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FPTA 75th Annual Conference
September 25, 2025

Countdown: 8 Days to Go!

Still time to register! Caribe Royale Orlando
09/25/25 - 09/28/25

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Catherine Patla Community Awareness Grant

Be Strong Therapy is the second recipient of the Catherine Patla Community Awareness Grant with their Cancer Rehabilitation Awareness Campaign. Congratulations Megan Bradley, Kelly Uanino, and Amber Swords!

FPTA Assembly of Representatives Florida

Student Ushers Needed for Assembly of Representatives Meeting - Saturday, September 27th from 8:00am - 12:00pm

Student members are invited to volunteer to usher for the 2025 FPTA Assembly of Representatives on Saturday, September 27th. Ushers are used to help with seating arrangements, distribute materials, assist with implementing procedural elements of the meeting and handling of any special requests need by representatives. Participating as an usher provides students a unique opportunity to participate in FPTA’s largest governance body and experience first hand how new policies are developed.

Interested members may contact Michelle Higdon at mhigdon@fpta.org. Include the name of your school and the reason for wanting to participate.



2025 Advocacy Days

Amendments (FAs) Version II

The FPTA Assembly of Representatives Florida Amendments Version II have been released and can be accessed by clicking the link below.

[FPTA
FAs](#)

□ **Save the Date: Advocacy Days – November 3–4, 2025 | Tallahassee, FL**

□ **Hosted by the Florida Physical Therapy Association (FPTA)**

Advocacy Days are a powerful opportunity for **physical therapists (PTs)** and **physical therapist assistants (PTAs)** across Florida to connect directly with legislators and advocate for legislation that impacts the physical therapy profession.

By participating, you'll help:

- Build strong relationships with state lawmakers
- Raise awareness about the vital role PTs and PTAs play in healthcare
- Influence policies that affect your patients, your profession, and your future

Your voice matters—let's ensure it's heard in the Capitol..

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The Real Value of Physical Therapy: APTA Report Proves Its Worth

From Capitol Hill to classrooms, "The Economic Value of Physical Therapy in the United States" is changing the conversation.

Have you ever found yourself talking to a non-PT friend and been asked about why they should choose physical therapy? You might've told them about the many benefits physical therapy provides to their overall health, but maybe that wasn't enough to convince them. Perhaps you wanted to drive home how physical therapy is also the right choice financially but didn't know how to articulate it. If this sounds like a familiar refrain, APTA has the data to help you tell the story behind the value of physical therapy.

APTA's landmark report, "[The Economic Value of Physical Therapy in the United States](#)," is the profession's first in-depth analysis of physical therapy's financial impact. It quantifies how physical therapy delivers measurable economic value to patients, the U.S. health care system, and society.

To help spread the message of physical therapy's benefits, APTA also launched a [large-scale campaign](#), featuring the report as a centerpiece — including a full suite of resources available at "[APTA's Economic Value of Physical Therapy in the United States](#)" [website](#) and offering access to not only the report but also separate [condition analyses](#), a [background on methodology](#), [FAQs](#), and [policy papers designed to help payers and policymakers](#) better understand the report and how to leverage its findings.

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The Clock Is Ticking for Congress to Extend Medicare Telehealth Waivers

Congress must act by September 30 to extend current telehealth access for PTs, PTAs, and other therapy providers.

The temporary waivers allowing PTs, PTAs, and other health care providers to offer telehealth services to Medicare beneficiaries since the onset of COVID-19 pandemic will expire Sept. 30 unless Congress acts.

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Congress Investigating TRICARE Issues Amid Provider and Patient Disruptions

Thanks to persistent advocacy from APTA and our members, Congress is investigating widespread administrative failures in the TRICARE system.

Congress is beginning to formally investigate ongoing issues with the TRICARE system that have affected health care providers and military families who rely on the program for

coverage and care.

This latest move by Congress comes in response to repeated reports of delayed payments, ongoing operational and access issues, and patient care disruptions. The House Armed Services Committee has included language in a new report that could trigger deeper federal oversight.

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Upcoming Events

East Central District - PT Pub Night PAC Fundraiser

A National Social Event on a Local Level

Calling all **Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, and PT/PTA Students!** Join us for an exciting evening of **networking, camaraderie,** and meaningful **conversation** about the world of physical therapy.

Whether you're a **seasoned clinician, an eager student,** or simply **passionate about PT,** this is the perfect opportunity to connect with your local PT community!

Event Details

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location:

Portillo's

1251 East Highway 50, Clermont, FL

What to Expect:

- Engage with local PT professionals and students
- Share ideas, experiences, and insights in a friendly atmosphere
- Enjoy great food and great company at a vibrant local venue

□ Questions? Contact:
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Event
Details



CCIP Level 1 Certification

Join us for an opportunity to enhance
your skills and achieve certification with
expert guidance.

October 25, 2025
October 26, 2025
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

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INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

Instructor:
Gina Musolino, PT, MEd, EdD



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2025 FPT-PAC

The money raised for the Florida Physical Therapy Political Action Committee (FPT-PAC) will be used in our efforts to modernize the Practice Act in Florida. The Florida Practice Act governs every physical therapist and physical therapist

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assistant in the state. We need your support to modernize the act and remove barriers to providing physical therapy services. [Donate Today](#)

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