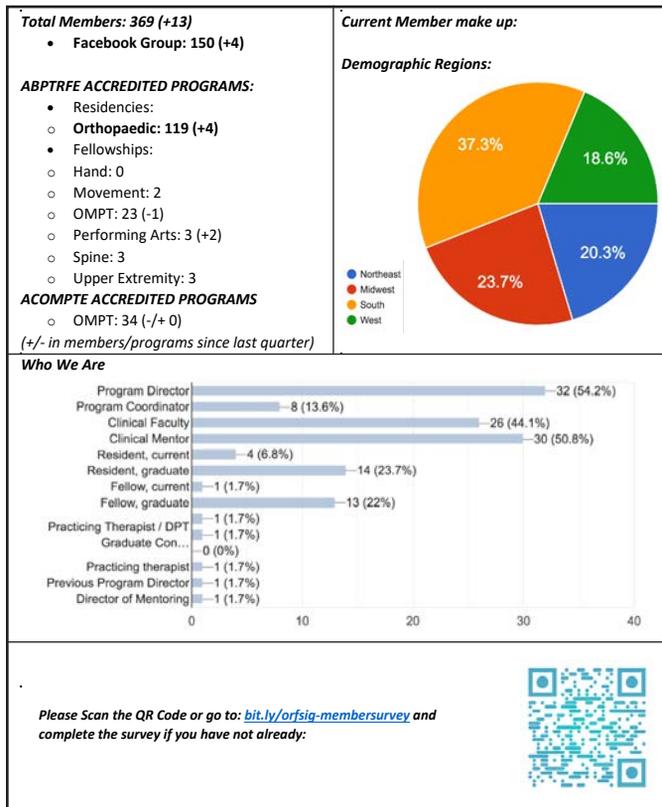


ORF-SIG Dashboard:



Bentzen is currently pursuing a PhD in Leadership Studies with an emphasis in Health Sciences at the University of the Cumberland with a special interest in evaluating mentorship within physical therapy residency and fellowship education. Dr. Bentzen currently is a part-time Associate Professor of Anatomy at Occidental College and holds a full-time position at Adventist Health Glendale where he is the manager of the Therapy & Wellness Center as well as the residency Program Director for the Orthopedic Residency (2009) and the Sports Residency (2013). We look forward to the experience and leadership Kirk will be bringing to the ORF-SIG in 2021.

Alongside Kirk's leadership, we are happy to welcome Molly Malloy as the incoming Nominating Committee member. Dr. Malloy too has been an active member in the ORF-SIG and AOPT as she serves as the liaison to the AOPT Practice Committee regarding residency and fellowship education and curricular developments for the AOPT Residency Curriculum. Additionally, Molly has reviewed and contributed to the Education Section's Residency and Fellowship SIG's "Think Tank" that provides shared resources for residency/fellowship programs across the country. Molly is the current orthopaedic Residency Director and an Assistant Professor for the DPT program at Arcadia University. Prior to starting at Arcadia University in 2019, she previously served as the orthopaedic and pediatric Residency Director at the University of Chicago walking the programs through the initial ABPTRFE credentialing and re-credentialing process. Dr. Malloy's experiences will be a great addition to the ORF-SIG.

Finally, there is one more member and AOPT leader I would like to formally thank for her great leadership. Dr. Aimee Klein has served as the ORF-SIG's Board liaison nearly since the inception of the special interest group. Over the past several years, Aimee has been instrumental in the growth of the ORF-SIG assisting in identifying program director barriers to new and developing accreditation standards, the use of primary health conditions while still encouraging the growth of residency and fellowship education. Aimee was one of the pioneers in developing the AOPT Residency Curriculum as well as the Developing Residency/Fellowship Grant program to assist in the development of new programs. Dr. Klein has been no stranger to the leadership of the APTA and AOPT which are just a few of her accomplishments that will be greatly missed as Aimee steps down from the AOPT Board.

- APTA: Director - Board of Directors (2006-2012) AOPT liaison (2009-2011) Spokesperson Media Corps (2011-present), and Advisory Panel on Practice (1998-2001/Chair 2000-2001)
- ABPTS: Orthopaedic Specialty Council - Test Item Coordinator (2004-2006), Clinical Content Expert SACE (2002-2004)
- ABPTRFE: Accreditation Services Council (2014-present) and Committee (2011-present)
- AOPT: Practice Committee (2002-2006/2013 present), liaison to Residency/Fellowship Education
- Chapter: APTA of MA Chief Delegate (1999-2002), Legislative Committee (1987-1990/1999-2012); FPTA Practice Committee (2013-present)

President's Message

ORF-SIG Members,

By the time you receive this message, we will have moved through our first all virtual APTA Combined Sections Meeting. While I admit I was looking forward to attending some of the courses from home while sleeping in my bed, I quickly realized I truly missed the opportunity of meeting and dialoguing with our members face-to-face. The virtual option of CSM allowed me to attend a few more courses than what I am typically able to as I run from meeting to meeting at CSM. So, in the end, a little different focus than years past which will hopefully open new doors in the future. I do look forward to more face-to-face interaction in the future while embracing the new opportunities provided this year.

