RESIDENCY and FELLOWSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE

POLICY COVER PAGE

Purpose: In order to facilitate the development of new orthopaedic physical therapy residency and fellowship programs, the Orthopaedic Section Board of Directors created the Residency and Fellowship Education (RFE) Committee. The purpose of the RFE Committee is to develop and disseminate educational materials as well as sponsor educational programs to support orthopaedic clinical residency programs. The Committee will develop a standardized curriculum model that can be adopted in its entirety, or in parts, based on the needs of newly developing as well as established clinical residency programs. The RFE Coordinator, appointed by the Board of Directors, will direct and promote this important Section activity.

Members: RFE Advisory Panel consists of the RFE Coordinator (Chair), the Section Board of Directors Liaison, the Education Committee Chair, and 3 other members recommended by the RFE Coordinator and approved by the Section Board of Directors. Appointed members to the RFE Advisory Panel would have a 3-year appointment and could not serve more than 2 terms. The RFE Coordinator is elected to a three (3) year term and can be appointed to serve for a maximum of two (2) terms.

Meetings: The RFE Advisory Panel will meet at least two (2) times each year. Additional meetings will be held when deemed necessary by the RFE Coordinator. The RFE Coordinator will also attend the Orthopaedic Section Board of Directors meeting and business meeting at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting annually and the Fall Strategic Planning Meeting every 3 years.

Tasks:
1. Develop a standardized orthopaedic clinical residency/fellowship curriculum, including the development of educational modules with supporting materials;
2. Develop both hardcopy and on-line methods of delivery for developed educational materials;
3. Plan and coordinate regional programs that would offer intensive hands-on training programs for both residents/fellows as well as clinical faculty,
4. Provide mentorship to potential institutions/clinics who have expressed interest in developing an orthopaedic physical therapy residency/fellowship program.

Work other than meetings: Ongoing throughout the year.

Qualifications: An Orthopaedic Section member who has the desire and content expertise to develop and disseminate educational materials to support orthopaedic clinical residency programs.

Conflict of Interest: A conflict of interest can arise when conditions or circumstances preclude or interfere with an individual’s capacity to make the objective, detached decisions required in Board of Director meetings. Conditions or circumstances which
may create a conflict of interest include but are not limited to those cases in which the
Board of Director member, Committee member, or SIG member: 1) has a personal,
professional, or financial interest in, or relationship with, the entity in question; 2) has or
is perceived as having, for any reason, a preconceived bias for or against the entity in
question. Board of Director members, Committee members, and SIG members shall
excuse themselves from such participation in any case where a conflict of interest arises,
where a potential conflict of interest may arise, or where there may be a perceived
appearance of conflict.

Compensation Policy: In the event that specific conditions or circumstances lead to a
significant financial strain on the Section’s Annual Budget the Section Board of
Directors, based on a recommendation from the Finance Committee, will direct the
Executive Director to discontinue all Stipends/Honorariums paid to Section members
until fiscal solvency is attained.