

Avenues for Student Involvement – Get Into Geriatrics!



A Student Contest for PT and PTA Students: Creating Patient Handouts

PT and PTA students throughout the nation are creating consumer/client instructional materials. Brochures created over the past three years are available on our website, and are a valuable resource to the clients we serve (see www.geriaticsppt.org, Consumers, Patient Education Brochures).

CONTEST RULES:

1. The student contributor(s) must be enrolled in a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant program when they submit their brochure. Submissions are accepted January 1-December 20 for consideration at CSM the following February.
2. The submitted handout will be one page only, using both sides of a standard sized 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. The handout will not be folded. Author's names will be clearly printed on the back cover. *We encourage students to visit our Awards page at www.geriaticsppt.org to view a template.
3. Students should only use pictures from .gov websites: all other pictures on the web may be copyrighted.
4. All submitted brochures will become the property of the Section on Geriatrics. Brochures not selected as winners or honorable mention will be returned to students for their discretionary use. Winning and honorable mention brochures will be posted on the website after final editing with the Section on Geriatrics' name and logo for clinician use following the contest.
5. Entrant handouts must be **emailed to geriatrics@apta.org by **November 21, 2008**. Please include contact information for all students who worked on the brochure. If the brochure was created in a class, we would also like to have the professor's name and e-mail. The brochure should be in a format that we can edit (Word and Publisher are fine- no pdfs, please).**
6. The top three entrants will each receive a year's student membership to the Section on Geriatrics.

Winning handouts will be displayed at the Section booth at APTA's 2009 Combined Sections Meeting. Authors will be recognized through the display, in *GeriNotes*, and on the Section's web site. The handouts will be available for clinicians to download and print for client care and instruction.



Know Students who are Interested in Geriatrics? Nominate them for a Student Membership Award!

Get students involved in the Section on Geriatrics, and have them paired with a mentor in the field! Anyone who is a Section on Geriatrics member or teaches geriatric content may nominate a student. Simply supply the following information to geriatrics@apta.org by **January 15, 2009**:

1. Full name of nominator, or APTA member number:
2. Full name of student, or APTA member number:
3. Description of how student meets the criteria:

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must:

1. Be a member of APTA
2. Be enrolled fulltime in an accredited educational PT or PTA program, residency or fellowship.
3. Be in good academic standing
4. Have demonstrated an interest in geriatrics as evidenced by special course work in the area of geriatrics, had an exceptional clinical experience in the area of geriatrics or some other aspect that indicates the student as having special interest in geriatrics, such as, research project, case studies, special presentations, volunteering, etc.

The final award winners will be drawn during the business meeting at Combined Sections Meeting. There will be up to 5 PTA and 5PT students selected to receive one year membership to the section free.