Along with 2021's new opportunities, the ORF-SIG is also guided with new leadership. In our last message we thanked Kathleen Geist and Mary Derrick for their leadership within the ORF-SIG as elections were held for our Vice President and Nominating Committee openings. The ORF-SIG is now happy to announce Kirk Bentzen as the incoming Vice President and Molly Malloy as the incoming Nominating Committee member.

Dr. Bentzen is no stranger to residency and fellowship education or the ORF-SIG as he currently serves on the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Educations (ABPTRFE) Accreditation Services Council since 2017 and Committees since 2010. Additionally, Kirk has served in many committee and sub-committee roles within the ORF-SIG supporting the growth and development of the special interest group. Dr.



What will be most missed about Aimee does not come just from her experience but from her tenacity to move the profession forward. Much like the GOAT Tom Brady, Aimee's east coast work ethic is one to be admired. No matter what team Aimee moves onto next, we know that she will continue to inspire, impress, and be an innovator in the physical therapy profession. Thank you Aimee for all that you have done and will continue to do. I hope the Tom Brady reference brings a smile to your face!

Thank you!

*Matt Haberl
President, ORF-SIG*

Here is an update of what our current Committees and Subcommittees are working on. If you would like to [Get Involved](#) within the SIG make sure to reach out to mhaberl@orthopt.org.

Committee Updates

Research: Kathleen Geist, Mary Kate McDonnell

Thank you to those individuals who have submitted a poster for the **Resident and Fellow 2021 CSM Poster submissions** for publication in Orthopaedic Practice and an opportunity to win a cash prize of \$250. Presenters will have an opportunity to present their poster virtually and the first and second place poster winners will win \$250 upon submission to OPTP. Members of the research subcommittee will contact everyone who submitted a poster to sign up for a virtual presentation time the week of February 22nd. Each presenter will have 15 minutes to present their poster, 10 minutes to present the poster, and 5 minutes for follow-up questions. Please make sure to consider submitting your poster for CSM 2022 to <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/residency-fellowship/poster-award>. Please access the website for submission due dates Please contact kgeist@emory.edu



Practice/Reimbursement: Darren Calley and Kirk Bentzen

During the development of a mentorship survey, Dr. Kirk Bentzen was in the process of developing his dissertation for his PhD studies. Due to these common interests around the topic of mentorship, it was decided to conjoin these two projects. Recently, Dr. Bentzen completed his review of the literature, including the exploration of mentorship across a variety of professions and levels of education.

A **mentorship survey** has since been developed to identify how mentoring is delivered across orthopaedic residency and fellowship programs. It recently received IRB approval at Dr. Calley's institution and was sent out to program directors. With this survey data, we hope to better understand how mentoring is implemented across programs, which will give ORF-SIG programs ideas for how others are delivering mentoring and future content development. To date, 25 program directors have completed the survey. For those program directors who have not completed this survey and are interested in doing so, please look for one additional opportunity to complete this survey in an upcoming email. Thank you to the members of the Practice/Reimbursement Committee for their efforts in developing this survey and to all who have participated.

Additionally, Dr. Bentzen would like to thank all members of

ORF-SIG that participated in his dissertation data collection over the past 6 weeks. Across all residency programs, over 200 responses were recorded thereby providing a robust data set with which he can begin his analysis. The dissertation is looking at the site visit rubric accreditation reviewers utilize when observing the onsite mentoring session.

Communication: Kirk Bentzen, Kathleen Geist, Darren Calley, Megan Frazee, Sarah Nonaka, Chrysta Lloyd, Steve Kareha

ABPTRFE Frequently Asked Questions Documents: Recently the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) released updates to their Policies and Procedures including some changes to the Primary Health conditions and CoVid-19 accreditation recommendations. The ORF-SIG was able to work with the Chair of ABPTRFE, Mark Weber, and the Lead Accreditation Specialist, Linda Ciszka where they provided some further elaboration on several Frequently Asked Questions. Keep an eye open for the release of these upcoming documents:

- Policy 13.5 Addition of Practice Sites FAQ
- Primary Health Conditions / Medical Conditions List FAQ
- CoVid-19 Temporary Guidance FAQ
- Program Sustainability: Applicant Sharing and Recruitment FAQ

Membership: Bob Schroedter, Tyrees Marcy

Some of you may have received emails regarding your membership status with the ORF-SIG and AOPT Please make sure to renew your AOPT and ORF-SIG status when you renew your APTA membership as this does not automatically occur unless you are set up for auto renewal. Moving forward in 2021 we will be creating more member-only access to several of our great resources. We are reaching out to congratulate new and developing programs and to increase awareness of the membership benefits and highlight that membership is included to all Academy of Orthopaedics members. Please make sure to share the benefits of the ORF-SIG with your colleagues!

