

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello ORFSIG members,

As we are all in the thick of our careers, mentoring others and trying to improve the education and clinical care of our patients, it is easy to forget the why. I recently came across this quote from Theodore Roosevelt from a speech at Sorbonne Paris France from 1910.

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

I give thanks to all of you doing the deeds, trying to improve residency and fellowship education. Those of you trying to collaborate and help with the beginning programs. Those of you mentoring one new grad or being open to helping the seasoned therapist learn new skills. You are the ones doing the work, and for that, I give my most sincere Thank You!

Here are some quick updates as to the work that is going on behind the scenes within the ORFSIG. Lots to come with CSM 2025 in Houston!

Thanks,
Molly Malloy
malloyma@arcadia.edu

EDUCATION UPDATE

CSM planning: 2 programs were accepted from the ORFSIG. Please join us. These are designed for seasoned and developing program directors, faculty, and mentors.

OR-21872 Cultivating success in residency and fellowship programs - establishing the basics and being prepared for the challenges along the pathway to excellence

Kirk R. Bentzen, PT,DPT, PhD; Kathleen Tierney Geist,PT, DPT; Matthew D. Haberi, PT, DPT, ATC; Stephen Michael Kareha, PT, DPT, ATC, PhD and Molly Anne Malloy, PT, DPT

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
8:00am - 5:00pm

Universal Curriculum Resources for Orthopaedics

- The AOPT Residency Curriculum Task Force has been meeting since February every 2 weeks. We are compiling a curriculum resource to 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 and hopefully provide resources for all of you. Please attend this session to learn more.

OR-21432 Development of Orthopaedic Curricula Guides across the PT Education Continuum: Update and Revisions

Benjamin James Massey, PT, DPT, DSc; Raine Osborne, PT, DPT, EdD and Robert Rowe, PT, DPT

Saturday, February 15, 2025
11:00am - 1:00pm

CSM 2025 SECOND ANNUAL ORTHOPAEDIC RESIDENT PLATFORM SESSION



Join Orthopaedic Residents and their mentors as they present their cases and research!

OR-22232-AOPT Platform Session III

Thursday, February 13, 2025
3:00pm - 5:00pm

Twelve presenters were selected out of the 72 submissions! Many of the others were accepted as poster presentations. Great job to all the residents and mentors who assisted in getting these projects submitted. We cannot wait to hear about all of your work!

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Universal Graduate Survey

Members of the ORFSIG 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 can also pull out your results so you can use them as your annual survey! Thanks for helping us collect data on the value of our programs! You can also contact Steve Kareha to have your specific program results pulled individually. This will allow you to use only one

survey for your graduates, and it will assist with data collection while also giving you information about your specific program. 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 Academy to have these available through an online testing portal. In the interim, please contact me if you want access to OCS-style test questions (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 collecting and verifying 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 as long as 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.

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Reach out to Alex with any questions: 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, 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 with whom 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 by contacting Steve Kareha (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/p/co/ly/gid=134>

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 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)

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://muscle.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Embed.aspx?id=0841c14e-a3f7-4196-b654-acd90169c9e2> . Presenters of this podcast include Ryan Bannister, Director-Centralized Application Services and Student Recruitment and Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship SIG leadership, including Christina Gomez, Kirk Bentzen, and Steve Kareha.

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

