

TPTA Practice “TidBits” First Quarter 2017

Dear Members, The TPTA Practice Committee (PC) has been in full swing for the last few years and we hope to begin communications with you on a more regular basis. The TPTA PC has held webinars, is in the process of revamping the web site with more links and access, organized special task forces for telehealth, and white papers for the legislative sessions. We collaborate with the Payment Policy committee as some of our initiatives are inclusive. Practice at the APTA now includes topics of research, federal/regulatory, diversity, and prevention, health and wellness. One of our main aims for TPTA Strategic Plan is Physical Therapists as a Movement System Expert. If you have questions or comments, please contact Rachel Hardegree at rhdegree@tpta.org or 512-477-1818.

Council of Health Systems Physical Therapy (Council) Updates are available at apta.org and meetings were held at CSM and are planned at the 2017 NEXT meeting. The Council HUB is available at: <http://communities.apta.org/p/co/ly/gid=187>.

Frontiers in Research, Science, and Technology (FIRST) HUB is available at: <http://communities.apta.org/p/co/ly/gid=195>. If you would like to attend FIRST Council meeting at the NEXT conference the date is: Wednesday, June 21st (3:00 -4:00 PM EST)

Federal/Regulatory updates that impact practice include the Interstate Licensure Compact, Proposed O&P rule and proposed payment rules for 2018.

The **Diversity Initiative** is in motion with components to create member groups to develop initiatives to increase diversity in membership and leadership and/or provide information on cultural competence in the profession. The 25th Anniversary of the **Celebration of Diversity** is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017 Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus, OH. <http://www.apta.org/celebrationofdiversity/>

Physical Therapy Outcomes Registry open enrollment is now underway! The Registry is adding outcome instruments, working with sections to develop modules, and collection of data on CPGs. www.ptoutcomes.com

Payment updates that affect practice include documentation, clinical decision making, CPT codes, evaluation codes. PC is working with Payment Policy to provide additional information and Q&A at Annual Conference. <http://www.apta.org/EvalCodes/FAQ>

PTNow Updates include new CPGs, resources, article search, test & measures summaries, and an interlinking between PTNow and the Test and Measures of Guide 3.0. <http://www.ptnow.org> (member sign-in required)

Prevention, Wellness, and Disease Management where a new public community was initiated. <http://communities.apta.org/p/co/ly/gid=182>. APTA has also partnered with “Go4Life”, Partner Webinar with NCOA (National Council on Aging). <http://www.apta.org/PreventionWellness/>

The Innovation Summit: Moving American Health Across the Spectrum of Physical Activity was held October 5, 2016. <https://www.aspeninstitute.org/events/innovation-summit/>

The Movement System Summit of the APTA was held December 8-10, 2016, in Alexandria, Virginia, and we are looking forward to hearing more from our team of experts at Annual Conference October 22, 2017 in Corpus Christi Texas. See you there!! *#JustMoveYall!* <http://www.apta.org/MovementSystem/Summit/>