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Building bridges of collaboration and communication across specialty areas for advancing residency and fellowship research, mentoring, and curriculum.

Enjoy the latest edition of the
RFESIG's newsletter
highlighting residency and fellowship
education at
the APTE & ACAPT's
Educational Leadership Conference

ELC
2023

18th Annual Physical Therapy
Education Leadership Conference

October 13-15, 2023 | Philadelphia, PA

Co-hosted by the APTA Academy of Education & the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT)

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A Message From the Chair

Greetings from the RFESIG leadership! We hope you are enjoying the start of fall. We are thrilled to welcome new RFESIG leaders while bidding a grateful farewell to others. Your passion and support for residency and fellowship education is an invaluable driving force, and together, we are stronger. Across all residency and fellowship specialties, there is much happening, and one of the goals of the RFESIG is to foster communication across specialty SIGs. In an effort to get to know the ongoings from other residency and fellowship SIGs, you will notice in this newsletter our highlighting some of the specialty residency and fellowship SIG chairs and activities. We look forward to highlighting additional specialty residency and fellowship SIG's in upcoming newsletters.

Also, take a look at the recently updated RFESIG and Academy of Education web page with mentor training resource videos soon to come and a future refresh of Think Tank Compendium resources. Effective mentorship and ongoing educator improvement are crucial to continually improve residency and fellowship programs, and providing resources for mentor and education training we hope will benefit everyone involved. Lastly, don't miss the engaging content at this year's ELC in Philadelphia, where you can connect and learn with fellow residency and fellowship educators. We look forward to seeing many of you in Philadelphia. Enjoy the many colors of fall!

Warm regards,

Darren Calley
RFESIG Chair

Have you or a colleague published a study or presented a poster related to residency or fellowship education?

Email an abstract to
Raine Osborne
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Submissions are accepted on an ongoing basis

Educational Leadership Conference

Join the RFESIG at the
2023 Educational Leadership Conference
October 13th to October 15th
Philadelphia, PA

The **RFESIG Business Meeting** is open to all attendees.
Saturday, October 14th
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Salon B - Level 5 Ballroom

Click [here](#) to register for the conference.
Early bird registration ends September 15.

View residency and fellowship presentations [here](#).

Welcome and Thank You

Welcome to the new RFESIG leaders or those stepping into new roles:

David Nolan as Vice Chair
Martha H. Bloyer as Secretary
Kristine Stein as Nominating Committee
Laura Zajac-Cox and Christine Bentrewicz as Programming Co-Chairs

Thank you to outgoing leaders:

Christina Gomez as Vice Chair
David Nolan as Secretary
Laura Zajac-Cox as Nominating Committee Chair
Ryan Pontiff and Erich Mensch as Programming Co-Chairs

R/F SIG Chairs and Specialties

As the RFESIG continues to collaborate with all R/F SIGs to advance residency and fellowship education, we encourage our members to learn about other R/F teams.

[AAOMPT](#) - [Samantha Gupka](#) & [Cameron McDonald](#)

[Acute Care](#) — [Beverly Fein](#)

[Cardiovascular & Pulmonary](#) — [Haley Bento](#)

[Geriatric](#) — [Michelle \(Missy\) Criss](#)

[Hand Therapy](#) - [Scott Stevenson](#)

[Neurologic](#) — [Dana Lott](#)

[Oncologic Residency SIG](#) — [Jessica Betram](#)

[Pediatric Residency & Fellowship](#) — [Jim Moore](#)

[Orthopaedic \(ORF-SIG\)](#) — [Molly Malloy](#)

[RFESIG](#) - [Darren Calley](#)

[Sport SIG](#) — [Craig Garrison](#)

[Women's Health](#) - [Contact](#)

[Wound Care](#) - [Melissa Johnson](#)

Featured Leaders

Over the next several newsletters, RFESIG will highlight one or more R/F Sig leaders.



Jessica Bertram graduated with a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from University of Missouri in 2006 and completed her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Marymount University in 2009. She is currently a PhD candidate at Texas Women's University in Dallas and a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Oncologic Physical Therapy. Jessica was the founding Director for the Oncology Residency Program at Baylor Scott and White Institute for Rehabilitation and currently serves as a faculty mentor for the program. Jessica is actively involved in advocacy of the oncology specialty as the Chair of the APTA Oncology Residency SIG and as a research assistant for ReVital Cancer Rehabilitation.

