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This Is Your Chance to Have Your Voice Heard on the Direction of Our Section! Online Elections to Be Held Through November 15

Voting will be conducted electronically this year, as it was last year. Click [here](#) to cast your vote for Vice President, Secretary, Nominating and Election Committee member, Region III Director, and Region VII Director. Online elections will remain open through November 15.

Section Award Nominations Due November 1

The deadline to submit nominations for Section on Pediatrics awards is November 1. Further information about the awards, including nomination forms, are available [online](#). The Section has several new awards available this year:

- the **Outstanding Pediatric Clinician Award: PT and PTA**, which will recognize 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, and
- the **Advocacy Award**, which 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.

Section Scholarship Nominations Due November 1

Applications for Section scholarships are also due November 1. Further information about the scholarships, including nomination forms, are available [online](#). In addition to the Memorial Fund Scholarship, which was created to fund pediatric physical therapists who wish to become Pediatric Clinical Specialists, the Section has two

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new scholarships available:

- 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, and
- 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.

Register Now for the 2008 Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatric Physical Therapy Course: Book Your Room by Tuesday

Registration is open for the Section on Pediatrics' 11th Annual [Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatric Physical Therapy course](#), which will be held November 7-9 in Hartford, CT. This 2.5-day course is geared toward advanced practice and is intended for experienced pediatric physical therapists that have a strong desire to investigate current theories and evidence-based practice across settings. Physical therapists who are considering taking the ABPTS examination are particularly encouraged to participate as part of their review. The course will provide 20 contact hours. The advance registration deadline is October 24. The room block at the hotel will be available through Tuesday, October 6.

PT Month 2008 "Buddy Up" Survey

If you participated in the PT Month 2008 Buddy Up activity, or if you have an idea for a future PT Month initiative, please complete the [PT Month Survey online](#). The survey will be available until November 15. Also, although the locations for the Section on Pediatrics' "[Buddy Up](#)" [PT Month public relations endeavor](#) with the National Down Syndrome Society have been finalized, you can still volunteer to participate in the walks or help out at our tables. The list of site locations is posted [online](#).

September 2008 Section on Pediatrics Newsletter Posted Online

You should receive the September 2008 newsletter in the mail shortly if you haven't already. In the meantime, feel free to check it out [online](#) on the Section's Web site under Resources & Listserve, then Section Member Newsletter, then September 2008. We tried

something different for this newsletter, focusing it on early intervention issues - contact Communications Chair Margo Orlin at Margo.N.Orlin@drexel.edu to let us know what you think!

PCS Study Options

If you're sitting for the Pediatric Certified Specialist exam and want options to prepare for it, the Section has several ways to help:

- **[Attend the Advanced Clinical Practice Course](#)**: This is not specifically an ABPTS prep course, but can be a useful part of your review.
- **[Order the PCS Exam Resources](#)**: This is a bibliographic study guide on the content of the ABPTS exam.
- **Join the online PCS study group through Yahoo**: This is a great way to share resources; to join the group, e-mail Membership Chair Jennifer Link (jhlink@hotmail.com) to let her know that you have applied to sit for the exam and want to join the online study group. You will then receive an invitation to join through Yahoo. You must respond to this invitation to start receiving messages and to see past messages posted to the group (check your junk mail filter if you have one, since the invitation may go there first).
- **Create a local study group**: If you don't receive any messages from APTA about other people in your area preparing for the exam, [please contact your state rep](#) to see if they can help connect you with other people in your state.

Congratulations on deciding to pursue the PCS!

Reimbursement Contacts by State

Your state representative has provided the reimbursement contact information for your state, and it has been posted [online](#). If you have any changes or additions, or if you would like to offer your services as a resource, please [contact your state representative](#) or e-mail the Reimbursement Committee at pedptco@yahoo.com. This information will be updated twice a year in March and October.

New! US Department of Education Grant Supports Advanced Practice Doctoral Studies in Pediatrics at University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center recently received a 4-year grant from the Office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education to support students in a new Web-based advanced practice doctoral program with an emphasis on early

intervention and school-based practice. For information, please contact Irene McEwen at irene-mcewen@ouhsc.edu.

Centers for Disease Control Web Site Offers Useful Articles

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) offers featured articles on health and safety topics that affect children. Visit the [CDC.gov feature articles page](#) for current offerings, including a video on early recognition of developmental disabilities.

Changes for the Section on Pediatrics Web Site

Please take a moment and take a look at the [Section on Pediatrics Web site](#) to see some new changes and updates! The Research & Awards area has been reorganized, and there are two new pages for [Reimbursement](#) and the [PT Month Buddy Up](#) Activity. If you have any comments or suggestions for the Web site, please contact Communications Chair Margo Orlin at Margo.N.Orlin@drexel.edu.

APTA's National Student Conclave Registration Deadline Is Tomorrow

National Student Conclave is heading to San Jose, CA, October 17-19. Of particular interest to Section on Pediatrics members are the sessions presented by Sheryl Low, PT, DPT, DSc, MPH, PCS, titled "Applying the ICF Model to Pediatric Physical Therapy," and by Nancy Cicirello, PT, MPH, EdD, and Anne Turner, PT, MS, titled "The Continuum of Care for Individuals with Lifelong Disabilities: Exploring the Issues and Roles for Physical Therapy." Student members can register [online](#). The advance registration deadline is tomorrow.

Tools & Resources on APTA's Web Site

[APTA's Tools & Resources page](#) is designed to give members quick access to some of APTA's most popular and helpful tools and resources for a variety of topics, including research, practice, and documentation. Bookmark it!

APTA PRESS RELEASE

Physical Therapists Receive Clinical Specialist Recertification
ALEXANDRIA, VA, September 9, 2008 - The American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) announces that 258 physical therapists

were awarded recertification in 2008 as board-certified clinical specialists. To date, more than 1,600 board-certified clinical specialists have been recertified. Those who were recognized recently completed the requirements to become Board-certified specialists in one or more of the following specialty areas: Cardiovascular & Pulmonary, Clinical Electrophysiology, Geriatrics, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Pediatrics, and Sports. (Read the complete press release [online](#))

Upcoming Deadlines

October 3: [National Student Conclave Advance Registration Deadline](#)

October 24: [Advance Registration Deadline for 2008 Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatric Physical Therapy Course](#)

November 1: [Section Award Nominations Due](#)

November 1: [Section Scholarship Nominations Due](#)

November 1: [APTA Nomination Forms Due](#)

November 15: [Deadline to Vote in Section on Pediatrics Elections](#)

November 15: [Deadline to Complete PT Month 2008 Survey](#)

December 1: [APTA Honors and Awards Submissions Due](#)

Upcoming Events

Register Now:

- [Section on Pediatrics' 11th Annual Advanced Clinical Practice Course](#), November 7-9, Hartford, CT.
- [National Student Conclave 2008](#), October 17-19, San Jose, CA.
- [CSM Section on Pediatrics Preconference Course: Identification & Intervention for Vestibular Related Impairments in Children](#), February 9, Las Vegas, NV.
- [Combined Sections Meeting 2009](#), February 9-13, Las Vegas, NV.
- [International Cerebral Palsy Conference](#), February 18-21, Sydney, Australia.

Mark Your Calendars:

- [Section on Pediatrics' Providing School-based PT Under IDEA](#), March 27-29, 2009, Dallas, TX.
- [APTA Annual Conference 2009](#), June 10-13, Baltimore, MD.
- [Section on Pediatrics Conference](#), January 10-12, 2010,

Orlando, FL.

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