



Outstanding Physical Therapist/ Physical Therapist Assistant Team Award

Purpose

To recognize outstanding clinical practice interaction between physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who are a part of a highly functional PT/PTA Team.

Eligibility

1. Each physical therapist or physical therapist assistant nominee must have a license or be otherwise qualified for at least five (5) years.
2. The composition of the team may include one or more physical therapists and one or more physical therapist assistants.
3. Physical therapist and physical therapist assistant teams must have:
 - Worked together in a clinical practice of any setting for at least three (3) years.
 - Positively affected the quality of physical therapy care provided to patients/clients in their practice setting as a result of their ability to work as a team.
 - Contributed to the enhancement of the overall delivery of physical therapy services in their practice setting as a result of their teamwork.

Criteria for Selection

The PT/PTA team:

1. Must adhere to the following:
 - Continuing Education for the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant (as appropriate)
 - Criteria for Standards of Practice for Physical Therapy
 - Designation "PT," "PTA," "SPT," and "SPTA"
 - Direction and Supervision of the Physical Therapist Assistant
 - Distinction between the Physical Therapist and the Physical Therapist Assistant
 - *Guide for Professional Conduct*
 - *Guide for Conduct of the Physical Therapist Assistant*
 - Guide to Physical Therapist Practice
 - Guidelines for Physical Therapy Documentation
 - Documentation Requirements for the State of Connecticut
 - Procedural Interventions Exclusively Performed by Physical Therapists
 - Connecticut Physical Therapy Practice Act

2. The PT/PTA team relationship:

- Is characterized by trust, mutual respect, adaptability, cooperation, and an appreciation of individual and cultural differences.
- Involves direction, supervision and effective communication.
- Has been enhanced through mentoring, continuing education and professional development.
- Has had an effect on the delivery of high quality physical therapy services to patients/clients within their practice setting.

Procedure for Nomination

1. Nomination packages must be submitted with the current nomination form provided by APTA CT
2. Forms can be obtained from the APTACT website. The current nomination form indicates the year in which the award nomination will be considered.
3. An ORIGINAL nomination package (completed nomination form with original signatures and original supporting documents) must be submitted for consideration for the award.
4. The nomination package must include:
 - a. Current nomination form.
 - b. Current curriculum vitae or resume of the nominees (both PT and PTA).
 - c. **Two (2)** letters of support that specifically focus on the strengths of the nominated PT/PTA team in relation to the award criteria written by the following:
 - the nominator, not to exceed one page; and
 - two (2) individuals (patients, peers, colleagues, employees, etc.) upon whom the team has had an impact, which specifically address one or more of the criterion(a) for selection, not to exceed one page each.
5. Send all materials to: APTA CT