The APTA Oncology Residency SIG is currently working to establish quarterly education sessions on unique topics in oncology rehabilitation. The education sessions aim to fill potential curriculum gaps across programs as well as provide a platform for residency programs (directors, mentors, and residents) to network and collaborate. Additionally, the Oncology Residency SIG is working to establish a network of oncology rehab researchers that are willing/ interested in collaborating with the residency programs to expand research efforts in the oncology rehabilitation specialty.



Missy Criss, PT, DPT, PhD. Missy is Associate Professor at Chatham University's DPT Program in Pittsburgh, PA, and a faculty member in the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute's Geriatric Physical Therapy Residency Program. The APTA-Geri RF SIG recently completed 2 short videos explaining *WHY GERIATRIC PT AND WHY RESIDENCY?* (<https://aptageriatrics.org/sig/residency-fellowship-sig/>). The SIG is also developing a webinar targeting those interested in applying to geriatric residency programs. We hope to launch this in October when residency applications open, and we hope to include current residents and residency faculty/directors to answer questions about residency in general, the application process, how to have a strong application, etc. We have also recently welcomed a student liaison to our SIG leadership. All of these efforts are directed towards trying to improve residency application numbers for geriatric physical therapy programs.

ELC Programming

The following presentations are either specific to residency and fellowship education or may be of interest to R/F faculty.

Please note that every effort was made to ensure accurate information regarding the time, date, and location for each session. However, all information is subject to change. It is recommended to consult the conference program for finalized information.

Friday, October 13th

Intentional Pedagogy for Teaching Movement System Diagnoses Through Integration of DPT and Residency Curriculum [\[Poster\]](#)

Lauren Rachal Sant, PT, DPT

10:00 AM - 10:40 AM; Franklin Hall A - Level 4

The Incorporation of the Rehabilitation Treatment Specifications System (RTSS) into an Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Mentorship Sessions [\[Poster\]](#)

Rebecca Ann Bliss, PT, DPT, DHSc & Lindsay Marie Holland, PT, MPT

3:00 PM - 3:40 PM; Franklin Hall A - Level 4

Saturday, October 14th

Pediatric Residency and Fellowship Consortium: A Model for Shared Didactic Curricula in Post-professional Residency Education [\[Platform\]](#)

James G. Moore, PT, PhD; Elena Rochelle Bradley, PT, DPT

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM; Conference Room 406- Level 4 Franklin Hall

The Oxford Debate: Post Graduate Residencies - Mandatory versus NOT Mandatory [\[Education Session\]](#)

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM; Salon E - Level 5 Ballroom

Sunday, October 15th

RFESIG Networking Breakfast

7:00AM - 8:00AM; 4th floor Franklin Hall or 5th floor Salon E&F

Building the Bridge Between Entry Level to Post-Professional Education [\[Education Session\]](#)

John James DeWitt PT, DPT, ATC & John A. Buford PT, PhD, FAPTA

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM; Salon D- Level 5 Ballroom

Member Resources

“If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude.”

-General Colin Powell

- **RFESIG website** - Learn more about our SIG [here](#).
- **Our Hub Community** - Join us [here](#).
- **Think Tank Compendium** - Click [here](#) to access resources to enhance your residency or fellowship program. All APTA members have access to the Think Tank.



Please note: The RFESIG Think Tank is an ongoing effort and will continue to review resources for inclusion in the Compendium. If you would like to share a resource with the Think Tank, please click [here](#).

*We kindly ask that you cite the originating program for each resource that you incorporate into your R/F program.

- Nominations for the **Distinguished Mentor in Residency/Fellowship Education** award are due **October 15**. Click [here](#) to nominate a mentor.

Thank you to our members!

The RFESIG continues to grow and now has *** members.

Everyone is welcome!

Invite residency and fellowship graduates, faculty, and program directors across all specialty areas to join our SIG.

Questions? Comments?

Contact us at
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