



## Make the Most of CSM 2018!

To make your [CSM 2018](#) experience the best ever, we have compiled some important information for you to review.

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## THE BASICS

### LOCAL AREA

- For directions from the airport to downtown, check out our [travel information](#).
- Make the most of your free time and plan your activities using our [tourism microsite](#).
- Check out [discounts and freebies](#) from local restaurants and attractions before you leave!
- Schedule extra time to get from the Hilton Riverside to the convention center; it is about a 20-minute walk.

### CONFERENCE VENUES

CSM sessions and APTA-sponsored events will be held at 3 locations:

- Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd
- Hilton Riverside, 2 Poydras Street
- New Orleans Downtown Marriott Convention Center, 859 Convention Center Blvd

### REGISTRATION HOURS

New Orleans [Ernest N. Morial Convention Center](#) Main Foyer\*

Date	Times
Tuesday, February 20, Preconferences ONLY	7:00 am–10:00 am and 2:00 pm–5:00 pm
Wednesday, February 21	7:00 am–7:00 pm
Thursday, February 22	7:00 am–4:00 pm
Friday, February 23	7:00 am–4:00 pm
Saturday, February 24	7:00 am–3:00 pm

*\*If you're a preregistered for CSM and a Hilton guest, you will be able to pick up your conference materials at the Hilton Riverside first-floor registration foyer. Dates and times are as above, except on Friday, when registration will close at noon.*

### NO BADGE? NO PROBLEM

If you did not receive your badge in the mail you will be able to print it at the registration desk in the convention center. (Badge printing is not available at the Hilton registration desk.)

## SCHEDULING AND STAYING CONNECTED

### **MOBILE APP** (sponsored by Rusk Rehabilitation at NYU Langone)

Search “**APTA Conferences**” in the Apple App or Google Play stores to download the app, or go to this webpage to access the site in a browser, then choose **CSM 2018**. Log in using the **email you registered with and password “sections” (case sensitive)** to automatically load your schedule, edit your profile, and message other conference attendees.



### **WI-FI** (Wi-Fi sponsored by The Brooks Institute of Higher Learning)

Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (excluding the exhibit hall); and the Hilton Riverside Center.

- Network: **CSM2018**
- Password: **sections**

**Note:** Each venue has its own Wi-Fi network so you must login to the Wi-Fi network for that location to be connected. For example, if you login at the convention center and then go to a session in the Hilton Riverside, you will need to login into the network for the Hilton Riverside. Every venue has the same login.



### **DAILY SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE**

Pick up copies of our schedule-at-a-glance for all 3 days when you collect your conference bag at registration. Badge holders and lanyards are available in the bins as you enter the registration area. If you want a text-only, standard letter-sized version of the conference program, downloadable PDFs are available on the CSM website [programming page](#).

**PLUS**, our upgraded conference [mobile app includes all the information you need](#) and will be updated with any changes in location throughout the conference.

## **PROGRAMMING AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **GET TO SESSIONS EARLY!**

Preselecting sessions does not guarantee your seat. Although we make every effort to provide adequate seating for all attendees, on occasion rooms fill to capacity. Fire codes prevent APTA from allowing more people into a room than is designated by law. Plan ahead, check alerts, and verify location and start times on the APTA Conferences/ CSM 2018 mobile app. Due to the large number of attendees this year, please arrive early to sessions that matter most to you! Once inside, select seats in the front of the room and in the middle of rows, and do not store your personal items on the seat next to you. This year we will have additional on-demand overflow seating for some of the most popular sessions, but we encourage you to select alternative sessions in case that space is unavailable. Please note, children under the age of 18 are not permitted in sessions.

Speakers: Please check your email for specific speaker instructions as processes have changed from past years.

### **HANDOUTS**

Download session handouts before you leave for New Orleans via [APTA's website](#). The password is **NOLA2018**. Handouts are available through June 24, 2018. Not all speakers provide handouts.

### **OVERFLOW THEATER DETAILS**

Overflow session theaters will be in the hallways and lobbies in the convention center and the Hilton Riverside. As a session room reaches capacity, an overflow theater will be assigned. Attendees arriving after a session has closed will be directed to the theater that will show the slides being presented in real time, along with an audio feed to provided headsets. Prefer using your own earbuds? A technician will distribute a transmitter that is already configured to the audio station that

you need. Just plug in your own headphones. However, the receivers work with the typical wired earbuds, and may have issues with earbuds with a 90-degree angle or any kind of angled headphone jack.

