

APTA SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Scientific and Practice Affairs Committee provides strategic advice, recommendations, and counsel to the APTA Board of Directors regarding: 1) how APTA can be responsive to and advocate for members' needs related to the delivery of quality care; 2) current and emerging practice issues impacting the provision of physical therapist-provided patient and client management, including, but not limited to, professional scope of practice, unwarranted variation in practice, implementation of innovative practice models, and timely patient access to physical therapist services; and 3) how to advance the profession through a contemporary research agenda, and effective knowledge translation, dissemination, and implementation.

CHARGE

The Board's determined charge for the Scientific and Practice Affairs Committee is to:

- Identify and recommend practice and research priorities to the Board.
- Recommend and maintain a research agenda for the profession to the Board.
- Identify and provide advice to the Board regarding innovative practice models and strategies to successfully implement such models.
- Advise and counsel the APTA Board of Directors on proposed and existing Association policies, positions, and The Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession, as requested.
- Coordinate and collaborate with other APTA appointed groups and stakeholders, when doing so can further the work of the committee.
- Submit an annual report to the Board of Directors.

All APTA appointed groups shall conduct their work to support APTA's Mission, Vision, Strategic Plan, and APTA adopted policies and positions. All appointees shall agree to the APTA Volunteer Commitment.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPOINTEES

Shall be:

- An APTA member in good standing.

MEETINGS

This committee holds one annual funded in-person meeting and meets virtually on a monthly basis, as needed.

SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP

The group shall consist of one APTA Board chair, selected annually by the APTA President; nine additional members; and the APTA President, who serves as an ex-officio member and is not counted among the nine.

TERMS OF APPOINTEES

With the exception of the Board chair, committee members shall serve three-year terms and shall not serve consecutive terms for appointments beginning in 2026 or thereafter. APTA members shall not serve on more than one board-appointed group at a time with the exception of APTA Board members.