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Biography

I am a physical therapist with over 37 years of experiences in a variety of settings including pediatric inpatient and outpatient, sole proprietor of a private practice, early intervention and school-based practice as a clinician and a school administrator. I am currently serving as an Assistant Professor and Associate Director in the Division of Physical Therapy at Shenandoah University and a physical therapist for Manassas Park City Schools. I received my entry-level degree in physical therapy from Temple University and earned a DPT from Drexel University in 2008 and a graduate certificate in Special Education Leadership from George Mason University in 2009. I received a DHSc program from Drexel University in 2020. I became board-certified in pediatric physical therapy in 1996 and recertified in 2006 and 2016. I am an APTA Certified Clinical Instructor. I have served as Vice President and the Secretary of the APTA Virginia Pediatric SIG. I have been active in many roles for APTA Virginia. I am also currently the chair of the APTA Pediatrics Telehealth Committee and the State Policy and Advocacy Liaison for APTA Pediatrics. I have also served a consultant for the health insurance industry.

Personal Statement

I was honored to be selected as a delegate this past year and learned much from this experience. I am humbled to again be nominated. As a delegate, I gained insights as to as to how APTA and its members strive to fulfil our mission statement, “building a community that advances the profession of physical therapy to improve the health of society.” I believe our biggest challenge lies in promoting our position as the healthcare provider of choice for patients with movement disorders. Many other providers, consumers, and payers remain unaware of the scope and breadth of our unique knowledge and abilities. I feel I can influence the direction of the APTA to increase our visibility through my interactions as a delegate. I am reliable and dependable volunteer and feel an imperative to give back to my profession through service. My experience in a variety of settings, with the insurance industry, and within the APTA on the national and component level have given me a deep understanding of the contemporary factors impacting practice.