

## ORF-SIG DASHBOARD:

<p><b>TOTAL MEMBERS: 402</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facebook Group: 171 (+15)</li> </ul> <p><b>ABPTRFE ACCREDITED PROGRAMS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residencies:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orthopaedic: 146 (+4)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fellowships:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand: 0</li> <li>OMPT: 25</li> <li>Performing Arts: 3 (-1)</li> <li>Spine: 4 (+2)</li> <li>Upper Extremity: 4</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ACOMPTE ACCREDITED PROGRAMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OMPT: 40 (+3)</li> </ul> <p><i>(+/- in members/programs since last quarter)</i></p>	<p><b>CURRENT MEMBER MAKE UP:</b></p> <p><i>Demographic Regions:</i></p> <table border="1"> <caption>Demographic Regions Data</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Region</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>South</td> <td>35.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West</td> <td>23.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northeast</td> <td>20.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Midwest</td> <td>20.6%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Region	Percentage	South	35.3%	West	23.5%	Northeast	20.6%	Midwest	20.6%
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**WHO WE ARE?**

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

70 responses

Role	Count	Percentage
Program Director	36	51.4%
Program Coordinator	13	18.6%
Clinical Faculty	32	45.7%
Clinical Mentor	36	51.4%
Resident, current	4	5.7%
Resident, graduate	16	22.9%
Fellow, current	3	4.3%
Fellow, graduate	16	22.9%
Practicing Therapist / DPT Graduate	1	1.4%
Practicing Therapist / DPT Graduate	2	2.9%
Practicing therapist not currently in residency/fellowship	1	1.4%
Working to establish a Fellowship	1	1.4%
Practicing therapist	1	1.4%
Previous Program Director	1	1.4%
Director of Mentoring	1	1.4%

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### ORF-SIG Members,

It was great seeing so many of you at CSM 2023 San Diego! Highlights of the ORFSIG were the pre-conference course “Creating and Maintaining Competitive Residency and Fellowship Programs” an ORFSIG leadership education session titled “Mentoring Smarter not Harder” and of course our annual ORFSIG membership meeting.

If you could not join us, I have highlighted many of our initiatives in the sections below. Our areas of focus for 2023 continue to be collaboration. Ongoing struggles I hear from many program directors include recruiting strong candidates, filling curricular gaps, quantifying value in post graduate education to administrators, and assessing graduate outcomes beyond ABPTS board exams. We have a research project and work groups established who are working on a number of these things. Hopefully these are of benefit to our members through streamlining and providing easy access to a variety of resources. Check out the links below to learn more!

We are always looking to expand our village. If you would like to get more involved within the SIG, make sure to reach out to malloyma@arcadia.edu. Thank you for all the work you are each doing every day for your residents, fellows, and our profession!

*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 has 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 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!

The CSM abstract deadline is JULY 17th, 2023, and submit 1st to the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy and then select the subsection titled “Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency.” If you have questions, please contact Sean Rundell: [srundell@uw.edu](mailto:srundell@uw.edu)

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



Link for Submitting to APTA CSM 2024: <https://www.apta.org/csm/programming/csm-submissions>

### 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. We have 2 work groups who are working to compile orthopaedic specific test questions and a pool of curricular content that will then be shared through the AOPT website within the ORFSIG section. Please reach out if you would like to be involved and look for updates in the months ahead. Thanks to all who are helping!



### 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 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](mailto: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.

### *Residency & Fellowship Qualified Applicants*



### **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 spotlighted 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 at: <https://musc.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Embed.aspx?id=0841c14e-a3f7-4196-b654-acd90169c9e2>. Presenters of this podcast 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.



### **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/](http://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><b>ORF-SIG Facebook group</b></p>  <p><a href="http://bit.ly/orsig-fbgroup">bit.ly/orsig-fbgroup</a></p>	<p><b>AOPT ORF-SIG Communities HUB</b></p>  <p><a href="http://bit.ly/orsig-communityhub">bit.ly/orsig-communityhub</a></p>
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