

Candidate Name: Abigail True

Nomination Position: Neurologic PT SIG Secretary

Degrees Earned & Certifications: Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy, Doctor of Physical Therapy, B.S. Psychology, B.S. Kinesiology, AHA BLS Certification 2024-2026, CCIP Level 1

EXPERIENCE:

Clinical/Research/Teaching: I have two years of clinical experience in the SNF/ LTC setting and three years of clinical experience in the acute care setting. My clinical focus is on neurology in the acute care setting, and I am leading the development of an Acute Care Physical Therapy Residency Program at MaineHealth Maine Medical Center. My teaching experience thus far is primarily hands-on as I was a tutor for Husson University's Physical Agents course in the DPT program and a Credentialed Clinical Instructor (Level 1) for DPT students at MaineHealth Maine Medical Center. Prior to my post-graduate employment, I conducted research at Husson University on electrically elicited quadriceps torque with various stimulators and was the secretary of Student Government at Husson University for two years.

Current Employment: MaineHealth Maine Medical Center (Inpatient), Portland, Maine

Professional Contributions: Developing an Acute Care Physical Therapy Residency Program at MaineHealth, clinical instructor to DPT students

Professional Awards: Nine "Moment to Shine" recognitions through MaineHealth

APTA Service History: APTA and Maine Chapter member of four years, Acute Care Section member, Neurology Section member

Please explain how your experience and expertise could be utilized in the nomination position applied for to further the objectives of the Chapter:

I am an experienced clinician in the areas of neurology and acute care, and I have a passion for being detail-oriented, punctual, and thorough. I feel I could contribute to the secretary position by bringing strong organizational skills to meetings and other administrative tasks to support the goals of the Neurologic SIG. Maine Chapter, APTA Call for Nominations

Explain your perceptions regarding the direction the Chapter should take in the future and how your goals for the nominated position will affect this change:

I am in full support of the current Neurologic SIG Strategic Plan with an emphasis on increasing mentorship/ continuing education opportunities for PT's and PTA's in the field of neurologic physical therapy. I feel I can support developing written commentaries in the Maine Chapter Newsletter and implementing a journal club through the role of secretary. In addition, I feel that I could increase involvement in the Neurologic SIG through my network of colleagues.