

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello ORFSIG members,

Here are some quick updates as to the work that is going on behind the scenes. Please reach out if you would like to be more involved or have any questions. We are here to help you with curriculum design, gaining greater applicant numbers, and working smarter, not harder. Thanks for all of the work you are doing for residency and fellowship education.

*Thanks,*  
*Molly Malloy*  
*malloyma@arcadia.edu*

## EDUCATION UPDATE

CSM planning: 3 programs were accepted from the ORFSIG:

- Pre-conference accepted: One Size Does Not Fit All: Exploring Residency Models for Applicants, Faculty, Mentors, and Sponsors
- 1 education section accepted: One Size Does Not Fit All: Exploring Residency Models for Applicants, Faculty, Mentors, and Sponsors

## UNIVERSAL CURRICULUM RESOURCES FOR ORTHOPAEDICS - COMING SOON

- The AOPT Residency Curriculum Task Force has met every 2 weeks since February. We are compiling a curriculum resource, which we will share with programs, more specifically, content that needs to be covered and resources for programs. This is intended to ease the curricular planning burden that programs are feeling.

## CSM 2024 INAUGURAL ORTHOPAEDIC RESIDENT PLATFORM SESSION



**12 Orthopaedic Residents presented from across the country**

### Calling all Orthopaedic Residents and Program Directors/Coordinators!

For CSM 2025, the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy will once again offer a platform presentation session exclusive-

ly for Orthopaedic Resident's Research and Case Studies! Please note this is for **Current Residents or Recent Residency Graduates only**. This is an exciting opportunity to highlight Orthopaedic residents and residency programs and showcase their hard work to advance our profession! The CSM abstract deadline was JULY 16, 2024, and 72 submissions are being graded. Residents who were selected will be notified in October. Please look for this in the CSM programing for CSM 2025 and join in celebrating residency case reports and research projects.

This is also a great way to showcase your residency and the work you are doing. Be sure to have current residents consider this for 2026. Submissions will always be in July.

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



## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Universal Graduate Survey

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 your graduates and ask them to complete it. This survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Steve is also able to pull out your results so you can use as your annual survey! Thanks for helping us collect data on the value of our programs! You can also reach out to Steve Kareha to have your specific program results pulled individually. This will allow you to only use one survey for your graduates and it will assist with data collection while also giving you information of your specific program. [Stephen.Kareha@sluhn.org](mailto:Stephen.Kareha@sluhn.org)



<https://redcap.link/x8rmojv1>

## Curricular Document Sharing

Work Group Leaders: Kathleen Geist, Aimee Klein

Following the AOPT-sponsored 2023 CSM Pre-conference session “Creating and Maintaining Competitive Residency and Fellowship Programs,” expanding curricular sharing was expressed as an area that would benefit program directors. This past year, we have been compiling OCS-style test questions. We are working with the Orthopaedic Academy to have these available through an online testing portal. In the interim, please reach out to me if you would like access to OCS style test questions ([malloyma@arcadia.edu](mailto:malloyma@arcadia.edu)). 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 and if you are interested in helping with the final stages please reach out.

## PROGRAM RESIDENT/FELLOW/ FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Alex Bonhomme

What is the Program Spotlight?

- Member-only feature that allows one or more orthopaedic residency/fellowship programs to be Spotlighted within a given month to market themselves to prospective candidates and those seeking more information on post-professional education in orthopaedics.
- Programs apply with interest and the Selection Committee oversees the collection and verification of the application materials to meet monthly deadlines

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

- Who is eligible to apply?
  - Program coordinators or Program Directors may apply for their program if they meet the following pre-application criteria.
  - The Program Director or Coordinator must be a member of the AOPT and ORF-SIG.
  - The program must be ABPTRFE or ACOMPTE accredited or in Candidate status.
- Please visit: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/residency-fellowship/orf-sig-program-spotlight/spotlight-program-faqs>
- Reach out to Alex with any questions: [cabonhomme@gmail.com](mailto:cabonhomme@gmail.com)

## 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.
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 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](mailto:stephen.kareha@sluhn.org)). Updates on the numbers of candidates in this list will be provided quarterly to the membership.

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

### Residency & Fellowship Qualified Applicants



<http://bit.ly/3u0JR0s>

### ABPTRFE Frequently Asked Questions Documents:

ABPTRFE Updates: Community HUB

<https://communities.apta.org/plcolly/gid=134>

### 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://musc.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Embed.aspx?id=0841c14e-a3f7-4196-b654-acd90169c9e2>. 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](mailto:cschwoerer@uwhealth.org)) with questions.



## Residency/Fellowship Education

*Exclusive to APTA members and APTA staff.*

*The Residency/Fellowship Education community is a collaborative space to provide valuable information and resources related to Residency/Fellowship Education and Accreditation, as well as provide a mechanism for group discussions related to residency/fellowship education and accreditation. Contact [resfel@apta.org](mailto:resfel@apta.org) with questions.*

### Forum

#### Residency/Fellowship Updates

- [Pre-CSM Updates](#) ( February 6, 2024 08:21 AM )
- [ABPTRFE Winter Program Actions](#) ( January 30, 2024 07:27 AM )
- [Sports Division 1 Revalidation Complete](#) ( January 19, 2024 11:41 AM )
- [APTA Seeking Accreditation Specialist, Residency/Fellowship](#) ( January 3, 2024 11:46 AM )
- [2024 ABPTRFE Webinar Series](#) ( December 18, 2023 08:55 AM )

#### Residency/Fellowship Discussions

- [Georgia State University Pediatric Residency Seeking Applicants](#) ( April 4, 2024 03:01 PM )
- [The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Acute Care PT Residency](#) ( March 28, 2024 09:07 AM )
- [SLUHN pediatric residency seeking applicants](#) ( March 13, 2024 11:03 AM )
- [Ochsner Health Sports Residency Seeking Candidates](#) ( March 11, 2024 11:41 AM )
- [Drexel University Orthopaedic Residency seeking candidates](#) ( March 1, 2024 12:29 PM )

### File Library

#### ABPTRFE Annual Fact Sheets

- [ABPTRFE Annual Reports](#) ( October 26, 2023 08:48 AM )

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