

## News & Updates

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### 2025 Advocacy Days

- **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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### 2026 EPSIG Board Members

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## Save the Date! 2026 Student Conclave

From Feb. 27, 2026, 8:00 am to  
Feb. 28, 2026, 5:00 pm

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PTA Liason  
Not assigned



## APTA and APTA Private Practice Join Federal Lawsuit Over Health Care Price-Fixing

**The associations demand fair payment for physical therapists and condemn illegal repricing practices.**

APTA and APTA Private Practice have joined the MultiPlan Antitrust Litigation as plaintiffs. This federal antitrust litigation alleges a conspiracy to systematically underpay physical therapists and other health care providers for reimbursements of out-of-network services.

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## □ 75th Anniversary FPTA Conference Recap □

The 75th Anniversary FPTA Conference was a milestone celebration, bringing

together over 700 physical therapy professionals, students, and leaders from across the state to honor the rich legacy and exciting future of the profession.

Held in a spirit of reflection and progress, the conference offered dynamic educational sessions, hands-on workshops, and a powerful sense of community. Attendees explored emerging trends in physical therapy, engaged in meaningful dialogue, and earned valuable CEUs — all while celebrating 75 years of advancing movement and improving lives.

- A special highlight of the event was the FPTA PAC Silent Auction, which generated enthusiastic participation and helped raise crucial funds to support advocacy efforts that protect and promote our profession.
- Networking was in full swing throughout the weekend — from reunions of old classmates to new connections among students, early-career professionals, and seasoned clinicians. The energy was electric and the sense of purpose undeniable.

Here's to 75 years of excellence — and to shaping the next chapter of physical therapy in Florida, together.



*Sheila Nicholson Legacy Award Recipient,  
Kathy Swanick*



*Keynote Speaker, Marcus Lattimore*



*Aquatic Therapy participants*



*2025 -26 Board of Directors*



## Upcoming Events

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# BEACH CLEANUP

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9-11 AM



**LORI WILSON PARK**  
1500 N ATLANTIC AVE  
COCOA BEACH, FL 32931



Please RSVP to Laura Siviter:  
[lnsiviter1@gmail.com](mailto:lnsiviter1@gmail.com)



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# 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

CREDENTIALLED CLINICAL  
INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

Instructor:  
Gina Musolino, PT, MEd, EdD



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## PPSIG Meeting - Maximizing Reimbursement: Insurance Contract Negotiations for Private Practice PT's

From October 27, 2025, 7:00 pm to October 27, 2025, 8:30 pm

[More Information](#)



### 2025 FPT-PAC Update

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 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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