**For the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference (APPTAC) 2019, the planning committee is particularly seeking submissions on the following topics, although all topic submissions are welcome:**

**General Topics:**

* Torticollis related to the vision and vestibular systems
* Gait analysis and assessment for orthotic devices
* Interprofessional collaborative practice in all pediatric settings

**Neonatology:**

* Zika virus Update and Management
* Club foot management (Ponsetti taping, etc.)
* Neonatology Fellowship models, outcomes of fellow graduates, and fellow insights on process
* Fellowship Development:  Site assessment; faculty development; and mentoring and evaluation processes
* Neonatology Physical Therapy Competency and/or Competency Development
* Staffing Ratios/Productivity Standards in the NICU
* NICU Case Studies and Management
* New research being done on both animal models and humans to promote recovery/healing after early brain injury
* Positioning for GERD
* Region specific topics – what is happening in the neonatal setting that might be unique or interesting from your region.

**Early Intervention:**

* Early Intervention case studies describing team decision-making and best practice in Part C
* Clinical decision making regarding dosing in early intervention
* Supporting families with young children in early intervention – considerations for parents/caregivers with mental health conditions or parents/caregivers who are coping with the potentially traumatizing experiences related to their child’s birth and medical histories
* Implicit bias and cultural sensitivity
* Positioning for GERD

**School-based:**

* Clinical decision-making in public school practice, including frequency and intensity recommendations
* Assistive technology/UDL and the role of the physical therapist
* Assessments, intervention services, advocacy, and planning for students with severe and complex needs
* Development and implementation of school wide wellness programs
* Movement systems updates and school application (i.e. DCD)
* EBP updates for school-based practice
* Positive behavior intervention and support and the school PTs role
* Interprofessional collaborative practice in the school setting

**Sports and Fitness:**

* Integrating Children with Disabilities into Sports Programming
* Fitness Challenges for Children with Disabilities

**Adolescents and Adults with Developmental Disabilities:**

* Assistive technology across the lifespan – with attention to acquisition and application for adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities
* Universal design for access to and participation in activities that are meaningful to adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities
* Acute care hospitalizations and adults DD – managing advanced directives, communication, decision making
* Contemporary practices in habilitation related services
* Health Matters program (healthmatters.org). Diet, health and wellness for individuals with DD
* Transition to adulthood and preparing for transition – creative and meaningful roles for the PT
* Models of service delivery for adults with DD – other new creative ideas given reimbursement issues
* Consumer perspectives on physical therapy services for adults with DD

**Hospital-based (outpatient & inpatient)**

* Leadership and Management courses (staffing ratios / staff productivity in the Pediatric acute care)
* Resources for the various settings
* Clinical application sessions
* Objective / Outcome measures used in acute and inpatient rehab by age
* How to prepare students in acute and inpatient rehab
* Early Mobility & barriers to early mobility and how to overcome
* Competencies for pediatric acute care therapists
* Pediatric Brain & Spinal Cord Injury
* Pediatric Oncology
* Coding & Documentation
* Models of care in acute care setting
* Lab values for ICU/hematology/oncology/cardiac care.
* Case conferences with elaboration of evidence based decision making