

ORF-SIG DASHBOARD:

TOTAL MEMBERS: 402

- Facebook Group: 171 (+15)

ABPTRFE ACCREDITED PROGRAMS:

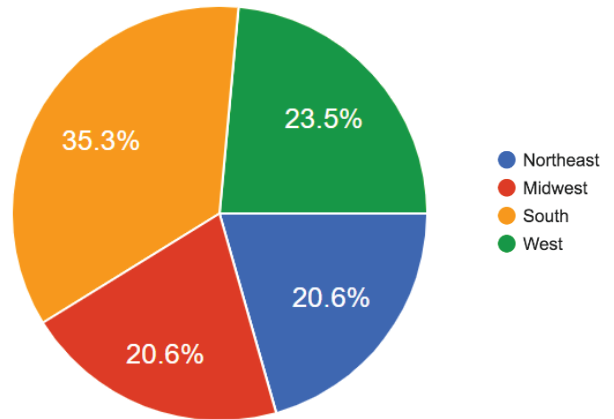
- Residencies:
 - Orthopaedic: 146 (+4)
- Fellowships:
 - Hand: 0
 - OMPT: 25
 - Performing Arts: 3 (-1)
 - Spine: 4 (+2)
 - Upper Extremity: 4

ACOMPTE ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

- OMPT: 40 (+3)
(+/- in members/programs since last quarter)

CURRENT MEMBER MAKE UP:

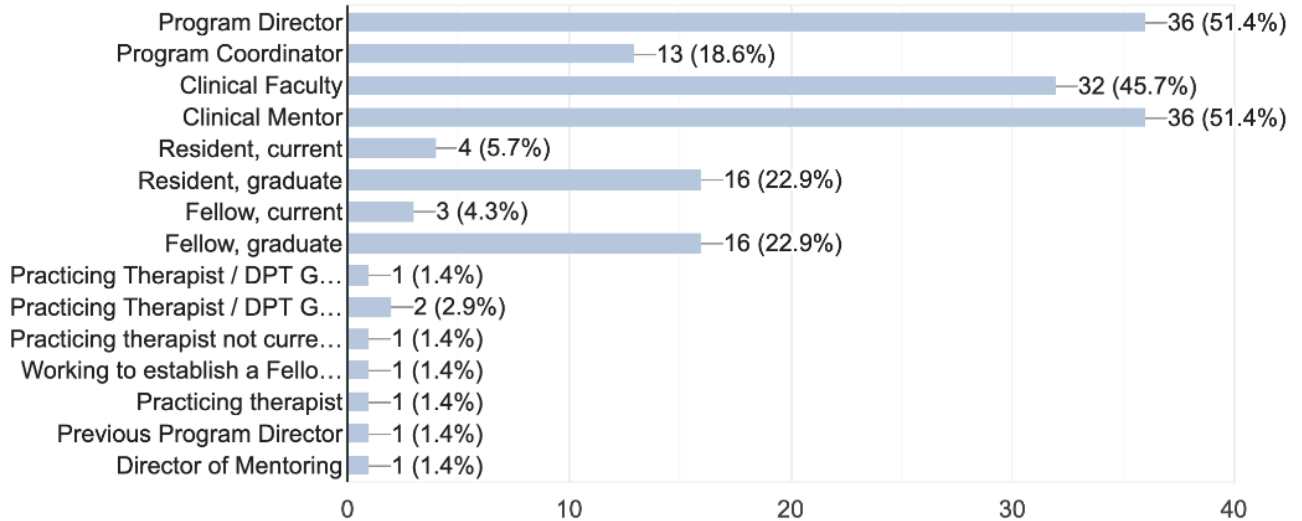
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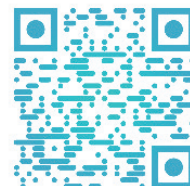
WHO WE ARE?

Please identify your CURRENT role(s) in Residency and Fellowship Education

70 responses



Please Scan the QR Code or go to: bit.ly/orfsig-membersurvey and complete the survey if you have not already:



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ORF-SIG Members,

As the seasons change it is another time to reset and to analyze being the change you want to create. I continue to be amazed by this group for the ideas and overall grit that is shown to try to make things cohesive and easier for each other. We are continuing to work on new initiatives to streamline our curriculums, graduate surveys and to add resources to our expanding ORF-SIG. Please look below for resources that we are working on and ways to get more involved.

Molly Malloy
President, ORF-SIG

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Universal Graduate Survey

Residency and fellowship programs for physical therapists develop expertise in specialty and subspecialty fields of physical therapy to serve our patients' needs better. Over the past 3 decades, residency and fellowship programs have grown dramatically. Residency and fellowship programs are required to survey their graduates to determine program outcomes, but the data produced from these surveys have always been individualized to each program. Thus, there needs to be more peer-reviewed information on the outcomes of residencies and fellowships. Members of the ORF-SIG consolidated their program's surveys into a single survey and recently obtained IRB approval to distribute to any member programs who are interested in participating. The results of this survey will help member programs improve recruitment and curricular development. Please share this QR code with all of your graduates and ask them to complete it no later than September 1, 2023. This survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Thanks for helping us collect data on the value of our programs!



CSM 2024 ORTHOPAEDIC RESIDENT PLATFORM SESSION

Calling all Orthopaedic Residents and Program Directors/Coordinators!

For CSM 2024, the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy will have its inaugural platform presentation session exclusively for Orthopaedic Resident's Research and Case Studies!

