American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties: Enhancing Professional Development Through Certification
Saturday, October 26, 2013: 4:00 – 5:00 pm; 5:15 – 6:15 pm
Speaker: Stephanie Yu, PT, MSPT, PCS

Course Description:

Physical therapy students look forward to graduation and recent graduates are glad to be out of the classroom. While formal professional education is nearing an end, the profession of physical therapy embraces life-long learning and increasingly state governments demand evidence of continued competency. New graduates often struggle with developing advanced knowledge and skill in physical therapy when there are so many formal and informal pathways. This forum is open to all individuals who wish to learn more about the ABPTS specialist certification program, including eligibility requirements and the professional and personal benefits of becoming a board-certified clinical specialist.

Upon completion of this course, you’ll be able to:
  • Understand the specialist certification process
  • Understand the ABPTS certification and maintenance of specialist certification program
  • Describe the process for certification and maintenance.
  • Describe the minimum eligibility requirements for certification and maintenance
  • List the current areas of specialty practice
  • Describe the role of clinical residencies in the certification process
  • Identify top motivations to pursue ABPTS certification

Speaker Bio:

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Ms. Yu is a Therapy Manager with the County of Los Angeles, California Children’s Services (CCS). She oversees a region of clinics that provide outpatient PT and OT, at no cost to qualifying children. She earned her MS in Physical Therapy from Boston University and BS in Kinesiology from UCLA. Prior to being appointed to ABPTS in 2011, she served as Item Review Coordinator on the Pediatric Specialty Council. She was also a member of the Pediatric Committee of Content Experts and Specialization Academy of Content Experts. She became board certified as a clinical specialist in pediatric physical therapy in 2002 and recertified in 2011. Ms. Yu is the current Chair of ABPTS and also serves as the contact for the Women’s Health Specialty Council.