PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Cory Lewis, PT, DPT, OCS

There has been no other time in the last several decades that physical therapy has seen such dramatic changes. As the cost to provide care steadily increases, reimbursement is declining, documentation requirements are more demanding, and denials are more frequent. Clinicians with 20-30 years of experience across the health care continuum admit that the challenges today are higher, and the profit margins are much more narrow.
Certainly, things will continue to change and to be successful, we will need to continue to promote the profession of physical therapy to the medical community and the public.

I believe that few people understand the breadth of IPTA involvement in the promotion of physical therapy in Idaho. While the APTA is instrumental in advocating for federal insurance and practice issues, they would be the first to tell you that most practice legislation is handled at the state level. The APTA can adopt a position or policy, but the rubber meets the road in our state’s practice act. The IPTA has had a presence in our state’s capitol for the last 20 years. We employ a legislative lobbyist to monitor, modify, and when necessary, protect our practice act.

Organization and participation are absolutely paramount to the ongoing success of the IPTA. We are financially vibrant, politically active, and constantly vigilant to assaults on our practice act. In order to continue to fill these important roles, we continue to look for new leadership, involvement, and participation in the many meetings, continuing education opportunities, and legislative efforts. I am excited to be a part of the Idaho Physical Therapy Association as we continue to move our profession forward. I encourage you to help the IPTA become more active in our collective professional responsibility to continue to promote the practice of physical therapy in Idaho!

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

At the fall Annual Meeting the following members were elected to IPTA’s Board of Directors:

**President** - Cory Lewis, PT, DPT, OCS

**Secretary** - Kari Lasco-Sanders, PT, DPT, Cert MDT

**Vice President** - Paula Moores, PT

Elected to non-board positions were Lou Levy as PTA Alternate, Galen Danielson, PT as delegate and Joel Tenbrink, PT, ATC as nominating chair committee member.

Chair of the nominating committee is now Angelo Lippiello. Contact her at lippange@isu.edu or members Maleta Henry, maleta@rehabauthority.com, or Joel Tenbrink, joeld.tenbrink@gmail.com if you are interested in any volunteer position with IPTA.
A BIG THANKS to outgoing office holders, Al Crothers as president, Cory Lewis, vice president, Jon Gardunia, secretary, Joel Tenbrink, delegate and Trent Jackman as nominating committee chair. The expertise shared and time donated by the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Volunteers is invaluable and is the reason why IPTA is an effective advocate for the profession of PT.

PTA CAUCUS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Christy Hall, PTA, BS

Some changes have occurred since the House of Delegates and many more changes may occur over the next year for the PTA Caucus. In order to reach some of the goals set forth by the PTA representatives in June, the PTA Caucus has been divided into several Task Forces. Currently, I serve on the PTA Advocacy Task Forces and in doing so have attended several conference calls and town halls regarding the APTA Governance Review.

The APTA Governance Review will be a big issue at this year’s House of Delegates. The APTA is investigating a restructuring of all components from Sections to the House of Delegates, including the PTA Caucus. I am willing to answer any questions regarding this review to the best of my knowledge. Information may also be found on the APTA website.

Currently I am working with Deanna Dye to get a page for the PTAs on the IPTA website up and running to post any important news regarding the PTA. If you have any information that you would like posted, please pass it along to me.

Lou Levy, PTA accepted the position as Idaho’s PTA Caucus Alternate Representative at the last IPTA Fall meeting, I am excited to introduce him to the House of Delegates and PTA caucus in June. I also look forward to representing all the Idaho PTAs at the Town Hall meeting at CSM in San Diego in January and then again at the House of Delegates in June, which will take place in Salt Lake City. I look forward to seeing all of you at future meetings or in Salt Lake City next year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me so that I can make sure your voice is heard.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

