

Section on Pediatrics

Strategic Plan 2010-2013

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Mission Statement: The Section on Pediatrics promotes the highest quality of life for all children, people with developmental disabilities, and their families. The Section represents pediatric physical therapy and promotes its members as practitioners of choice for children (birth to 21 years) with or at risk for movement dysfunction. The Section also serves as a collective voice to further the role of pediatric physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

Vision Statement: By 2020, all children, individuals with developmental disabilities, and their families will have direct access to physical therapy services from doctors of physical therapy who are board-certified pediatric clinical specialists with support from physical therapist assistants with advanced proficiency in pediatrics.

Values: Section on Pediatrics staff and members working on behalf of the Section are committed to:

- Excellence in practice, education, research, and advocacy;
- Social responsibility and cultural competence;
- Professionalism; and
- Decision making that reflects visionary thinking, innovation, collaboration, and accountability.

Goals / Objectives / Strategies

Note: In the goals below, the following abbreviations are used: SIG = Special Interest Group, TF = Task Force (short-term activities within a committee), WG = Work Group (short-term activities across committees & SIGs), PCS = Pediatric Certified Specialist, AC = APTA's Annual Conference, CSM = APTA's Combined Sections Meeting, SoPAC = Section Annual Conference

Goal 1: Promote the highest standards of practice in pediatric physical therapy.

A. Clarify the role and scope of pediatric physical therapy.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Develop and disseminate a Practice Agenda to identify priorities to strengthen current practice and guide future practice in pediatric physical therapy.	Practice	2010
Strat Plan 10	2) Develop and disseminate a document on the role and scope of pediatric physical therapy in fitness, wellness, and prevention.	Health Promotion WG	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	3) Develop and disseminate the role and scope of diagnosis and medical screening in pediatric physical therapy.	Diagnosis WG	2010
Strat Plan 10	4) Develop and disseminate a document on intensity of outpatient physical therapy services.	Practice TF	2010
Strat Plan 10	5) Develop and disseminate a document to advocate for care of children with progressive conditions.	Practice TF	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	6) Compile and disseminate information on health care access for children.	Health Disparity WG	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	7) Work with APTA on the revision of the <i>Guide to Physical Therapist Practice</i> to incorporate pediatric content.	Practice TF	2010-11

B. Develop and disseminate resource materials for pediatric physical therapy.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Develop and disseminate pediatric applications of APTA's information on professionalism (volunteerism, etc).	Practice	2009-10
Strat Plan 10	2) Develop and disseminate a resource to promote cultural competence within pediatric physical therapy.	Cultural Competence WG	2010
Strat	3) Compile information and create a Web page on national and international service	Practice TF	2010

Plan 10	projects and funding options.		
Strat Plan 10	4) Disseminate position document on competency in pediatric physical therapy.	Exec w/EI	2010
Strat Plan 10	5) Disseminate a document on team models of service delivery.	EI SIG	2010
Strat Plan 10	6) Develop and disseminate resources on the Continuum of Care initiative.	Continuum of Care WG	2010
Strat Plan 10	7) Disseminate resource on Exercise for Children.	Exercise TF	2010
Strat Plan 10	8) Develop and disseminate resource on Exercise for Children with Developmental Disabilities.	Exercise TF	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	9) Disseminate resource on Practice in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).	Neonatology TF	2010
Strat Plan 10	10) Update and disseminate Utilization of the PTA in Pediatric Practice.	PTA WG	2010
Strat Plan 10	11) Work with APTA to add pediatric content to APTA's CONNECT and inform members.	CONNECT WG	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	12) Develop a process for practice guidelines and other documents.	Practice	2010

Goal 2: Advance education and lifelong learning in pediatric physical therapy.

A. Promote effective lifelong learning for pediatric PTs and PTAs.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Finalize and implement the education agenda.	Education	2010
Strat Plan 10	2) Identify and implement mechanisms to translate competencies into practice (EI, School, NICU, etc).	Education w/appropriate SIGs	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	3) Develop plan for Section on Pediatrics continuing education offerings (including SoPAC, APTA continuing ed, SIGs, ACP, etc).	Education/SoPAC Subcommittee	2010
Strat Plan 10	4) Develop and disseminate roadmaps for competency and lifelong learning in various pediatric professional areas (DPT to faculty, clinician to research, SOP member to leadership role).	Education	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	5) Develop mechanisms for providing educational opportunities, including home study, courses, programming, distance learning, and APTA Learning Center.	Education	2010
Strat Plan 10	6) Investigate collaborative educational opportunities with other disciplines (OTs, SLPs, etc).	Exec (w/SIGs)	2010
Strat Plan 10	7) Review and implement recommendations from Knowledge Translation WG.	Education (w/Research, Practice)	2010-11

