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Please post for your PT/PTA Staff

Check out the Updated WY Physical Therapy Association Website for updated news on conferences, jobs, and more: www.wypta.org See the New Reimbursement Section of the Website!

WYPTA News

Senate File 54 PT Licensure Bill passed the Senate with a 22-8 vote on January 29. Thank you to everyone for their efforts in talking with their Senators. We will know shortly which committee it is a being assigned to in the House and will send out information directing what needs to be done to get the bill passed in the House. Many Senators commended physical therapists on our professionalism and ability to keep to the pertinent issues with our bill during discussions. We did not make this the turf war other groups wanted. Great job by all!

The first thing everyone can work on is find out who your House Representative is by going to <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/> and make a personal phone call as contact. Representatives want to hear from their constituents and are very willing to listen to information from PTs about our bill. Kathy Blair can be reached at 1-307-277-0178 or kblair@windcitypt.com to answer any questions and help you with your discussions. The engrossed bill can be found at <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2009/Engross/SF0054.pdf>

Membership Dues Increase Passed during Winter Video conference. New dues rates are as follows

PT	\$ 90.00
PTA	\$ 52.00
PT Student	\$ 15.00
PTA Student	\$15.00
Post Professional Student	\$ 50.00
Corresponding Member	\$ 40.00

These amounts put the WYPTA Chapter in the average range for our region.

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.

- **Examination and Intervention of the Cervico-Thoracic Spine: An Evidence-Based Manual Therapy Approach**, Jake Magel, PT, Dsc, OCS, FAAOMPT. June 13-14, 2009, Jackson, Wyoming. Contact Norene Christensen at Norene@fourpinespt.com for more information.

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

CSM 2009 Registration Nears 1,500

CSM 2009 early registration numbers are nearing 1,500. With the past two Combined Sections Meetings, registration numbers at this same point previous to conference were about 600. Of particular interest, nearly half of these early registrants are new to CSM. This is a strong validation of how APTA members value this networking opportunity and of the interest members have in the educational offerings provided by the Sections and APTA national. Heartfelt thanks to Section Program Chairs and to APTA staff that directly focus on this conference. Physical therapy branding initiatives and advocacy efforts are just two of the reasons CSM 2009 is a don't-miss event for physical therapy professionals and students. Please continue to promote the December 12 early-bird and January 9 advance registration deadlines in your component communications, and direct members to the [CSM Web page](#) and to the Member Services Department at 800/999-2782, ext 3395, M-F, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Time.

Resources for the Current Financial Climate

APTA recognizes that economic times could hardly be more challenging than they are right now. To that end, we have gathered under one link resources that we believe can help you the most. You'll also find many of them within the other [Resources for Overcoming Practice and Reimbursement Challenges](#), because even outside the current financial crisis, the physical therapy field has undergone many challenges over its history but never more than those faced by today's practitioner. With the shrinking health care dollar, complex and variable regulations, and increasing expectations on efficient and effective care, physical therapists are required to have an array of resources readily available to help them continually assess and change their practice. The intention of this Web page is to provide easy access to resources to help the busy clinician overcome some of the challenges being faced.

Update on NATA Lawsuit

Leaders of APTA and NATA met in Dallas on January 26, 2009, to talk about the possibility of settling the antitrust lawsuit brought by the NATA last February. APTA was represented by President Scott Ward, CEO John Barnes, and staff and outside legal counsel. NATA was represented by its President Marje Albohm, Executive Director Eve Becker-Doyle, two other

senior staff members, and outside legal counsel. Although the two sides did not reach agreement on the terms of a settlement, they will be communicating further.

APTA Unveils New Consumer Site

As part of the official launch of APTA's new branding effort at CSM 2009, we will unveil a newly branded consumer Web site that will promote the physical therapist brand to the public. APTA asks that components act now to edit their existing links to the apta.org Consumer Web site and Find a PT. All links to the Consumer Web site should point to <http://www.apta.org/consumer>. All links to Find a PT should point to <http://www.apta.org/findapt> or <http://www.findapt.us>. These direct links will dependably point users to the resources in question, now and in the future. Existing links that point to other addresses will soon be obsolete and will require users to be redirected to the most current information. You will have the opportunity to learn more about the branding initiative when APTA's Marketing and Public Relations firm, CRT/tanaka, presents the new brand to component leaders at the Component Leadership Meeting, Monday, February 9, from 9:00 to 10:15 am, at Mandalay Bay Room Islander A&B.

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
- 2009 Combines Sections Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada – February 9-12, 2009
- Physical Therapy and Society Summit, Leesburg, Virginia – February 27-28, 2009
- 2009 House of Delegates, Baltimore, MD – June 8-10, 2009
- 2009 Annual Conference and Exposition of APTA, Baltimore, MD – June 10-13, 2009

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