

1 **APTA SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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3 Board Chair: TBA

4 Staff Liaison: TBA

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6 The Scientific and Practice Affairs Committee provides strategic advice, recommendations,
7 and counsel to the APTA Board of Directors regarding: 1) how APTA can be responsive to
8 and advocate for members' needs related to the delivery of quality care; 2) current and
9 emerging practice issues impacting the provision of physical therapist-provided patient and
10 client management, including, but not limited to, professional scope of practice,
11 unwarranted variation in practice, implementation of innovative practice models, and timely
12 patient access to physical therapist services; and 3) how to advance the profession through a
13 contemporary research agenda, and effective knowledge translation, dissemination, and
14 implementation.

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16 **CHARGE**

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18 The Board's determined charge for the Scientific and Practice Affairs Committee is to:

- 19 • Identify and recommend practice and research priorities to the Board.
20 • Recommend and maintain a research agenda for the profession to the Board.
21 • Identify and provide advice to the Board regarding innovative practice models and
22 strategies to successfully implement such models.
23 • Make recommendations for endorsement of Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) to the
24 Board or Executive Committee (EC) in accordance with the Clinical Practice Guideline
25 Endorsement Procedure.
26 • Conduct an annual review of the Clinical Practice Guideline Endorsement Procedure
27 process, modifying it as necessary.
28 • Advise and counsel the APTA Board of Directors on proposed and existing Association
29 policies, positions, and The Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession, as
30 requested.
31 • Coordinate and collaborate with other APTA appointed groups and stakeholders, when
32 doing so can further the work of the committee.
33 • Submit an annual report to the Board of Directors.

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35 All APTA appointed groups shall conduct their work to support APTA's Mission, Vision,
36 Strategic Plan, and APTA adopted policies and positions. All appointees shall agree to the
37 APTA Volunteer Commitment.
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1 **QUALIFICATIONS OF APPOINTEES**

2 Shall be:

- 3 • An APTA member in good standing.
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5 **MEETINGS**

6 This committee holds one annual funded in-person meeting and meets virtually on a
7 monthly basis, as needed.

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9 **SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP**

10 One APTA Board chair, selected annually by the APTA president; 9 additional members; and
11 the APTA President as ex- officio.

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13 **TERMS OF APPOINTEES**

14 With the exception of the Board chair, committee members shall serve three-year terms and
15 shall not serve consecutive terms for appointments beginning in 2026 or thereafter.

16 Beginning in 2029, APTA members shall not serve on more than one board-appointed
17 group at a time with the exception of APTA Board members.

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