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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

- **May 30th 9:00-10:00 WYPTA Spring Video Meeting.** Come to the spring conference meeting to discuss motions being placed at the House of Delegates and hear an update on the WY Fall Business and Education Conference. Video conference sites include: Cheyenne, Jackson, Gillette, Cody and Casper. **Contact Jason Kamm at Jason.Kamm@peoplefirstrehab.com** to get a site near you.
- **Thank You Melissa Miller, PTA!** Melissa is the new Wyoming Representative to the Physical Therapy Assistant Caucus
- **Fall Conference:** 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.
- On **Tuesday May 19th**, Physical Therapists and PTA's from all over the United States will go to Capitol Hill to speak with their respective Senators and Representatives on issues that affect your ability to practice and the people you treat. The main issues I will be discussing with Senators Enzi and Barrasso as well as with Representative Lummis are as follows.

Support Medicare Direct Access (HR 1829)

[Please Oppose HR 1137 to Protect Quality Physical Therapy for Medicare Beneficiaries!](#)

[Support Student Loan Repayment for Physical Therapists \(HR 988\)](#)

Support The Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2009 (H.R.43/S.46)

Please support me in my efforts on Tuesday, May 19th by taking action now! Contact the Wyoming Congressional Delegation by going to the APTA legislative action center or calling them at the numbers below.

Sen. Barrasso 202 224-6441

Sen. Enzi 202 224-3424

Rep. Lummis 202 225-2311

Thanks for taking the time to do this!

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Wyoming Federal Affairs Liaison

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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.

- **How to Comply with the Federal Trade Commissions New "Red Flag Rule"**
Thursday, May 28, 2009 – Elizabeth E Hogue, Esq, Health Care Attorney and Consultant, Washington DC. 11:00-12:30 MST (Phone Conference) Sponsored by the WYPTA – look for registration to be emailed and faxed soon.
- **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.
- **Donatelli's Pathophysiology and Mechanics of the Shoulder with Lab**, Donn Dimond, PT, OCS. June 5-6, 2009 at Casper College. Contact Kenyne Schlager at 307-268-3847 or kschlager@caspercollege.edu. \$375 for APTA, AOTA members, \$425 for non-members – registration deadline May 22 This course is for Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants, Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants, and Athletic Trainers. This course will teach therapists the skills necessary in making a thorough evaluation of the shoulder to make a differential soft tissue diagnosis.
- **Wyoming Fall Business and Education Conference**: October 3-4, 2009. Stay tuned for conference speakers and activities.

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.

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APTA NEWS

The Federal Trade Commission just announced that it will delay enforcement of the new "Red Flags Rule" until August 1, 2009, to give creditors more time to develop and implement written identity theft prevention programs. Physical therapists and other healthcare providers who provide services to patients without requiring those patients to pay in full at the time of service will need to comply with the "Red Flag Rules" that require the development of an Identify Theft Prevention Program. These rules require that they make reasonable attempts to prevent and detect identify theft and take action to mitigate identity theft if it occurs. To assist with compliance, the FTC will soon release a template to help entities that have a low risk of identity theft, such as businesses that know their customers personally. More information on the "Red Flag Rules" is available on APTA's website at:

http://www.apta.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Fraud_and_Abuse&Template=/MembersOnly.cfm&ContentID=57432&Token=6B0654A6-9FBD-43AB-A6B8-85CDFE271783

The FTC announcement of the delay until August is available at:

<http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2009/04/redflagrule.shtm>

Health Reform Roundtables Begin in US Senate

Congress returned this week to an aggressive legislative agenda for the spring. Health care reform continues to be a priority issue of Congress. In the US Senate, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) kicked off a series of Health Care Reform Roundtables on April 21 focused on reforming America's health care delivery system. The roundtable series will focus on improving the quality and efficiency of care through establishing value-based purchasing programs and strengthening the role of primary care, better managing patients with chronic illnesses, facilitating the use of comparative effectiveness research and other tools that support evidence-based care, reducing hospital readmissions, reforming payments to private plans in Medicare, and increasing transparency and reducing fraud and abuse in federally financed health care programs. These roundtables will cover the major components of health care reform, including coverage, cost-containment, financing, insurance reform, and innovative new practices to improve delivery and enhance patient care. The first roundtable discussion focused on ways to create incentives in the Medicare program. Panelists discussed strategies to promote best practices, eliminate waste, facilitate provider collaboration regarding patient care through expanded health information technology, and advance comparative effectiveness research. In addition, the Finance Committee also focused on way to reduce fraud and abuse in federally financed health care. Future roundtables in May will focus on increasing access to health care coverage and financing comprehensive health care reform. In addition to the roundtables, the House Ways and Means Committee announced hearings on health care reform over the next several weeks. Legislative proposals are expected to be release in late May or early June by the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP).

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

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