

THE VALUE OF CPTA MEMBERSHIP

Why Membership in the California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) is Important

CPTA advocates for legislative and public policy issues affecting the PT profession in California.

CPTA is the only organization in California that protects the physical therapy profession!

The Physical Therapy Board of California protects consumers, not physical therapists.

CPTA Membership – It is less expensive to protect your profession than your home, your car and your health.

Membership is only \$1.47 per day for a PT and \$0.94 per day for a PTA (based on \$540 for PT and \$346 for PTA). This is a small price to pay to ensure you can continue to practice physical therapy on a daily basis.

Member Services

- **Expert Staff** - Full-time staff members answer the phones Monday through Friday to respond to your questions.
- **Legislative Advocacy** - CPTA closely tracks hundreds of bills every year for their potential impact on physical therapy in California. Dues supported legislation for mandatory continuing education requirements, direct access for health and wellness services, the ability to use the title “Doctor” and unrestricted direct access for all patients.
- **Public Relations** - CPTA educates members on how to promote physical therapy to our patients. Our website offers several evidence-based presentations to educate legislators and the public on our services.
- **Continuing Education** - CPTA provides members with high-quality continuing education throughout the year via webinars, the annual conference and on-site courses. CPTA courses cost **60 percent less** for CPTA members.
- **Payment Advocacy** - CPTA makes available an expert in payment policy to answer your questions and provide timely updates on payment policy changes and trends.
- **Vendor Products and Discounts** - CPTA provides members with services at reduced rates, including workers’ compensation, conference call services, an AED package and government and administrative legal assistance through SImas and Associates. Affordable debt-collection programs and professional liability coverage are also offered.
- **Chapter Annual Conference, Capitol Wellness Day** and other opportunities for education, networking and lobbying.
- **Member Communications** - Website, newsletter, public outreach, PT journal and *California PT Notes* all provide the most up-to-date PT information.
- **Professional Consulting Services** - Practice and payment issues are often time consuming and difficult to resolve. The California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA) Professional Consulting Services (PCS) can help! The CPTA PCS Program provides members with flexibly designed, cost-effective services for those who experience practice and payment issues daily.
- **Centers of Excellence Practice Resource Manual** - The Practice Resource Manual offers a comprehensive package including: reimbursement resources, ethics resources, administrative/operation resources, standards for practice excellence, federal & regulatory resources, HIPAA resources, clinical resources, functional outcome tools and Internet resources.

Without your dues and membership, where would you turn for these services?

Find a PT referral service via website	Help patients and clients find you. APTA's online directory of physical therapist members.
Open Door	Fast, convenient, free, 24/7 access to multidisciplinary clinical research to help you make practice decisions, conduct research, help your patients.
High-quality, low-cost Continuing Education Opportunities	Fulfill your continuing education requirements throughout the year via webinars, the annual conference and on-site courses. CPTA courses cost 60 percent less for CPTA members.
Guide to Physical Therapist Practice	Foster professional standards and clinical competency through association policies, positions, guidelines, and other core documents.
PT—Magazine of Physical Therapy and Section Journals	Stay on the cutting edge of industry trends and developments. Trusted source for the latest information on physical therapy management practice, trends, and issues.
Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program	Gain enhanced knowledge and skills in the provisions of physical therapy education through this voluntary program designed for people interested in or involved with clinical education.
Clinical Residency & Fellowships	Mentored environment, real world experience, one path to expert clinician.
Foundation for Physical Therapy and California PT Fund Research Grants	Fund research that supports the development of evidence-based physical therapist practice, enhance the quality of physical therapist services for patients and clients, and increase the number of physical therapist researchers.
Networking opportunities	Network and share ideas with people in your profession.
E-mail list serves with PTs throughout the nation; database of colleagues, peers	Communicate with other PTs, ask questions and receive responses from your peers.
Specialty certifications	Build on a broad base of professional education and practice to develop a greater depth of knowledge and skills related to a particular area of practice.
CPTA Career Center	Search for jobs and post your resume online. Sign-up to receive job alerts that match your qualifications.