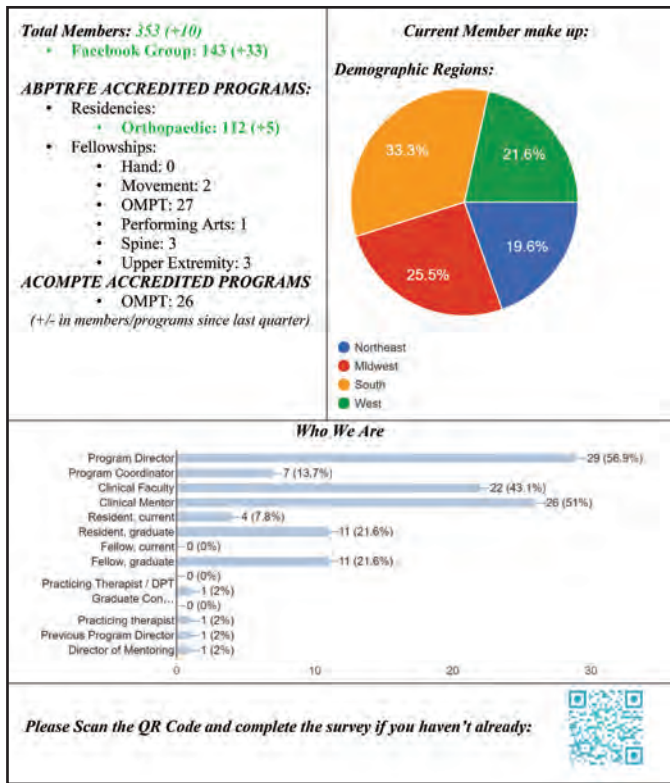


**ORF-SIG Dashboard:**



You can also find more great information from a 2-part podcast provided in conjunction with the Academy of Education's Residency and Fellowship SIG (RF-SIG). In part one, Dr. Linda Csiza, Dr. Jim Moore, Dr. Kathleen Geist, and I discuss how alternative methods for programs still ensure participant completion.

In part 2, leadership of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy (AAOMPT), Dr. Cameron McDonald, Dr. Elaine Lonneman, and Dr. Mark Shepherd discuss the changes in ACOMPTE standards for fellowship programs. Additionally, there is a great discussion on how programs can provide synchronous and asynchronous learning and mentorship. Thank you to Dr. Christina Gomez of the RF-SIG for leading this discussion.



Finally, amidst all the COVID-19 concerns we are also reminded of the challenges our society still needs to overcome regarding social injustice, equity, and equality. I hope that we all take a step back and reflect on how we each can assist in not only treating all equally but how we can improve our community around us. In our last publication of *Orthopaedic Practice*, Dr. Samantha Perez, Dr. Jessica Bolanos, and Dr. Marlon Wong provided an excellent example of how a therapist can assist in overcoming a patient's barrier of health literacy and acculturation while still building a therapeutic alliance. Case examples such as these demonstrate how our profession can be leaders in overcoming injustices still present in our community and society as a whole.

Since the start of this pandemic, I have been a true believer that our profession has an opportunity to come out stronger after the dust settles. Since the beginning, we have seen great collaboration and communication within our APTA leadership from the different Academies and Sections putting together universal resources. The use of Telemedicine has now been moved to the forefront, while also breaking down pure face-to-face models of education and building new innovative ways for residents and fellows in training to complete their post-professional education and mentorship. Thank you for being leaders and innovators in post-professional residency and fellowship education.

*Stay Healthy,*  
 Matt Haberl  
 ORF-SIG President

**ORF-SIG Members,**

I hope all of you are doing well as the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact all of our lives. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all individuals who have become ill, and/or lost family and friends due to the pandemic. Additionally, we know the pandemic has extended beyond our clinical walls greatly affecting the community as many private practices as well as outpatient clinics who have seen decreasing patient volumes and ongoing furloughs as our society transitions to a new normal. We continue to be grateful for those on the front lines of health care directly fighting the virus, as well as the other members of society working to change policies and processes to keep both their employees and patients safe.

Over the past few weeks, many of us have been returning to busier administrative schedules trying to adjust our patient care processes, in-person education, and mentorship, and developing several other ways to be innovative during this time of chaos. Thank you to all who have been able to continue and share their ideas so that programs and participants can continue to move forward.

If you have not already done so, please make sure to review the continually evolving ORF-SIG **CoVid-19 Resource Manual**. This manual provides further information on how residency and fellowship programs are overcoming accreditation challenges, ensuring patient participation, and program sustainability.



**Committee Updates**

**Research: Kathleen Geist, Mary Kate McDonnell**

The ORF-SIG is currently accepting Resident and Fellow 2021 CSM Poster submissions for publication in *Orthopaedic Practice* and a cash prize of \$250. Two winners will be chosen at their poster presentation in Orlando, FL. Contact Kathleen Geist (kgeist@emory.edu) if you are interested in submitting.

**Practice/Reimbursement: Darren Calley and Kirk Bentzen**

During the development of a mentorship survey, Dr. Kirk Bentzen was in the process of developing his dissertation for his PhD studies. Due to these common interests around the topic of mentorship, it was decided to conjoin these two projects. Recently, Dr. Bentzen completed his review of the literature, including the exploration of mentorship across a variety of professions and levels of education. The next step is to further refine the original survey to ensure it is complete for dissemination.

**Communication: Kirk Bentzen, Kris Porter, Kathleen Geist**

ABPTRFE Updates: Recently the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABTPRFE) released updates to their Policies and Procedures and the use of Primary Health Conditions. See their updates here:



**Policies and Procedures Updates:  
Policy 13.5: Addition of Clinical Sites**



**Primary Health Conditions Update**

Please let us know if you have any further questions and or concerns regarding the new policy changes.

**Membership: Bob Schroedter, Tyrees Marcy**

Remember to access our member-only communication forums to share and develop ideas.



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