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"[I]t is impossible for anyone to begin to learn what he thinks that he already knows." - [Epictetus](#)

Please post for your PT/PTA Staff

Check out the WY Physical Therapy Association Website for updated news on conferences, jobs, and more: www.wypta.org

WYPTA News

- **Fall Conference: OCTOBER 3-4, 2009** We are looking for **NOMINATIONS** for: President, Vice President, Secretary (Terri moved to Washington State), and Representative to the Physical Therapy Assistant Caucus. We are also looking for nominations for the Doris Chaffin Award.

Wyoming Educational Opportunities:

If you know of a conferences or weekend courses that are being offered in your area please contact (via email) me so that I can let our membership know norenechristensen@bresnan.net. There is a one time \$35.00 fee for these listings.

- **Wyoming Fall Business and Education Conference: October 3-4,** 2 great topics this year!
 - **"Developing Strength and Conditioning Programs"** This course will be open to PTs, PTAs and ATCs. If you are interested in obtaining your CSCS, this is the course to prepare you!
 - **"Integration of NDT and SI"** by Bonnie Boenig, OTR. This course will also be open to OTs.

Wyoming Job Opportunities – Advertising?

✪ There is a 35.00/month charge for job listings and other advertisements in the monthly fax and website. Please mail your check to Kathy Day, WYPTA, 1347 Wisconsin, Casper, WY 82609. Continue to email your ad in a simple Word Document to norenechristensen@bresnan.net and kathyday123@msn.com.

CHECK OUT WWW.WYPTA.ORG FOR A COMPLETE LISTING

APTA NEWS

AOA Hospital Accreditation Standards Could Affect PTs in Hospitals

New hospital accreditation standards developed by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) could have implications for the delivery of physical therapy services in hospitals. The new AOA standards would require the physician to sign the therapy (physical therapy, occupational therapy, and/or speech language pathology) plan of care before therapy treatment may commence. This standard could prevent the delivery of timely care to Medicare beneficiaries and increase the administrative burden placed on therapists and physicians. APTA is currently working to prevent

implementation of this standard and will notify our membership on the resolution of this issue when it becomes available.

CMS Issues Payment Updates for 2010

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [announced](#) July 1 proposed changes to policies and payment rates for services that would be furnished in 2010 by physicians, physical therapists, and other health care professionals who are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). Click [here](#) to read the CMS Fact Sheet on the Physician Fee Proposed rule. In the [rule](#), CMS projects a rate reduction of -21.5 percent for calendar year 2010 due to the flawed update formula. In addition, the rule would refine practice expenses, remove physician-administered drugs from the definition of "physician services" for the purposes of updating the update formula, revise the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) program, and implement provisions in recent legislation adding new Medicare benefit categories for cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services. CMS will accept comments on the proposed rule until August 31 and will respond to all the comments in a final rule that will be issued by November 1. APTA will submit comments to CMS in response to the rule.

2009 National Physical Therapy Month Site Launched

APTA has launched the 2009 National Physical Therapy Month (NPTM) Web site at www.apta.org/nptm. The newly redesigned Web site has an exciting, fresh look and several tools to help you kick-off a successful NPTM, including an Event Planning Guide to get you started preparing for your NPTM activities, as well as news release, media alert and media list templates, useful tips, and an outlet for networking and exchanging NPTM ideas with your members. For NPTM and beyond, APTA has introduced an exclusive new collection of clothing and specialty items bearing the new Move Forward™ Physical Therapy Brings Motion to Life brand for physical therapists. All Brand and NPTM products can be purchased conveniently online at www.apta.org/nptm or through APTA's Member Services Department at 800/999-2782, extension 3395. Orders placed by August 1 will receive a 10% discount.

Audioconference for Pediatric Physical Therapists: Register by August 13

APTA will be hosting an audioconference titled "Resources for the Pediatric Physical Therapist" on Thursday, August 20, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm Eastern Time. The audioconference will provide an overview of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Medicaid regulations, and billing and practice patterns relating to pediatric physical therapy settings. Speakers Cindy Miles, PT, MEd, PCS, and Roshunda Drummond-Dye, Esq, of APTA's Payment Policy & Advocacy will provide information on the top challenges for physical therapists specializing in pediatric services. Registration closes at Midnight Eastern Time on August 13 or as soon as all available spaces are filled. Visit www.apta.org/thesource to register.

APTA Seeking Examples of Innovative/New Practice Models by August 15

APTA's Department of Practice is collecting data on innovative models of physical therapy care delivery and is asking members to provide examples of new and emerging practice models that demonstrate improved access to care, cost effectiveness, and the physical therapist's role in the management of patients. Examples of alternative models of care delivery include:

- Chronic disease management initiatives
- Emergency room triage, evaluation, and treatment
- Managed care and public health clinic entry point models
- Disease prevention initiatives
- Primary care initiatives

Members are asked to send a brief description of innovative practice models (300 words or less) by August 15, along with contact information, including name, phone number, and e-mail address to Brandybradley@apta.org.

Continuing Education. (www.apta.org for more info)

- Go to www.wypta.org to find a comprehensive course listing offered by the APTA
 - ACP Courses
 - On-Line Courses
 - Go to the different APTA Section web-sites for Home Study Modules
- Federal Affairs, Washington DC, May 17-19, 2009
- 2009 House of Delegates, Baltimore, MD – June 8-10, 2009
- 2009 Annual Conference and Exposition of APTA, Baltimore, MD – June 10-13, 2009

Wyoming APTA Executive Board

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