

APTA Section on Pediatrics E-News Update



November 12, 2008

Last Chance to Cast Your Vote for the Section Elections: Deadline Is Saturday

If you haven't yet cast your vote in the Section on Pediatrics Elections, please do so now. [Online elections](#) will remain open through Saturday, November 15. If you do not have an e-mail registered with APTA and received a ballot in the mail, please make sure they are postmarked by November 15 as well.

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Section on Pediatrics Programming at the Combined Sections Meeting 2009

We hope you are planning to attend the upcoming Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) in Las Vegas, February 9-13! To see a list of Section on Pediatric Programming, please visit the [CSM Web site](#) and click on CSM 09: Programming, then view the programming by Section. Some programming highlights this year include:

- [On Tuesday, February 10](#): "Multisection: The Continuum of Care for People with Lifelong Disabilities: Understanding the Issues and Forging New Pathways for Physical Therapists" and "Access to Independence: Why the Time is Right for Infant Power Mobility";
- [On Wednesday, February 11](#): "Children with Autism: Best Practices in Identification, Motor Assessment, and Physical Therapy Intervention" and "Promoting Student-determined Physical Therapy Interventions that Help Students with Disabilities Achieve Transition Outcomes"; and
- [On Thursday, February 12](#): "Supporting Motor Development, Self-care, and Play of Preschool Children with Cerebral Palsy: Implications for Clinical Decision-making in Early Intervention," "Physical Therapy Interventions in the NICU: What We Know and What We Need to Know," and "Clinical and Operational 'Best Practice': Identifying Meaningful Outcomes and Appropriate Service Delivery in Pediatric Settings."

In addition to our conference programming, the Section also is sponsoring a preconference course: "Identification of and Intervention

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

for Vestibular-related Impairments in Children." Speakers are Jennifer Braswell, PT, and Rose Marie Rine, PT, PhD. This course will include an overview of the anatomical and physiological mechanisms of vestibular system function, the incidence of clinical testing of vestibular function and related impairments in children, and intervention strategies. Lecture, demonstration, and practice will be provided. Laboratory/practice sessions will enable participants to gain experience in clinical testing and intervention techniques for use in their clinical practice. Please note that the precon is limited to 60 participants (first come, first served) due to the lab space requirements. [Click here to register](#) for CSM and/or the Section's preconference course.

Make sure to also mark your calendars to attend the Section's social functions at CSM. The Section on Pediatrics' Member Breakfast is Wednesday, February 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 am, and the Section on Pediatrics' Business Meeting and Awards Reception is Wednesday, February 11, from 5:45 to 8:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

Last Chance to Respond to the PT Month 2008 Survey: Deadline Is Saturday

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](#) by Saturday, November 15.

Last Chance to Visit the Foundation's Online Auction to Benefit the Pediatric Fund: Deadline Is Today

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 3rd 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 today, November 12, at midnight.

Grant Awardee Seeking Participants for tDPT

A 4-year, \$800,000 training grant funded by the US Department of Education has been awarded to the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). UTMB seeks to better prepare licensed physical and occupational therapists to work with children with disabilities, ranging from infants and toddlers to school-aged children. The program, STAIRS (Specialized Training of Occupational and Physical Therapists in Early Intervention and Related Services), is designed to

develop online courses to enhance the professional expertise of licensed occupational and physical therapists working in pediatric settings. Those that participate and complete all courses in the program will be provided a transitional professional doctorate degree (DPT for physical therapists). Training stipends of \$6,500 are available to support therapists that commit to completing the program. UTMB is particularly seeking to train therapists who are culturally and linguistically different and those with disabilities. A community-based advisory board will provide suggestions and input to the training team to ensure that they are using "best practices" in curriculum, activities, etc. Please direct questions to Christine P Baker, PT, EdD, Associate Professor, IMPRINTS Coordinator, UTMB, at cbaker@utmb.edu.

Advocacy: March of Dimes "Petition for Premies"

Please see the March of Dimes "[Petition for Premies](#)," an online pledge to support research and services for premature infants.

\$30,000 Section Grant Awarded

September 1 was the deadline for the Section on Pediatrics clinical research grants. This was the first year for a Section-funded \$30K grant, which was earmarked to be a planning grant for a multi-site study in early intervention. The grant was advertised in the April newsletter, on the Section Web site, and in numerous Section E-News Updates. The Section received three applications for the grant. The grant recipients were Stacey C Dusing, PT, PhD (PI), at Virginia Commonwealth University; Jill Heathcock, PT, PhD (Co-I), Ohio State University; Michele Lobo, PT, PhD (Co-I), University of Nebraska; Regina Harbourne, PT, MS, PCS (Co-I), University of Nebraska Medical Center; Deborah Kartin, PT, PhD (Co-I), University of Washington; Nick Stergiou, PhD, (Co-I), University of Nebraska Medical Center; and James (Cole) Galloway, PT, PhD (Co-I), University of Delaware. The title of the study is "Does Early Postural Intervention Effect Sitting Balance or Reaching in Infants Born Preterm." Congratulations to Stacey and her co-investigators!

2008 Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatric Physical Therapy Course Is a Resounding Success

The Section on Pediatrics' held their 11th Annual Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatric Physical Therapy course this past weekend in Hartford, CT. The 2.5-day course was 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. Final registration for the course topped 130, and participants came from across the country (and from as far away as Spain) to attend! Congratulations to the ACP Planning

Subcommittee on a job well done.

Do You Want to Volunteer for Section on Pediatrics?

The Section on Pediatrics has several opportunities available at this time - this is your chance to get involved in the Section!

- The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE needs volunteers to serve on the State Rep Subcommittee. These volunteers will work on several initiatives requiring the collection and sorting of information from the state representatives. This work will be done via e-mail and will take an hour here and there. Membership Committee also will be doing the member survey in 2009/2010, and the Member Survey Subcommittee will need volunteers to assist with creating the survey and distributing the results. The Student Subcommittee also needs more members. This group monitors the Section's Facebook site and is in charge of reviewing/selecting the awardees of the Student CSM Grants and mentoring the awardees at the CSM meetings.
- The COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE needs several volunteers for the Web Site Subcommittee. The job includes assisting with Web site design and keeping the Web site up-to-date. The time commitment would be about 2-4 hours per month.
- The PRACTICE COMMITTEE could use more general members. This committee is currently working on a variety of tasks and the volunteers could choose which ones interest them.
- The NEONATAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP is looking for a volunteer who could put together a list of journals that publish on topics of interest to PTs in the NICU and in follow-up care. It would probably be best to have someone who has access to an electronic medical library or university library to ease the access to these sources. Probably would be time-intensive, but would be short-term (maybe 30 hours over 4 months). The SIG also is looking for someone to do the same thing with videos that are available on developmental care in the NICU, roles of therapists, positioning, or general development.

If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Caryn Barman for more information cbarman@npgcable.com.

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Upcoming Events

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- **[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.

Upcoming Deadlines

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

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

December 12: [Early-bird CSM Registration Deadline](#)

January 9: [Advance CSM Registration Deadline](#)

January 27: [Foundation for Physical Therapy's PODS and NIFTI Applications Due](#)

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