



Greetings Friends of the Arizona Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association:

Happy May! May marks the 1-year Anniversary of the signing of HB2454 (telehealth; health care providers; requirements) which made telemedicine services a permanent part of Physical Therapy scope of practice. This legislation also required health care insurance companies to expand telemedicine coverage for all services that would normally be covered for an in-person visit. We continue to advocate for Federal Telehealth privileges in 2022. Thank you to all of our members who worked tirelessly for several years to make Telehealth privileges a reality!

I would also like to publicly applaud the Student Special Interest Group for hosting an amazing Student Conclave. The Student SIG held an in-person event with over 80 participants at Gateway Community College on Saturday, April 23rd. A special thanks to their corporate sponsors for making the Pub Night social event a tremendous success. Keep up the great work and congratulations to the Student SIG!

The Arizona Legislature is in full swing and APTA Arizona wishes to thank Senator Nancy Barto for sponsoring S.B. 1312 Physical Therapist; Medical Imaging. APTA Arizona continues to hold stakeholder meetings to address the language of this bill and would appreciate your continued support to members of the House in your legislative district.

Remember, licensure renewal is due in August 2022 and APTA Arizona wants to make sure you're covered. Not only will we continue to host a wide variety of high-quality Category A CEUs, we will be hosting a Summer CEU Conference at A.T. Still University in Mesa on June 11th. Presenters include Dr. Michael Ross from Daemen College in New York **Evidence-based Concepts of Musculoskeletal Imaging in Physical Therapy Practice**. We will also be hosting Brett Larson who will be presenting on **Practical methods for transforming Burnout into Bliss** and Dr. Christine Childers, founding program director for the DPT program that is in the early stages of development at the University of Arizona, who will be presenting **Frankie to Elton, Beetles, and DDD: One size just never fits all!** We are also excited for our PT-PAC event after the course which will be held at Bucca di Beppo to offer networking opportunities in support of the PT-PAC. Tickets are sold separately and will cost \$50 which will include a full dinner, unlimited soft drinks, and 1 beer/wine ticket. Registration links for both events are posted on our website and we hope to see you there! www.aptaaz.org

Most important, we have numerous Board positions up for Election this Fall. If you are interested in running for a position on the APTA Arizona Executive Board, please contact me to discuss your interest and learn more about the structure and function of the Board. Our future success as a Chapter and a Profession is dependent on you and we would love to have a full slate of candidates for the Fall Election.

I wish you all the best on behalf of the Arizona Chapter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything the Chapter can do on your behalf.

With Gratitude,

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