

# Benefits of Belonging to the Section on Pediatrics

If you are a member of the Section on Pediatrics, you have access to a wealth of pediatric physical therapy resources — here's a sampling of what the Section has to offer:

- Access to members-only information on the Section's user-friendly **Web site at [www.pediatricapta.org](http://www.pediatricapta.org)**.
- Mailed copies of *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, the Section's award-winning, Medline-listed quarterly journal. *PPT* is also accessible online and available via podcast.
- Mailed copies and online access to twice annual print Section **newsletters** to keep you informed about Section activities.
- Monthly E-News electronic newsletters (and online access) to keep you apprised of the latest happenings in the Section and the pediatric physical therapy community.
- Free membership in any of the Section's six **special interest groups** (Pediatric Sports-Fitness, Adolescents & Adults with Developmental Disabilities, Neonatology, School-based PT, Early Intervention, and Hospital-based PT).
- Information and advice from your peers on practice, reimbursement, and other issues via the Section on Pediatrics **Online Community**.
- The **latest reimbursement and legislative news**, including online access to reimbursement resources in your state.
- **Discounts on registration** for Section courses, including the Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference (SoPAC), and APTA's Combined Sections Meeting.
- Section-sponsored **funding grants to support clinical research** in pediatric physical therapy in amounts up to \$30,000.
- A variety of **scholarships and awards**, including the Memorial Fund Scholarship (to help fund the PCS process), the Minority Recruitment Grant (to pay full Section and APTA dues), the Student Essay Contests (to pay for students' attendance at CSM, SoPAC, and the Federal Government Affairs Forum), and many more.
- **Discounts on Section products**.
- Use of the Section's **table-top booth** for use at your chapter or local event.
- Most importantly, you'll be part of a **network of members** – in your state, in your region, and across the country – and a part of a collective voice for pediatric physical therapy. The Section network is there to help support your practice. And there are many opportunities for you to get involved:
  - in any of our six special interest groups or on our standing committees (Bylaws, Communication, Education, Legislative, Membership, Practice, PR, Payment Policy & Advocacy, Research)
  - in an elected capacity (Executive Committee, Regional Directors, and Nominating Committee)
  - as a state representative
  - as a pediatric mentor (through APTA's Members Mentoring Members database)
  - as a pediatric speaker (through the Section's Speakers' Bureau)
  - or on any one of a number of task forces, subcommittees, and work groups based on your particular interest and expertise

To join the Section on Pediatrics, go to [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org), and click "Join."