- **Communication** of up-to-date changes and developments in Residency and Fellowship Education
- **Access to Collaborate** with other ORF-SIG Members engaged in Residency and fellowship Education on our Facebook group page
- **Program Resources** for members including program directors and coordinators, faculty, mentors, and prospective residents/fellows
- **Scholarship Awards** for residents and fellows in training
- **Grant Funding** and **Curricular options** for programs and faculty
- Opportunities to **Get Involved** with various leadership roles within the SIG

Take advantage of our member-only communication forums to share and develop ideas.



ORF-SIG Facebook group
bit.ly/orfsig-fbgroup



AOPT ORF-SIG Communities HUB
bit.ly/orsig-communityhub

Nominating: Bob Schroedter, Tyrees Marcy, Molly Malloy

Thank you to those who agreed to be slated for the ORF-SIG Vice President and Nominating Committee openings. By the time this is published, we will know who these wonderful individuals are and look forward to building our community of excellence in residency and fellowship education.

Additionally, the ORF-SIG will be trialing the use of Microsoft Teams to enhance our committee and subcommittee communication for project development. We are excited to continue to bring our membership new and exciting things in 2021.

Subcommittee Updates:

RF-PTCAS: Kirk Bentzen, Steve Kareha, Megan Frazee, Carrie Schwoerer, Christina Gomez

We as a leadership team have heard the frustration that programs have with using the RF-PTCAS portal. We recognize these processes occur only once a year and are looking for ways to support our membership in optimally leveraging RF-PTCAS. Please contact Carrie Schwoerer (cschwoerer@uwhealth.org) if there are particular aspects of RF-PTCAS you would like a greater understanding of as the ORF-SIG in collaboration with Ryan Bannister from RF-PTCAS and Sara Kraft and Christina Gomez of the Educations Sections RFE-SIG will be hosting a webinar answering many common questions.

Program Sustainability: Steve Kareha, Matt Haberl, Kirk Bentzen, Carrie Schwoerer

One big problem facing programs is the ability to sustain consistent applicant bases despite using, or not using, RF-PTCAS. Based upon your feedback, we have created 2 surveys to aid in this effort. The first is to become a contact list library for our member programs of physical therapists and physical therapist students interested in learning more about orthopaedic residency and fellowship programs. The second is specifically for those qualified applicants who are good and have already been vetted but applied to a program that does not have any additional spots available. The program denying admission may then provide the applicant with a flyer explaining the database and providing them the option to participate. Member programs may then access these qualified, vetted applicants as needed by contacting Steve Kareha (stephen.kareha@sluhn.org) and updates on numbers of candidates in this list will be provided quarterly to the membership.



Residency & Fellowship Interest
<http://bit.ly/2OH6zdX>



Residency & Fellowship
Qualified Applicants
<http://bit.ly/3u0JR0s> nityhub

Program Highlights: Caitlyn Lang, Kristine Neelon, Bob Schroedter

New things to come in 2021! The ORF-SIG recognizes that the CoVid-19 pandemic has placed a lot of stress on Residency and Fellowship programs with the future of some programs being in jeopardy. To assist programs, the ORF-SIG is working on develop-

ing a Monthly Program Highlight for its members to spread the word regarding the benefits of residency and fellowship education. More to Come!

Liaison Updates:

ORF-SIG-AAOMPT Updates: Bob Schroedter

ORF-SIG and AAOMPT are joining forces to brainstorm potential avenues for collaboration in the future. Be on the lookout for innovative ideas to bring together these two organizations and engage both memberships. More to come!

Other Resources



bit.ly/orfsig-covidresourcemanual

If you have not already done so, please make sure to review the continually evolving ORF-SIG **CoVid-19 Resource Manual**. This manual provides further information on how residency and fellowship programs are overcoming accreditation challenges, ensuring patient participation, and program sustainability.



aptaeducation.org/special-interest-group/RFESIG/

You can also find more great information from the Academy of Education's Residency and Fellowship SIG (RFESIG). Here you will find a variety of Podcasts they have completed for Residency and Program Directors. Please make sure to check these out as well as the Think Tank resources.