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The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is a professional membership organization representing physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students of physical therapy. APTA’s sections are forums for tailored educational programming, publications, social events, awards, and networking in your area of clinical interest or expertise.

• Access the latest clinical research through section journals and newsletters.
• Make valuable professional contacts through section meetings, online discussion boards and communities, and continuing education opportunities.
• Save money on continuing education through discounts on section seminars, audioconferences, and the annual Combined Sections Meeting (CSM).
• Gain recognition for your accomplishments through section awards, grants, and publishing opportunities.

APTA's sections give you the resources you need to stay current, connected, and informed. Many sections also offer the opportunity to participate in special interest groups (SIGs) that focus even more specifically on skills and knowledge within each area of interest. You’re sure to find one of interest to you.

ACADEMY OF ACUTE CARE PHYSICAL THERAPY

www.acutecarept.org

• Journal of Acute Care Physical Therapy and "Critical CareTalk" e-newsletter.
• Resource guides highlighting common acute care practice and management issues.
• Practice focus groups: Amputee Rehabilitation, Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit.
• SIG: Total Joint Replacement.

ACADEMY OF AQUATIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

www.aquaticpt.org

• Discounted registration for the Certificate in Aquatic Physical Therapy Clinical Competency program.
• Journal of Aquatic Physical Therapy and "AquaticLine" e-newsletter.
• Find an Aquatic Physical Therapy Clinic directory connecting-consumers with your business.
• Member exclusive, advanced onsite aquatic clinical education courses.

CARDDIOVASCULAR AND PULMONARY SECTION

www.cardopt.org

• Collaboration and dialogue with peers to build your cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy network.
• Grant program for research funding.
• NEW supports for cardiology/pulmonary residency – websites, residency directors SIGcommittee.
• FREE basic resources for clinical specialty preparation (study guide, websites, Dropbox, and Facebook page).

ACADEMY OF CLINICAL ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY AND WOUND MANAGEMENT

www.ACEWM.org

• Networking with practitioners, educators, and students with interests in electrophysiology, wound management, biophysical agents, and neurovascular/ultrasound imaging via electronic discussion boards.
• Participation in shaping the future of electrotherapy, biophysical agents, and wound management in physical therapy practice.
• SIGs: Electrodiagnostics, Wound Management, Biophysical Agents, Student, and Neurovascular/Ultrasound Ultrasound Imaging.

ACADEMY OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION

www.aptaeducation.org

• Journal of Physical Therapy Education.
• Discounts on academy resources and conferences, including Education Leadership Conferences and new faculty development workshops.
• Collaboration and networking with peers on the section’s electronic discussion board.
• SIGs: Academic Faculty, Anatomy Educators, Clinical Educators, PTA Educators, Residency/Fellowship Education, Scholarship of Education.

FEDERAL PHYSICAL THERAPY SECTION

www.federalpt.org

• Federal Physical Therapy Section programming at CSM.
• Access to “Hand Prints” electronic newsletter, clinical resources, and networking via dedicated e-community.
• Tips and resources for pursuing a certification in hand therapy (CHT).
• Expanded volunteer opportunities and ways to become a leader in your profession.

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SECTION ON HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

www.hpaapt.org

• Access to the section’s educational resources, podcasts, and events.
• Catalyst groups: ProBoni, LGBTQ, and Beyond.
• SIGs: Global Health, Technology.

ACADEMY OF HAND AND UPPER EXTREMITY PHYSICAL THERAPY

www.handpt.org

• Journal of Hand Therapy.
• Discounts on academy resources and conferences including Education Leadership Conferences and new faculty development workshops.
• Collaboration and networking with peers via section’s electronic discussion board.
• SIGs: Amputation Care, Pelvic Health Rehabilitation, Primary Care.

ACADEMY OF VEGETATIVE PHYSICAL THERAPY

www.vapt.org

• Journal of Vegetative Physical Therapy.
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