B. Promote the attainment of advanced credentials in pediatric physical therapy.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Support members in attaining specialty certification in pediatric physical therapy (for PTs) and advanced proficiency in pediatrics (for PTAs).	Education	2010
Strat Plan 10	2) Provide a CSM forum on the value and pathway of post-professional doctoral education (DSc, EdD, PhD).	Education	2011

Strat Plan 10	3) Explore the possibility of providing funding for members to pursue post-professional doctoral education.	Education TF	2010
Strat Plan 10	4) Develop a practice analysis for a neonatal fellowship.	Neonatology SIG TF	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	5) Communicate information on the value of having specialized pediatric faculty to physical therapy programs.	Education	2010
Strat Plan 10	6) Support development of residencies and fellowships (example, create guidelines and tips for application and curriculum).	Education TF	2010-11

C. Advance pediatric professional-level education, including clinical instruction.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Disseminate and support the implementation of updated DPT core competencies for pediatrics.	Education	2010
Strat Plan 10	2) Develop core competencies for pediatrics for physical therapist assistants.	Education TF	2010
Strat Plan 10	3) Develop strategies and resources to support instruction in DPT, tDPT, and PTA pediatric curricula, including clinical instruction.	Education	2010

Goal 3: Advance research and the translation of evidence into pediatric physical therapy practice.

A. Advance pediatric physical therapy research.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Disseminate the Section's Research Agenda document to stakeholders.	Research	2010
Strat Plan 10	2) Create a policy and procedure for funding, criteria, and support of Section research activities.	Research TF	2010
Strat Plan 10	3) Disseminate Research Summit II proceedings to funding agencies.	Research	2010).
Strat Plan 10	4) Promote APTA programming by funding agency representatives.	Research	2011
Strat Plan 10	5) Explore and develop a Section database or registry to support research (pediatric outcomes, opportunities with CONNECT, partnerships, etc).	Research	2010-12
Strat Plan 10	6) Develop a proposal for Research Summit III to promote collaborative multi-site research.	Research (w/Practice, Knowledge Translation WG)	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	7) Identify and disseminate resources on grant-writing/review process.	Research	2010
Strat Plan 10	8) Plan a CSM Research Forum about facilitating consultation/partnership between mentors and new researchers.	Research	2010-11

B. Improve translation of research to practice.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Create and disseminate a resource on how to translate your research into practice.	Research TF (w/Education)	2010
Strat	2) Consider funding projects specifically investigating knowledge translation.	Research	2010

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Goal 4: Advocate for the profession of pediatric physical therapy.

A. Promote the role of pediatric physical therapist as the practitioner of choice for children.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Facilitate and/or support collaboration with key external organizations to advance the care of children.	Exec Comm with SIGs, Practice, Liaisons, PR	2010
Strat Plan 10	2) Integrate the APTA branding initiative into Section activities and materials.	Public Relations	2010
Strat Plan 10	3) Develop a document to describe the role of pediatric physical therapists as practitioners of choice.	Practice	2011

B. Participate in shaping legislation and policy affecting pediatric physical therapy

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Monitor, respond to, and disseminate information on the effect of health care reform on children, including pediatric physical therapy services.	Legislative TF	2010
Strat Plan 10	2) Monitor, respond to, and disseminate information on IDEA reauthorization.	Legislative TF	2011
Strat Plan 10	3) Monitor, respond to, and disseminate information on Medicaid and third-party policy.	Payment & Policy	2010

C. Advocate for payment of pediatric physical therapy services.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Provide information and support to improve payment through proper documentation, billing, and negotiations.	Payment & Policy	2010
Strat Plan 10	2) Determine the best method for supporting the participation of pediatric physical therapists in the claims review process and disseminate information.	Payment & Policy	2010-11

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D. Support and advocate for a diverse and engaged membership.

Source	Strategy	Responsible Party	Complete by
Strat Plan 10	1) Provide incentives for underrepresented groups in pediatric physical therapy (students, minorities, PTAs).	Membership	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	2) Implement action plan for targeted recruitment of prospective members (school-based, EI, hospitals, other facilities).	Membership	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	3) Explore new ways to recognize member achievements.	Membership w/ PR and Communications	2010-11
Strat Plan 10	4) Explore and implement ways to encourage leadership within the Section (state reps, new professionals, etc).	Board w/ Membership	2010
Strat Plan 10	5) Explore and implement ways to provide orientation and support for state reps to increase engagement with chapters and members.	RDs	2010
Strat Plan 10	6) Create a communications agenda, including policies and procedures for the various communications mechanisms.	Communications	2010