### **BADGE SCANNING**

APTA provides an electronic badge scanning system to verify attendance to educational sessions. Please scan your badge at the entrance to each session. If you change sessions, the last session scanned during a given time block will be the only session recorded. Your session transcript and CEU letter of participation will be available beginning in April through 2021. [Learn more.](#)

### **POSTER PRESENTATIONS** (*Exhibit Hall C and front of Great Hall*)

Posters on various physical therapy topics may be viewed daily during posted exhibit hall hours, and authors will be available 1:00 pm–3:00 pm to discuss their posters.

### **NEW! STEP CHALLENGE** (*sponsored by Cora Physical Therapy*)

**Join the Step to the Beat Challenge to Help Kids!** Text **Step4Kids** to **27126** to download the MoveSpring app or [visit their webpage](#) and sign up for an account using organization code Step4Kids! The challenge will start at 12:01 am Thursday morning, February 22 and runs through midnight, Saturday February 24. Walk 30,000 steps over the 3 days of the conference and help reach our goal of 100 million steps! If we can make the goal, APTA will donate \$10,000 to [Shoes4Kids!](#) Visit sponsor Cora Physical Therapy at booth #1255 to pick up your T-shirt and participation sticker and to enter prize drawings. Check the leaderboard on our digital signs for the up-to-date step totals!



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Enjoy the 2018 Winter Olympics on the TVs in the overflow theaters in the Convention Center! It will be streamed live when there are no overflow sessions.
- Tickets for the popular PT-PAC party are sold out!
- The Foundation for Physical Therapy will be giving away cool NOLA-style T-shirts at booth #1337!

## **THE EXHIBIT HALL**

### **LOCATION**

New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Hall C. Children under the age of 18 are NOT permitted in the exhibit hall.

### **EXHIBIT HALL HOURS**

- Thursday, February 22, 9:30 am–4:00 pm
- Friday, February 23, 9:30 am–4:00 pm
- Saturday, February 24, 9:30 am–3:00 pm
- Unopposed hours—no conference programming is scheduled—10:00 am–11:00 am, and 1:00 pm–3:00 pm.

**Please note:** While you are visiting the exhibit hall, vendors may ask if they can scan your CSM badge. If you consent, you are giving that company permission to send you promotional material. The vendor will have access to the following information that you provided when registering: your name, company name, mailing address, and email address. Whether you have your badge scanned is entirely up to you.

### **APTA PAVILION** (*Exhibit Hall, Booth 1138*)

Visit the APTA Pavilion to learn more about the programs and services APTA offers. APTA staff

representing membership development, [Learning Center](#), [#ChoosePT](#), [ABPTS](#), [Physical Therapy Outcomes Registry](#), and more will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Some have giveaways or drawings for you to enter, so be sure to include them in your planning for CSM. Booths for the sections, PTPAC, and Foundation for Physical Therapy will surround the pavilion.

**AFTER-HOURS EXHIBIT HALL DEMONSTRATIONS**

Join key exhibitors for networking events and presentation of products and services. These events are by invitation only, so bring the invitation you received in the mail, or stop by the participating exhibitor’s booth for information on how to participate.

**Thursday, February 22, 2018, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm**

- Hocoma, Booth #619
- NuStep, LLC., Booth #1031
- Gorbel, Inc., Booth #861

**Friday, February 23, 2018, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm**

- Aretech, Booth #1318
- Ekso Bionics, Booth #1356
- Impedimed, Booth #1739
- HydroWorx, Booth #1511

**MORE UPBEAT INFORMATION!**

**WATER STATIONS** *(sponsored by Chapman’s Crean College)*

Stay hydrated! APTA has provided water stations throughout the Convention Center and the Hilton Riverside.



**CSM 2018 SELFIE STATION** *(sponsored by Physical Rehabilitation Network)*

Snap a selfie outside the main exhibit hall entrance, and share your photos on social media using #APTACSM!



Step to the beat of transformation in NOLA. Travel safely, and let’s jazz up the movement profession together in New Orleans!

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