This is an exciting opportunity to highlight Orthopaedic residents, residency programs and to showcase the hard work they are doing to advance our profession! We had a record number of Orthopaedic Resident cases topping 80 submissions. We have a team reviewing and grading submissions and final selections for the platform session selections will be going out in the weeks ahead. Keep this in mind for future resident cases and research!

The AOPT provides excellent resource videos to assist you in writing abstracts: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/research/abstract-development-assistance>



Curricular Document Sharing:

Work Group Leaders: Kathleen Geist, Aimee Klein

Following the AOPT sponsored CSM Pre-conference session "Creating and Maintaining Competitive Residency and Fellowship Programs" expanding curricular sharing was expressed as an area which would benefit program directors. Specifically sharing examination questions and specialty curricular content. This group met in July and is compiling test questions for resources to share this fall with our members. We will send out more information once it is compiled and on the website for ways to access this material. Thanks to all who are helping!

ORF-SIG Work Groups



Applicant Registry:

Steve Kareha, Molly Malloy, Kirk Bentzen, Carrie Schwoerer

One big problem facing programs over the years is the ability to sustain consistent applicant bases despite using or not using RF-PTCAS. Our team had been working hard to collect interested applicants to attempt to steer them to open positions. We are brainstorming to revise this system to tackle the problem from the front end focusing on the following:

1. Raise awareness for our programs,
2. Steer qualified applicants to our programs, and
3. Address the problems of open positions throughout the country.

In the meantime, you can continue to use this link for an excess of applicants who you are open to sharing their information. Specifically, for those qualified applicants who are excellent candidates and have already been vetted but applied to a program that does not have any available spots. The program denying admission may then provide the applicant with a flyer explaining the database and providing them the option to participate. Member programs may access these qualified, vetted applicants as needed by contacting Steve Kareha (stephen.kareha@sluhn.org). Updates on the numbers of candidates on this list will be provided quarterly to the membership.

- a. Currently, everyone who was on this list has been admitted into a program.



Program Resident/Fellow/Faculty Spotlight:

Caitlyn Lang, Kristine Neelon, Bob Schroedter

What is the Program Spotlight?

It is an ORF-SIG, member-only feature that allows one or more orthopaedic residency/fellowship programs to be Spotlight-

ed within a given month to market themselves to prospective candidates and those seeking more information on post professional education in orthopaedics. Additionally, programs will also be spotlighting individual faculty and/or residents/fellows-in-training as good-will ambassadors of their respective programs.

What are the benefits to being Spotlighted?

Programs that are Spotlighted advance the exposure and interest in post professional orthopaedic physical therapy programs across the country, thus bolstering their program's sustainability. Furthermore, by providing important, decision-making details about their program a prospective candidate can make a better-informed decision about which program may be a good fit for them.

Who is eligible to apply?

Program coordinators or Program directors may apply for their program as long as they meet the following pre-application criteria:

The program must be ABPTRFE or ACOMPTE accredited or in Candidate status.

The Program Director or Coordinator must be a member of the AOPT and ORF-SIG.

The Program Director or Coordinator must have a specialization in Orthopaedics

Please visit: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/residency-fellowship/orf-sig-program-spotlight/spotlight-program-faqs>

ABPTRFE Frequently Asked Questions Documents:

Recently, the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) released updates to their Policies and Procedures including some changes to the Primary Health conditions and CoVid-19 accreditation recommendations. The ORF-SIG was able to work with the Chair of ABPTRFE, Mark Weber, and the Lead Accreditation Specialist, Linda Csiza. Together, they provided some further elaboration on several Frequently Asked Questions. Check out these documents here:

- Policy 13.5 Addition of Practice Sites FAQ
- Primary Health Conditions / Medical Conditions List FAQ
- CoVid-19 Temporary Guidance FAQ
- Program Sustainability: Applicant Sharing and Recruitment FAQ



RF-PTCAS: Kirk Bentzen, Steve Kareha, Megan Frazee, Carrie Schwoerer, Christina Gomez

If you are a newer program or need a refresher on some of the nuances of the processes and timelines, please review the following podcast: *Navigating RFPTCAS*, which can be found <https://music.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Embed.aspx?id=0841c14e->

[a3f7-4196-b654-acd90169c9e2](https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/residency-fellowship/orf-sig-program-spotlight/spotlight-program-faqs). Presenters of this pod cast included Ryan Bannister, Director-Centralized Application Services and Student Recruitment and Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship SIG leadership, including Kirk Bentzen, Christina Gomez, and Steve Kareha.



Please contact Carrie Schwoerer (cschwoerer@uwhealth.org) with questions.

Other Key Resources:

ABPTRFE Updates: Community HUB

Don't miss out on the latest ABPTRFE Updates from Kendra Harrington:

- [Updates to ABPTRFE Processes and Procedures](#)
- [What Sites Should, and Should Not, Be Included on the Participant Practice Sites?](#)
- [ABPTRFE Recent Actions](#)
- [July 1 Policy Reminder](#)



ACOMPTE Website and Resources:

Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship programs find ACOMPTE Information here:



APTE RF-SIG Resources: Christina Gomez

aptaeducation.org/special-interest-group/RFESIG/

You can also find more great information from the Academy of Education's Residency and Fellowship SIG (RFESIG). Here you will find a variety of Podcasts they have completed for Residency and Program Directors. Please make sure to check these out as well as the Think Tank resources.

- Virtual Site Visit
- RF-PTCAS Reminders



Take advantage of our member-only communication forums to share and develop ideas.

<p>ORF-SIG Facebook group</p>  <p>bit.ly/orfsig-fbgroup</p>	<p>AOPT ORF-SIG Communities HUB</p>  <p>bit.ly/orfig-communityhub</p>
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