

Why YOU should get involved with the APTA Oncology Student & New Professional Subcommittee

Are you a student or new professional PT or PTA interested in or working currently in oncology rehabilitation? Are you looking for opportunities for education, networking, and mentorship with others who share your interest in this area of PT practice? The APTA Oncology Student and New Professional Subcommittee is a group for those interested in oncology rehabilitation developed by and for students and new professionals. This newly formed group is a subcommittee of the APTA Academy of Oncology Physical Therapy and would like to share some reasons with you about why you should get involved in this subcommittee.

1. Increase your knowledge about topics and considerations for working with patients in oncology rehabilitation

The APTA Oncology Student and New Professional Subcommittee will be sharing research articles, journal clubs, recommended readings, podcasts, and presentations to assist group members with enhancing their knowledge in various topics in oncology rehabilitation. Topics that will be covered include outcome measures for common impairments, exercise guidelines, considerations for safety, and more. During the month of May, the group will be sharing educational resources related to skin cancer for Skin Cancer Prevention month.

2. Connect with students and new professionals across the country

Through social media and meetings at upcoming conferences and courses, you will have the opportunity to network with those who share your interests in oncology rehabilitation. Members of this subcommittee work in or have internship experience in many oncology rehabilitation practice settings including acute care, inpatient, outpatient, lymphedema, hematology, and others. We have active social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, so check us out at the links on the bottom of this post to start connecting!

3. Receive support and mentorship from fellow subcommittee members

The APTA Oncology Student and New Professional Subcommittee will be sharing information related to obtaining a clinical internship in an oncology rehabilitation clinic, applying for a residency program, and becoming a board-certified Oncology Specialist. Members of the subcommittee can offer support and mentorship through the process of becoming an oncology PT, which can help you to build your network and find resources.

4. Become an advocate for the importance of oncology patients having access to physical therapy

There is a growing need for patients to receive PT intervention during or following cancer treatment and we are called to advocate for our patients that they can have access to PT care. The APTA Oncology Student and New Professional Subcommittee will help guide and support you to meet the needs of your patients.

5. Opportunity to share and get involved in the group

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with the APTA Oncology Student and New Professional Subcommittee. If you have an interest in becoming a leader, want to share an interesting article or presentation with the group, or have experiences and advice that you want to write about in our blog, please reach out and share your ideas!

Now that you've read the reasons WHY you should become a member of the APTA Oncology Student and New Professional Subcommittee, here's what you need to do to get involved.

Reach out to Emma at emmasobrien@gmail.com, and join the conversation on social media!

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