

PTA Caucus Rep

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1. Describe how the PTA Caucus can facilitate PTA interest in the APTA/APTA Wisconsin.

The caucus representative is the blood line that help information come to and from the National, or State Associations issues to the individual PTAs for those that are members and those that are potential members. With this the representative can discuss issues face to face at conferences or functions, be contacted by e-mail, or to share information to PTA's members or non-members on social media outlets to be able to spread information to those that are in the profession as well as consumers.

2. What are the top three professional issues that affect the PTA's role in today's healthcare environment?

With the last two years, the PTA's professional issues have changed from wanting to be heard to also wanting to be seen. With the Medicare differential with cuts to reimbursement of treatment for PTA's. With fears of organizations decreasing PTA utilization or hiring of PTAs for future graduates of PTA programs. The second issue is maintaining the ability to have virtual visits to help patients progress, especially in rural areas. The last issue is not only a PTA but also a PT. This is maintaining and increasing participation, not only in the profession, but in the associations. With more participation the voices the public and politicians will hear us to help progress without limitations. So, in conclusion I believe the PTAs of the state want to be seen without cuts from Medicare, we want to be seen without restrictions virtually, and we need to be seen to talk to the public about issues in the future. Because if we are seen our patients can and will be seen.