the American Red Cross Southern Tornado Relief Fund. If you are interested in donating, you can do so on [APTA's Web site](#).

Defensible Documentation Pediatric Content

Check out APTA's [Defensible Documentation Web site](#) for new pediatric-specific documentation information, which was developed in collaboration with the Section on Pediatrics.

US House Approves Tuition Forgiveness Process for PTs Working with Children

Under recent [legislation](#) recently approved by the US House, PTs who choose to work with children, adolescents, or veterans would be eligible to apply for student loan forgiveness. On February 7, Rep Joe Sestak (D-PA) introduced an amendment to the [College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007](#) that would authorize the US Secretary of Education to forgive a portion of qualifying student loan debt to PTs practicing in areas of national need. Members of the House and Senate will meet to finalize the legislation in the next several months; look for additional updates.

CSM 2009 Call for Abstracts and Call for Proposals

The Abstract Central site is open for proposal submission, and will become available for abstract submission on March 18 for CSM 2009 in Las Vegas. If you have any questions regarding submission through ScholarOne, please feel free to contact Nicole Klett at nicoleklett@apta.org.

APTA Election Guide Now Online

Members can now access [APTA's 2008 Election Guide](#) to learn more about how to get involved in this year's elections. The online resource includes links enabling users to register to vote, locate their polling place, find the election schedule for their areas, and research candidates. There are also links to APTA's grassroots organizations and cosponsor lists for legislation critical to the physical therapy profession. APTA encourages all of its members to get involved in the political process, and the Election Guide provides the tools members need to do so in 2008.

APTA's New Policy Resources Web Page

Over the past year, the Departments of Congressional Affairs, Research, Practice, and Publications have collaborated to produce a series of policy resources for APTA members to utilize with elected officials and policymakers. These have been pulled together into a one-stop shop, the [APTA Policy Resource Center](#). These resources are designed to provide a snapshot of some of the policy challenges facing PTs. The Issue Briefs and PT Profiles series are new resources; additional topics will be added as they are developed. If you have suggestions for future topics, please e-mail govtaffair@apta.org. More detailed background information on legislative initiatives is available on the [issue-specific resource centers](#).

Help Us Keep You Up to Date with Section Activities

The Section on Pediatrics is making a move to share more information electronically. We try to send e-mails no more than once a month, but e-mail is our primary mechanism to let members know about upcoming courses, grant and award deadlines, Section benefits, etc. Please make sure that APTA has your preferred and most current e-mail address. To update your information online, just go to APTA's Web site (<http://www.apta.org>), log in, click on My APTA, then My Profile, and make your changes. Also, set your spam filter to make sure that Section e-mails can get through. Help us spread the word by mentioning this e-mail to your fellow Section members to make sure that they've received it too. Thank you!

Upcoming Section Events

Coming Soon:

- Look for the next issue of the Pediatric Section Newsletter in April!

Register Now:

- [Providing School-based PT Under IDEA](#), April 11-12
Chattanooga, TN

Mark Your Calendars:

- Providing Early Intervention PT Services Under IDEA, July 17-18, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Advanced Clinical Practice Course, November 7-8, Hartford, CT
- [Combined Sections Meeting](#), February 9-13, Las Vegas, NV

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