IPTA is requesting volunteers to serve as moderators for ongoing discussion boards provided online. As the moderator, you would post pertinent topics to engage in relevant and current dialogue regarding various areas of practice. Read More... at www.ptidaho.org!
At the fall Annual Meeting, Jan Yingst received the prestigious J Perry Silver Award for Outstanding Service to Physical Therapy. Alex Urfer, PT, PhD, who nominated Jan, listed some of the outstanding contributions she has made to the state association, the profession, and her patients and students in training. In his nomination letter, Alex reminded us that Jan has been an active member of the IPTA and the profession ever since she graduated from ISU in 1992. Her clinical skill set is truly exemplary as she has focused on enhancing her qualifications through numerous continuing education courses along with completing the clinical specialist certificate in pediatrics. He wrote that she has been a lodestar for clinicians in the Twin Falls area as is evidenced by her consistent involvement in community activities including providing services for local high schools for sports activity coverage, sports medicine topics, and the Perrine Bridge Festival which helps to fund and procure adaptive equipment for her local pediatric population. Her commitment to her community and the services she provides is heightened by her enthusiasm for her true altruistic philosophy.

Alex continued, in addition to her local thriving local practice, she has assisted ISU and our department in many ways including teaching our pediatric course when we were short a faculty member and being a constant mentor for the students we send to her for their clinical education. I remember one students saying that “Jan is a consummate teacher who focuses on your strengths and helps build your confidence to address your weaknesses”. She has always been eager to take or students under her wing with appropriate rigor and guidance as they move through our program here at ISU. Clearly she have given back to her university and provided a solid platform for students to move ahead in their careers.

Alex also had the opportunity to work with Jan as a member of the Board of Directors when she was president of the IPTA. He writes that she was well organized, listened openly to sometimes contentious discussions, and provided the leadership we needed during difficult times. He saw her in action at several national APTA conferences when she made sure that the concerns of Idaho therapists were noted at the national level. IPTA Executive Committee agreed that clearly she is a strong leader and worthy of the J Perry Silver Award.
Jan’s family, including a new grandbaby who was only days old, was on hand as she received the award.

**PT/PTA of the Year Award** recipient was **Deanna Dye** for spearheading the development of a new and improved website for IPTA, providing the material to the web designer, monitoring the design process, and attending training necessary to serve as the association's webmaster.

**PT/PTA Student of the Year** Award recipient was **Ashley Scholes** for being an advocate for physical therapy for several years, for being actively involved in the student and local associations, and for living the APTA core values.

**Friend of PT of the Year** was **Nelda Wellard** of the Physical Therapy Dept at Idaho State University for being the glue that holds students, faculty and staff together, and for demonstrating the APTA’s core values every day.

## District News

Mike Bailey, PT; North District Chair
Lakeland PT, Rathdrum, Idaho

The North District has continued to have fun and well-attended bi-annual district
offerings. Our fall, 2012 meeting was graciously hosted by Kootenai Medical Center’s Outpatient Therapy Department in the McGrane Center in CDA. A great big thanks goes out to KMC’s Paula Taylor, PT, for making this location available. This course was symposium style on Occupational Health with three speakers taking the stage for approximately 20 minutes each followed by a question/answer session. The speakers were Dr. Michael Ludwig of Idaho Occupational Medicine, a representative from the Idaho Industrial Commission, and a workman’s compensation insurance company rep. The goal was to glean information and understanding about this very important and pertinent topic. I asked the speakers to cover topics (provided to them) that tend to be in question or of particular interest to PTs, but I also gave them the go ahead to speak on areas they would like us to know. Snacks and drinks were provided by KMC.

Looking ahead, we are currently working on the spring offering, so I will provide details as they solidify. I will also be looking for a replacement to serve as the District Chair after the spring offering. I will have served at this position for 3 years at that point and feel someone else should have a chance.

Please let me know ASAP if you are interested. We could work together on these next courses to help get you up to speed. It’s a fun position. Really.

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Spring Meeting with Continuing Ed

By: Jill Cooper, Executive Director

The Spring Meeting will be held April 27/28, 2013 at Gritman Medical Center, Moscow, Idaho. Adriaan Louw of the International Spine and Pain Institute will speak on *Chronic Fibromyalgia* on 4/27/2013 and *Spine Surgery Update* on 4/28/2013.

Deanna Dye, PT, PhD, James Ralphs, PT, and Jeff Brockett, Audiologist will present a one-day course on 4/27/2013 (Saturday) titled *BPPV and Beyond: Testing and Treatment from Simple to Complex*.

Payment Specialist Tom Howell is planning a coding course.

The schedule is still being worked out, details and a secure link to register will be posted at [http://www.ptidaho.org](http://www.ptidaho.org) by March, 2013.

