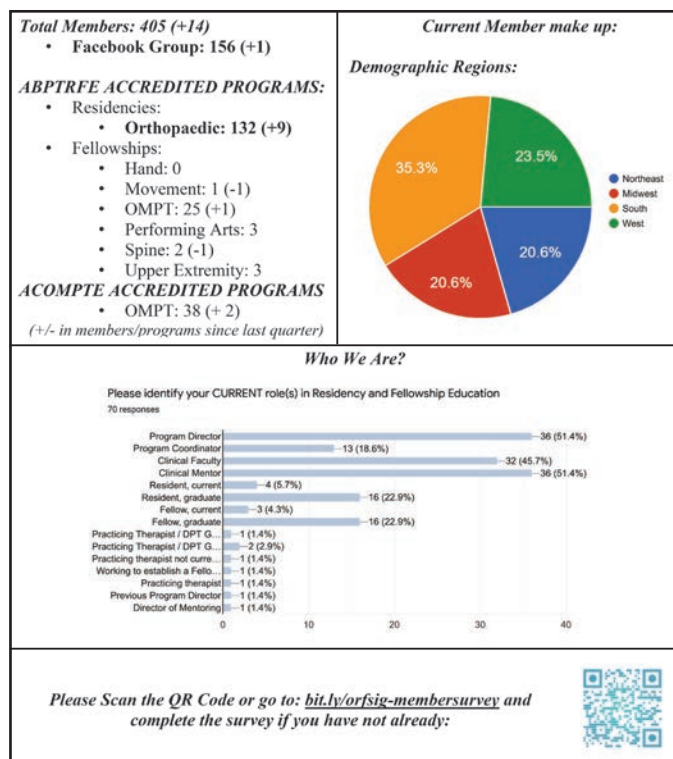


## ORF-SIG Dashboard:



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## ORF-SIG Members,

I am both excited and humbled to be leading the helm of the ORF-SIG. I first would like to give an enormous THANK YOU to Matt Haber!! He has been our guiding light and visionary for the past 7+ years. Our SIG would not be where we are today without his work ethic, passion, and never ending drive to support post graduate education. I can truly say Matt inspires us all to do more and leads by example every step of the way. Thank you, Matt!



I join the ORF-SIG leadership team after having been a program director for residency programs since 2007. I have started and directed residency programs in Sports, Pediatrics, and Orthopaedics at Howard Head Sports Medicine in Vail, Colorado (Sports), the University of Chicago Medicine (Orthopaedics and Pediatrics)

and currently reside outside Philadelphia at Arcadia University (Orthopaedics). I value the broad experience I have had working in multiple settings and collaborating with multiple teams. I look forward to working with the AOPT to expand learning platforms and to collaborate within our SIG for curriculum designs and assessing graduate success. I look forward to working with all of you in the future and I am passionate for moving residency and fellowship forward as our profession continues to evolve. As we all know, many hands make for light work so get involved with the ORF-SIG to continue to move this tradition forward. I can honestly say this group of directors/residents and fellows inspire me daily. If you would like to **Get Involved** within the SIG, make sure to reach out to [malloyma@arcadia.edu](mailto:malloyma@arcadia.edu).

THANK YOU,  
Molly Malloy  
President, ORF-SIG

## Additional Resources:

Applicant Registry: Steve Kareha, Matt Haberl, Kirk Bentzen, Carrie Schwoerer

One big problem facing programs over the years is the ability to sustain consistent applicant bases despite using or not using RFP-TCAS. Based on your feedback, we have created two 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.
  - Currently, we have 30 interested people who have signed up to receive more information about our programs.
- The second is specifically for those qualified applicants who are excellent candidates and have already been vetted but applied to a program that does not have any available spots. 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 access these qualified, vetted applicants as needed by contacting Steve Kareha ([stephen.kareha@sluhn.org](mailto:stephen.kareha@sluhn.org)). Updates on the numbers of candidates in this list will be provided quarterly to the membership.
  - Currently, everyone who was on this list has been admitted into a program.

Residency & Fellowship Interest



<http://bit.ly/2OH6zdX>

Residency & Fellowship  
Qualified Applicants



<http://bit.ly/3u0JR0s>

### Program Resident/Fellow/Faculty Spotlight: Caitlyn Lang, Kristine Neelon, Bob Schroedter

In October 2021, we launched a new and exciting monthly Program Spotlight feature of orthopaedic residency/fellowship programs, and their respective Resident/Fellow/Faculty nominated ambassadors. The Spotlight will allow one or more residency/fellowship programs a month to be showcased as a marketing, sustainability, and post-professional education advocacy vehicle. Programs will be able to highlight their program in various ways by highlighting current or graduated residents/fellows and or faculty to showcase their respective program and available positions. Please reach out if you are interested in showcasing one of your residents or fellows!

### 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 Csiza. Together, they provided some further elaboration on several Frequently Asked Questions. Check out these documents here:

- 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



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

If you are a newer program or need a refresher on some of the nuances of the processes and timelines, please review the following podcast: *Navigating RFPTCAS*, which can be found <https://musc.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Embed.aspx?id=0841c14e-a3f7-4196-b654-acd90169c9e2>. Presenters of this podcast included Ryan Bannister, Director-Centralized Application Services and Student Recruitment and Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship SIG leadership, including Kirk Bentzen, Christina Gomez, and Steve Kareha.

Please contact Carrie Schwoerer ([cschwoerer@uwhealth.org](mailto:cschwoerer@uwhealth.org)) with questions.



### OTHER KEY RESOURCES:

#### ABPTRFE Updates: Community HUB

Don't miss out on the latest ABPTRFE Updates from Kendra Harrington:

- Updates to ABPTRFE Processes and Procedures
- What Sites Should, and Should Not, Be Included on the Participant Practice Sites?
- ABPTRFE Recent Actions
- July 1 Policy Reminder



#### ACOMPTE Website and Resources:

Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship programs find ACOMPTE Information here:



#### APTE RF-SIG Resources: Christina Gomez

[aptaeducation.org/special-interest-group/RFESIG/](https://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.

- Virtual Site Visit
- RF-PTCAS Reminders



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

ORF-SIG Facebook group



[bit.ly/orfsig-fbgroup](https://bit.ly/orfsig-fbgroup)

AOPT ORF-SIG Communities HUB



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