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A major step forward for the Licensure Compact

Congratulations to **Oregon** for being the first state to pass the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) legislation. It has passed in both chambers in the Oregon Legislature and is on its way to the Governor’s desk for her signature. The language has also been introduced in **Arizona, Missouri** and **Tennessee**. Several other states are at various stages of preparing for introduction.

The Compact Rules Identification and Process Task Force met in early February to identify areas within the Compact language that will need further detail in rules. From this work, a template will be developed to make the work of the PTLC Commission a bit easier.

ProCert Update

At its December meeting, the **Wyoming Board of Physical Therapy** voted to amend its Continuing Competence rule to accept ProCert as an acceptable approval entity. With the addition of Wyoming as

the 27th jurisdiction to accept ProCert, over 50% of member boards now accept activities that have gone through the ProCert certification process!

oPTion – a new online self-assessment tool

The newest continuing competence product developed by FSBPT is **oPTion**. **oPTion** is an online self-assessment tool that allows physical therapists to compare their knowledge, skills and abilities to current entry-level physical therapy practice.

- **oPTion** uses scenarios and multiple-choice questions that emphasize clinical application of knowledge.
- **oPTion** provides a rationale that explains the correct choice for each question, and you can utilize this information to help select future continuing competence activities.

Feedback from pilot testers include: “oPTion was very convenient to complete,” “a useful tool to see if we are keeping up with all of the new information in our profession,” and “a true self-assessment of cognitive knowledge for contemporary practice.”

oPTion costs \$49 to complete; register at www.fsbpt.org/oPTion.

Education of the public: A regulator’s responsibility?

Regulators often rely on consumers to tell them when the care they receive is not good care. And do patients or clients even know that they should check to assure someone is registered or licensed? In each of these situations, there seems an assumption that patients understand the system and understand what good care is.

The International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) is hosting a webcast panel discussion on this topic with speakers from Canada, Nigeria and the United States. This panel will explore the responsibility that regulators have in educating the public and explore some ways different regulators have approached this challenge.

Live session: Wednesday, March 16: 12:00 - 1:00 PM EST

Replay: Monday, March 21: 8:00 - 9:00 PM EST

If you would like to attend, please register by emailing info@inpra.org with the following information.

Tell us which session you will attend: the live session, March 16 or the replay, March 21.

Include your name, organization, phone number, country and email address.

Once you have registered, INPTRA will send you instructions for participating in the webcast.

Sign up for the FSBPT regulatory training in June

FSBPT hosts annual training for all jurisdiction board members and administrators on physical therapy regulation. It receives *consistently exceptional reviews!* FSBPT funds your attendance. This year's training is **June 24-26, 2016** in Alexandria, Virginia.

Topics - Regulatory law, terminology, board powers/responsibilities/roles, the regulation of physical therapy, delegation of authority, immunity – and a familiarization with FSBPT services.

To ensure a seat, register by **April 15, 2016** by emailing communications@fsbpt.org.



Our volunteers hard at work

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

Compact Rules Identification and Process Task Force

Jean Bickal

Connie Clarkston

David Harris

Jim Heider

Nancy Kirsch

Ron Kleinman

Joseph Shanley

EDC-PTA Committee

Betsy Becker

Tammie Clark

Carla Gleaton

Larry Kopelman

Danielle Mills

Mary Elizabeth Parker

Joanne Rice

Jason Shaw

Dawn Smathers

Heather Van Grootheest

Krista Wolfe

PT/PTA Oversight Committee

Linda Carlson

Robert Friberg

Janice Haas

Susan Howard

Kelly King

Rebecca Porter

Mary Jane Rapport

Christine (Nikki) Snyder

Do you have a topic/speaker for the FSBPT annual meeting?

Maybe you've got a topic that your board is wrestling with or you've seen a speaker cover a topic that is pertinent to healthcare regulation.

Does your board have a project to present to your peers at the annual meeting?

Do you have a unique approach to some aspect of the regulation of physical therapy within your state? Do you have some specific experience or expertise in a regulatory topic? Send it on!

If your proposal is chosen, two presenters will be funded to attend the annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio November 3-5, 2016. Programs are limited to one-hour sessions.

Due date: Friday, April 15, 2016

Proposal submissions must contain the following:

1. Title
2. Course description
3. Course objectives
4. Tentative outline of time and content
5. Biographical information for each speaker, including degrees/credentials, institution, city, and state

Send proposals to communications@fsbpt.org.

Be on the lookout: 2016 PT/PTA Practice Analysis

FSBPT has contracted with social science research firm HumRRO to conduct the 2016 PT and PTA Practice Analysis. Among other things, the practice analysis will form the basis for updating the NPTE in 2018. FSBPT recently completed an oversight panel meeting and will begin constructing the practice analysis surveys in March.

We'll also be reaching out to jurisdictions and other groups to help us identify survey respondents. If you get an email from us about the practice analysis, please respond!