Payment Specialist Corner

*IPTA* Payment Specialist,
*Thomas M. Howell, PT, MPT*

It has been a busy Fall for your IPTA Payment Specialist coinciding with an explosion of new and proposed legislation and regulation that will have far reaching effects on our profession. I have just returned from APTA’s annual Policy and Payment Forum in Alexandria, VA and it has taken a couple of days for my head to stop spinning! Couple that with tackling two Coding and Payment courses and a trip to Dallas for the Post-Acute Compliance Seminar and the Holiday rush and, wow...

The biggest changes have come in the world of Part B, outpatient Medicare. October 1st brought us additional regulation known as MMR (manual medical review) for all Part B therapy claims reaching $3700. It also started the therapy cap for hospital outpatient departments.

There have been many problems with this system as our Medicare contractor (known as a "MAC") struggles to understand and administer these new regulations. Here are some hints I have been advised on: make sure you send in a signed plan of care (POC). Even though you have 30 days to get the POC, the MAC’s are denying approval of more
visits under MMR if they do not receive a signed plan of care. Other hints include making sure signatures are legible, making sure to document prior level of function (PLOF) and compare it to current level of function (CLOF) and making sure to show objective data including the use of outcomes tools. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. My **new email is thowellpt@cableone.net**. Another good idea is to join the IPTA listserv (Send your name and APTA # to office@ptidaho.org) and look for "PAYMENT SPECIALIST POST" to get the most up-to-date news on Medicare regulations.

Part B will be in flux through the new year as many of the therapy cap regulations are set to expire on 12-31-12. As of the writing of this, there was no idea what Congress was planning to do. Clinics hopefully are prepared to go back to the hard cap as of Jan. 1, 2013 should Congress not act. I will be busy in the first quarter of 2013 no matter what happens with Part B.

Finally on Part B, all settings except Critical Access Hospitals will have to start reporting Functional Limitation reporting even if Congress does not act. The new regulations go into effect 1-1-13 BUT they are not mandatory until 7-1-13. All Medicare Part B patients will need a non-payable G-Code in one of 7 functional limitation categories reported at eval, every 10th visit, at formal re-evaluation and at DC. Each non-payable G code will be accompanied by a therapist modifier (GP for PT) and a new “severity” modifier. There are many details that will be coming out over the next 8 months about this new regulation. It will require changes with your software vendor, clearinghouse and with your EMR if you are using one.

A quick update on the APTA’s alternative payment system. They are moving forwards on it and will be submitting it to the AMA CPT group in January. An updated version is on the APTA website. The APTA BOD has green lighted this system and have changed the name to the "Physical Therapy Classification and Payment System" or PTCPS so look for the new name on the webpage.

The APTA will also be advancing a few other payment and policy initiatives in 2013. First is co-pay legislation. Many states have tried or will be trying to pass limitations on the amount of co-pays. Their experiences both positive and negative will help Idaho as we look at similar legislation. Another big area of focus is Healthcare reform. As state set up exchanges, state chapters are having to lobby the state Call for Member and Nonmember Volunteers: PTA Education Feasibility Study Work Group.
APTA is seeking volunteers to serve on a new work group that will prepare a plan for responding to the House motion on a Feasibility Study for Transitioning to an Entry-Level Baccalaureate Physical Therapist Assistant Degree (RC20-12), including identifying data needs, sources, and collection methods. Members interested in serving on the PTA Education Feasibility Study Work Group must first complete the volunteer profile form found on the Volunteer Interest Pool page (please log on to the APTA website before accessing this link). Once the profile is submitted, click on the "Current Volunteer Opportunities" button and select 'PTA Education Feasibility Study Work Group' to be considered. Please encourage your colleagues, including those involved in the education, work, and career development of PTAs, to serve on this important work group. The deadline for submission is December 31. Interested nonmembers should contact Janet Crosier for assistance and insurances over the "benchmark" plans in the exchanges. By Federal law, these benchmark plans have to have PT but the law does not specify how much PT so, of course, those formulating the exchanges have been severely limiting therapy. The IPTA will be watching to see what Idaho does as they are way behind in setting up the exchange. They had until Dec 14 to decide to set up a state run exchange and until Jan 15 to partner with the Federal Government to set up one. If they missed those deadlines, Idaho will get a Federally-run exchange that might actually have better PT benefits than a state run one. At the printing of this, we may know which direction Idaho is going and I will work with the IPTA to make sure that we try to get someone at the table.

