

# APTA Section on Pediatrics

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

### Seeking Input on Pediatric Section Research Agenda ASAP

One objective of the Section on Pediatrics' Strategic Plan is to develop a Research Agenda for the Section, and input from YOU - the members - is a crucial part of this process. We have come up with a few questions to help us get information from you about research topics/areas that you think should form a part of the agenda. Our plan is to collate your responses, develop a draft of the agenda, and disseminate back to the members for review and additional input. Please share your thoughts by completing the agenda questions [here](#) no later than June 6. Thank you in advance for your participation!

### Annual Conference 2008 and the Section on Pediatrics

#### Volunteer at the Section Booth at PT 2008

Want to get involved and meet other Section on Pediatrics members in San Antonio? Volunteering at the Section Booth is a great way to do it! The Section on Pediatrics will have a booth at PT 2008 in San Antonio, and volunteers are needed to staff the booth during the day. By volunteering to assist at the Section booth, your name will be entered in a raffle for a free registration at the next Combined Sections Meeting or Annual Conference (Early Bird rate - approximately a \$350 value). Your name will be submitted once for every hour worked. The raffle will be held at the Section Membership Meeting. Working at the table is an excellent way to meet and network with other Section members, find a dinner partner, make new friends, and have a lot of fun! If you plan to attend PT 2008, and are interested in staffing the booth, please stop by the booth to sign up during a time you are available (volunteers are encouraged to sign-up for at least a 2-hour block). The booth will be open Wednesday, June 7, with Set-up from Noon to 2:00 and then be open from 3:00 to 7:00 pm; Thursday, June 8, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Friday, June 9, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, June 10, from 8:00 am to Noon and Tear-down from Noon to 2:00 pm. Even if you aren't able to volunteer, stop by the booth to ask about the plans for PT Month 2008!

#### Section Membership Meeting at PT 2008

The Section on Pediatrics Membership Meeting will be Thursday, June 12, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Grand Hyatt Bonham D. Join us for Section updates, great food, and a toast to congratulate the 12 Section members who are recipients of APTA Honors & Awards this year!

### **New Home Study Course Available at PT 2008**

Stop by the APTA Resource Center in the Exhibit Hall to see the brand-new *Topics in Physical Therapy - Pediatrics II* home study course. This new course from APTA and the Section on Pediatrics will feature current, in-depth information on evaluation and intervention strategies. Don't miss this opportunity to focus on a new content area or update your current knowledge! Also, *Fit Teens*, APTA's mini-magazine for middle-school students, has been updated and will be available as well.

### **Don't Miss the Pediatric Programming at PT 2008**

- Friday, June 13, 2:00 to 3:30 pm, Integration of Pediatric Constraint-induced Movement Therapy (CIMT) and Hand-arm Bimanual Intensive Training (HABIT): A Case Study
- Saturday, June 14, 8:00 to 11:00 am, Pediatric Seating: Assessment, Equipment, Selection, Billing, and Documentation
- Saturday, June 14, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, The Continuum of Care for People with Life-long Disabilities: Exploring the Issues and Roles for Physical Therapists

PT 08 handouts are available to conference registrants online (the access code has been sent to registrants in their confirmation packets). Registrants can access the handouts by clicking on "PT 2008: Programming" on the [Annual Conference page](#).

## **Register by July 3 for the Section's Early Intervention Course!**

The [IDEA Part C Early Intervention Programs: Implementing Recommended Competencies for Physical Therapists course](#) will be held July 17-18 at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The course will provide information on the APTA Section on Pediatrics' recommended competencies for physical therapists working in early intervention. Professional development for practice in early intervention is an ongoing process. This course will link the evaluation, assessment, program planning, and intervention with IDEA Part C and current best practice. Register online by July 3 for the best rate.

## **Student Section Members have a New Forum to Network and Stay Up to Date on Section Activities**

A Facebook site has been established for student Section members to network and share information. Members can join by searching for

APTA Section on Pediatrics and selecting it from the drop down list in the search box on the [Facebook site](#). Check for new opportunities for grants, ways to get involved, or just connect with other student members across the country.

## Be a Mentor/Seek a Mentor

The Section on Pediatrics is joining efforts with APTA to promote mentoring in Pediatric Physical Therapy. If you have an area of expertise and would be interested in mentoring others, or if you would like to find a mentor, please visit the [APTA Mentoring Program](#) to enroll today!

## Physical Therapy Journal Podcast Discussion on Motor Learning in Children

*Podcast Title:* Motor Learning in Children: Feedback Effects on Skill Acquisition

*Who:* Katherine J Sullivan, Shailesh S Kantak, and Patricia A Burtner

*Where:*

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This is part of PTJ's monthly audio series that features discussions and debates among PTJ authors, editors, and readers about the clinical implications of current research. Questions? Contact the managing editor at [janreynolds@apta.org](mailto:janreynolds@apta.org).

## 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 Events

### Register Now:

- [IDEA Part C Early Intervention Programs: Implementing Recommended Competencies for Physical Therapists](#), July 17-18, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- [APTA Practice Management Seminar: Screening for Referral: The Pediatric Client Birth to Six Years](#), July 19-20, Regis University, Denver, CO, AND September 6-7, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- [APTA Annual Conference](#), June 11-14, San Antonio, TX
- [United Cerebral Palsy's Believable Hope Conference](#), June 18-21, Washington, DC.

### Mark Your Calendars:

- Advanced Clinical Practice Course, November 7-8, Hartford, CT (*information coming this summer*)
- [Combined Sections Meeting](#), February 9-13, Las Vegas, NV

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