A novel plan for health care: cutting costs, not raising them

On February 17, 2016, Reed Abelson wrote in the New York Times, "As employees know all too well, health insurance companies have one surefire way to lower costs: Ask their customers to pay more.

"Intermountain Healthcare, a nonprofit health system in Salt Lake City, is trying something virtually unheard-of: promising to sharply cut costs rather than pass them on.

"Its new health plan, SelectHealth Share, is guaranteeing to hold yearly rate increases to one-third to one-half less than what many employers across the country typically face.

“Health systems and insurers are closely watching Intermountain’s rollout. It has established itself as a leading health system by tracking and analyzing costs and the quality of patient care, allowing it to improve treatments and reduce unnecessary expenses.”

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Comments on alternative approaches to care delivery

In an article on February 1, 2016, Kevin Fickenscher wrote, “One of the common themes we’ve heard over the last two hundred years or so of the Industrial Revolution is the alarm bells ringing on the potential displacement of workers. Remember, Charlie Chaplin in **Modern Times**? It was man against machine...”

“From my perspective, technology has been critical in solving some of the problems we face as a society. Imagine the ability of farmers to produce the quantity of food we do without the intervention of technology. Just like agriculture was transformed in the last century so we are poised for healthcare to be on the forefront of change in this century. And, in particular, the use of robotic technology is getting a fair amount of consideration in Silicon Valley. While I believe that healthcare will always remain a more “people-intensive” industry compared to other areas, we will soon be facing the invasion of the bots. Robots are being used for simple administrative tasks like monitoring and managing medications in hospitals. They are now used to provide ‘assist’ services to surgeons in surgery. And, at a more micro level, they are used in providing ‘nanobot’ level treatment of cardiac plaques and other kinds of problems which do not lend themselves to human hands.”

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Spotlight on member resources: Ethics articles



Why should we care about ethics? As physical therapists or physical therapist assistants start to assume a more autonomous role in healthcare, ethical judgments are going to play an increasingly important role in the gamut of clinical decision-making. Unethical behavior usually results in a loss of trust among the public.

Find “Ethics Articles” on the [Free Resources](#) page.

Cheating in the News: Florida 18-year-old accused of posing as a doctor

On February 17, 2016, Fox News reported, “A South Florida teen was arrested Tuesday and charged with practicing medicine without a license after allegedly setting up a fake medical practice and passing himself off as having a Ph.D.

“The Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office said Malachi Love-Robinson, 18, was arrested after he allegedly performed an examination on an undercover agent and offered medical advice.

“The Palm Beach Post reported that a cease-and-desist order showed that Love-Robinson had operated a medical office in West Palm Beach since Jan. 26. The teen allegedly named his practice New Birth New Life Holistic and Alternative Medical Center & Urgent Care and claimed to be a doctor of psychology.

[“The center's website](#) listed Love-Robinson as one of three staff members and included a statement that described him as ‘a well rounded professional that treats, and cares for patients, using a system of practice that bases treatment of physiological functions and abnormal conditions on natural laws governing the human body.’

“The paper also reported that Love-Robinson had been investigated at least twice before. In January of last year, he allegedly donned a doctor's coat and roamed the halls of a local hospital. No charges were filed after it was determined that he did not enter patients' rooms or perform medical procedures.”

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Board of Directors Report

Below is the motion from the February 2016 board of directors meeting.

To appoint the following people to the task forces listed.

Practice Analysis Task Force Physical Therapist

Curtis Bagley, PT (FL)

Catherine Barillo, PT (FL)

Tina Baum, PT (NV)

Daniel Curtis, PT (AR)

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Practice Analysis Task Force Physical Therapist Assistant

Barbara Behrens, PTA (NJ)

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Bruce Danner, PTA (NY)

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Anthony Kadenzy, PTA (AL)

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Melissa Ramos, PT (FL)

Leona Rodriguez, PT (FL)

Carol Sawyer, PT (MO)

Brad Thuringer, PTA (SD)

Liyongo Tolin, PT (MI)





Jennifer Whitney, PT (CA)





Rick Young, PT (NC)

Rationale: To complete the NPTE practice analysis.
Fiscal Impact: None; already budgeted.

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

Find out which member of the board of directors is liaison to your jurisdiction.

 <p>Jurisdictions</p>	<p>Your Board Liaisons</p>
<p>Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah</p>	<p>Charles Brown</p> 
<p>Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina</p>	<p>Tom Caldwell</p> 
<p>Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont</p>	<p>Maggie Donohue</p> 
<p>Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee</p>	<p>Natalie Harms</p>

	
<p>Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington</p>	<p>Jim Heider</p> 
<p>Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia</p>	<p>Nancy Kirsch</p> 
<p>Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming</p>	<p>David Relling</p> 

	<p>Staff Contact Information Who Should I Contact?</p>
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Sign off:

**That's all the news today from the
warming bald eagle banks of the
Potomac, where the fish are faster, the
fishing boats are longer, and the
fishermen are still full of stories.**

- William A. Hatherill, CEO