The PTA front is quiet for a change with no new regulations causing headaches for PTA practice. The world of home health, Inpatient Rehab (IRF) and Skilled Nursing (SNF) also did not have many major changes in 2012. The reassessment times for home health were clarified (please see information on the APTA webpage on this). Even though there were not many changes, I am planning on having a Post-Acute care course, hopefully in February to review the changes that started in October 2011 that Home Health, SNF and IRF –base therapists are still adjusting too. Look for details on the listserve and IPTA webpage.

Finally, I will close with a reminder to contact me with any questions on problems regarding billing and coding issues. I am a “member benefit” so please contact me. Remember I have a new email: thowellpt@cableone.net.
IPTA’s Former President Nominated for APTA Position

Al Crothers, PT, SCS whose term as IPTA president ended in Oct. 2012, has been nominated and slated as a candidate for APTA Board of Directors.

Al says, “This is a personal honor but also reflects highly on the IPTA. I believe it is my experience with our association and the great PT’s/PTA’s that I have been associated with that have given me this opportunity. I hope I can count on your support as I move forward in this process. If I am fortunate enough to be elected, I will do my utmost to represent our association well as we move forward in the ever changing health care world. I hope we can continue to grow our profession as independent practitioners of choice in all our areas of expertise. I look to you personally and our profession as a whole to give me ideas that will help us all in this endeavor.”

“Physical Therapy has been and will continue to be more than just a "job" to me. We do so many great things for so many people and the rewards I have received far outweigh anything else I have done in my life. I hope to be able to bring these experiences and my "controlled enthusiasm” the APTA Board.

“Thank you for everything you and the IPTA have done for me and I look forward to representing you.”

We are confident that Al will be successful in his bid for an APTA Board position.

Licensure Issues

Larry Ohman, Licensure Board Member

Greeting from the licensure board! The board would periodically like to provide you information that may be helpful to you as licensees. In this issue of your newsletter, I would like to direct your attention to a relatively new method to manage your continuing education. The Federation of State Board of Physical Therapist (FSBPT) has developed a system to help you manage your CE requirements while also assisting CE providers and regulatory boards in sharing information. The Idaho Physical Therapy Licensure Board has decided to make this an acceptable optional method for you to track,
manage, and share information to the board should you be audited. And the best part is its FREE! So please take a look below at aPTitude and discover how easy and convenient it is to use. I am confident you will find it to be a system easy to use and meet your CE documentation needs.

Free Continuing Education Management Resource for Idaho PTs and PTAs!

Do you know that an online system is now available for you to manage all aspects of your Continuing Education and Continuing Competence (CE/CC) licensure requirements? And that this system **seamlessly connects you with hundreds of CE/CC providers and physical therapy regulatory boards** for purposes of **sharing information about CE/CC courses and activities**?

The system is called **aPTitude**, and was built by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (**FSBPT**) for the purpose of advancing its continuing competence initiative and its mission of public protection. It is also intended to be a comprehensive **CE/CC resource to help you maintain compliance with your licensure requirements**.

**aPTitude** is a dynamic online system that:

- Provides a single place to maintain your licensure information, keep a record of your CC/CE courses and activities, and securely store documentation for those activities;
- Enables you to search for and find CC/CE offerings that meet your individual and specific needs;
- Streamlines your planning and tracking of CC/CE activities to see how close you are to meeting your renewal requirements for one or many states;
- Keeps you up-to-date with easy-to-understand information on all of your jurisdiction’s CC/CE requirements, renewal dates and approved courses and activities;
- Sends you reminders for license renewal and upcoming CC/CE compliance deadlines; and
- Issues to you optional notifications on when new activities become available from your favorite CC/CE providers!

And best of all, **aPTitude** is completely FREE for you to use – regardless of where you are licensed and how many licenses you maintain!!
Go to www.fsbpt.org/aPTitude, complete your registration if you have not already done so, and get started today! Already registered? Don't forget to visit aPTitude frequently to search for courses and activities, store your documents, record your completed courses and activities, and to take advantage of its many current and future features. For more information, contact the FSBPT Continuing Competence Department at 703.299.3100, option 5, or aPTitude@fsbpt.org.

Start early earning those CEUs for 2013
Now is a great time to take advantage of the convenient and affordable courses available in the APTA Learning Center to advance your professional development.

Your IPTA Representatives to APTA

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PTPN Introduces New Service to Help Rehab Therapists “Future-Proof” Their Private Practices, Reduce Costs and Increase Revenue

(Calabasas, Calif. – November 27, 2012) PTPN, the country’s premier network of rehabilitation professionals in private practice, today announced the launch of PTPN Nexus, a community of therapist owners that helps members “future-proof” their practices, reduce costs and increase revenue. PTPN Nexus provides therapists with expert advice and resources not offered by traditional network and association models, to help them better run their businesses and their practices. With the addition of PTPN Nexus in more than two dozen states where it does not currently operate, PTPN will have a presence in all 50 states.

“Private practice owners are facing challenges unlike any we’ve seen in PTPN’s 27-year history, including lower reimbursements, soaring costs, emerging technologies, and seismic shifts in the healthcare industry,” said PTPN President Michael Weinper, PT, DPT, MPH. “We developed PTPN Nexus to offer therapists in states where PTPN doesn’t operate a traditional network model as a way to transform confusion and chaos into opportunity and success. They get affordable, comprehensive resources so they can work smarter – not harder – to boost their bottom lines and safeguard the future of their practices.”
The resources of PTPN Nexus include:

- **Group purchasing discounts.** Preferred vendor discounts save therapists thousands of dollars every year on everything from equipment, supplies and billing services to online continuing education, cash-pay fitness programs and professional liability insurance.

- **Political advocacy.** PTPN's lobbyist ensures that PTPN Nexus members have an advocate on Capitol Hill as Congress, CMS and others are changing the healthcare landscape. The PTPN Political Action Center provides information and action alerts on issues important to therapists so members can stay informed and involved.

- **Consumer marketing.** Therapists access easy-to-use training, education and other resources through Physiquality, PTPN's consumer brand, to launch and/or enhance cash-pay fitness/wellness services to build an alternative revenue stream to declining reimbursement. PTPN's social marketing resources help therapists leverage the power of Facebook, Twitter and other web tools to market their practices in new ways.

- **Leadership and expert advice on seizing opportunities for growth.** PTPN Nexus helps therapists understand and make the most of new regulations and programs, like Medicare’s PQRS incentive (soon to be penalty) and healthcare reform legislation involving ACOs (Accountable Care Organizations) and Pay for Performance.

- **Access to experts in clinical subjects, practice management and other key areas.** Practitioners have convenient access to clinical literature each quarter through PTPN Clinical Focus and may consult with PTPN Nexus experts on clinical, compliance, billing/reimbursement, and other questions.

The regular price of a yearly PTPN Nexus membership is $1,600, but private practitioners will be able to take advantage of an introductory price of $750 for a limited time. It is offered only in states which do not already have a PTPN network.

“In the states where we’re launching PTPN Nexus, private practitioners wouldn’t benefit from the traditional PTPN model at this time, given local market conditions,” explains PTPN Vice President Nancy Rothenberg. “The full PTPN network model includes all of the features of PTPN Nexus, plus managed care contracting. With PTPN Nexus, practitioners in states that may not be in need of a statewide contracting entity can still enjoy a variety of benefits that will make their practices stronger and their futures brighter,” Rothenberg adds.

Rothenberg notes that a typical PTPN Nexus member can save 10 times as much as the
yearly fee. To calculate the potential savings and revenue possible as a member of PTPN Nexus, practitioners can use the Calculate Your ROI tool.

To find out more about PTPN Nexus, contact PTPN at 800-766-PTPN or ptpnnexus@ptpn.com.

**About PTPN Nexus:** PTPN Nexus, a community of private practice therapists, helps its members future-proof their practices, reduce costs and increase revenue. PTPN Nexus leads therapists through the complex changes in healthcare by providing expert advice and resources not offered by traditional network and association models. PTPN Nexus’ parent company (see below) has been advocating for the independent private practitioner for nearly 30 years. For more information on PTPN Nexus, contact Stephen Moore at (818) 737-0246 or go to ptpn.com/nexus.

**About PTPN:** PTPN is the nation’s premier specialty network of rehabilitation therapists in independent practice. It has led the rehabilitation industry in pioneering national contracting and quality assurance programs since 1985. The network has nearly 1,000 provider offices (including physical, occupational and speech therapists) in 23 states. PTPN contracts with most major managed care organizations in the nation including insurers, workers’ compensation companies, PPOs, HMOs, medical groups, and IPAs. All members of PTPN must be independent practitioners who own their own practices. For more information on PTPN, contact Stephen Moore at (818) 737-0246 or go to ptpn.com.

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**APTA's member benefits give you all the tools you need and more!**

This information comes directly from the APTA website: at http://www.apta.org/Benefits/PTs/

APTA advocates for you in Washington, DC, and state capitals nationwide.

APTA’s advocacy efforts help you stay on top of the issues important to you and your patients. Resource centers for major legislative issues like health care reform and the Medicare therapy cap allow you to stay informed, while the Legislative Action Center streamlines the process of contacting representatives on Capitol Hill, so that you can advocate for your profession.
APTA speaks out for proper payment for high-quality patient care.

Ensuring that you receive proper payment for physical therapy services is a key component of APTA’s Strategic Plan. APTA helps you navigate the reimbursement maze and get paid appropriately for your services. Stay on top of changing form and code requirements, claim denials, and critical payment topics with the free Medicare Fee Calculator, and more.

APTA promotes the benefits of physical therapy.

APTA gives you the public relations and marketing tools you need to share the benefits of physical therapy with consumers and other health care professionals. MoveForwardPT.com includes interactive tools and information for consumers and health care professionals, plus consumer-oriented handouts. BrandBeat empowers you to strengthen the physical therapy brand, including guidelines and training to help you live the "Move Forward" brand.

APTA connects you with colleagues for networking and collaboration.

From the live events to social networking, tap into the collective knowledge and expertise among our 80,000+ physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, and student members... making a difference for careers, patients, and the future. Discover more opportunities to connect through your local chapter and special-interest sections.

APTA saves you money.

Exclusive 40% discounts on national conference registrations, publications, and continuing education opportunities. When you add in discounts on continuing education offerings at the chapter and section levels and the great value on insurance and financial APTA-endorsed member benefits, you’ll be amazed at how much you can save. Plus, APTA educational programs and our active community members always strive to share valuable tips and strategies to help your business thrive.

APTA provides information at your fingertips.

APTA’s Web site gives you a constant connection to the professional resources you need as you practice. Your membership gives you online access to PT in Motion magazine, PT in Motion: News Now news feed, the online Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, and more.

APTA promotes evidence-based practice.

Your membership gives you quick and easy access to clinical research that supports evidence-based physical therapy practice across practice settings and specialty areas. APTA’s Open Door: Free online access to text articles and abstracts from more than 2,500 health care-oriented periodicals. PT Journal (PTJ): State-of-the-art research, case reports,
technical reports, literature reviews, and perspectives on clinical and professional issues. APTA’s Hooked on Evidence: National database on the effectiveness of physical therapy interventions, exclusively available to members online.

APTA strengthens your expertise with clinical and practice resources.

APTA connects you to a wealth of clinical and practice-related resources to help you provide the high-quality care to your patients, meet your professional goals, and thrive in your practice. APTA members enjoy best-practice documentation resources and guidelines on supervision of personnel, health information technology, and more. Specially priced APTA-endorsed insurance and financial benefits will protect your from risk and help you save money. Plus free advertising via Find a PT, APTA's consumer search engine, to connect you with potential patients.

APTA helps you advance to the next level.

APTA encourages its members to continue their career development. PTs ready to advance their clinical practice can fast track their education and career by completing credentialed postprofessional clinical residency or fellowship programs, or beginning the path to ABPTS board certification in any of 8 clinical specialization areas. PTs can also earn recognition as an APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor. Job seekers can search for Red Hot Jobs in physical therapy, but only APTA members can post resumes online and sign up for job alerts. Plus, APTA member employers posting single job listings save 40%.

Join Us

Join us today, or renew your membership. APTA is your home base for everything you need to succeed, today and in the future.