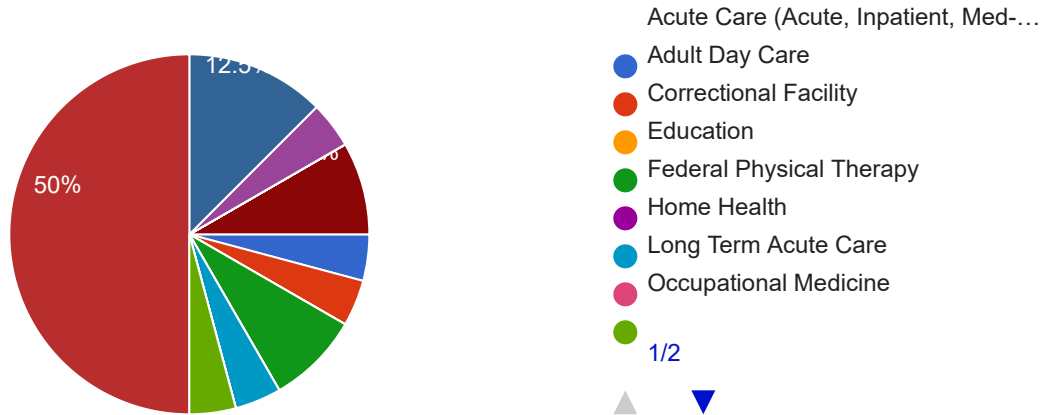


1. What is your primary practice setting?

24 responses



2" What role do you think the PTA SIG should play as par t of PTWA?

Not sure

Help shape the path of PTA and PT relationship

Advocate for PTA to continue to do more manual therapy.

Patient education and clinic education

I feel more PTA's need to be involved in PTWA roles

Promotion of Assistance. Acceptance and protection of Assistance in the PT realm and medical realm. A voice for Assistance. Right protection as well as reimbursement and pay protection and education.

Promote growth of the PTA role including possibility of advanced degree.

An important and meaningful one. How about increasing PTA membership?

*Reimbursement rates for PTA treatments.
Keeping PTA's employed in more OP settings*

Advocacy and mentorship

Keep us updated on changes in the practice act and other state laws. Provide classes.

Educating about & encouraging better utilization & visibility for the designation. Lobby against CMS devaluation of the designation.

Being a voice for the value of PTAs

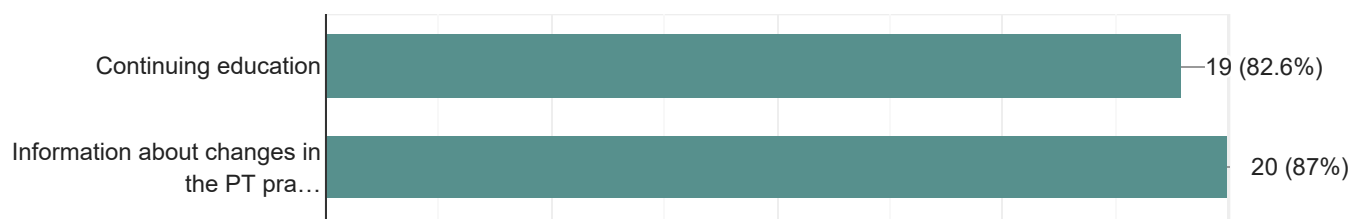
represent the PTA community

Collaborative and active role

A voice in making decisions

To increase involvement of PTA's in PTWA and increase communication among PTA's.

3. What would you like the PTWA PTA SIG to provide? (choose all that apply)





3a. If you chose "Other" in question 3, please provide detail.

3 responses

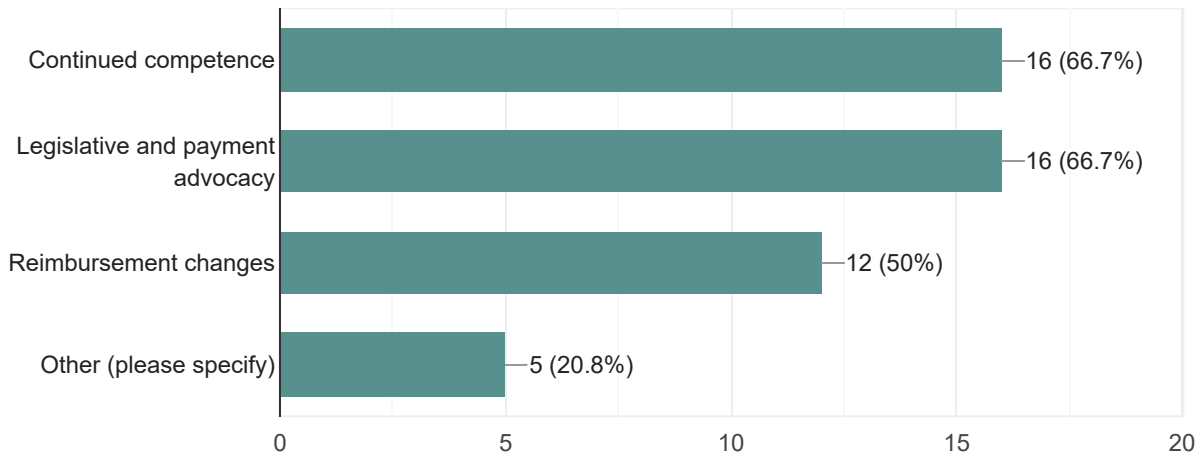
Okay

Promotion of the career and acceptance among PTs.

Networking opportunities

4. What professional issues are of most importance to you? (choose all that apply)

24 responses



4a. If you chose "Other" in question 4, please provide detail.

6 responses

Okay

Teaching PT's how to work with PTAs not as if we are glorified aides

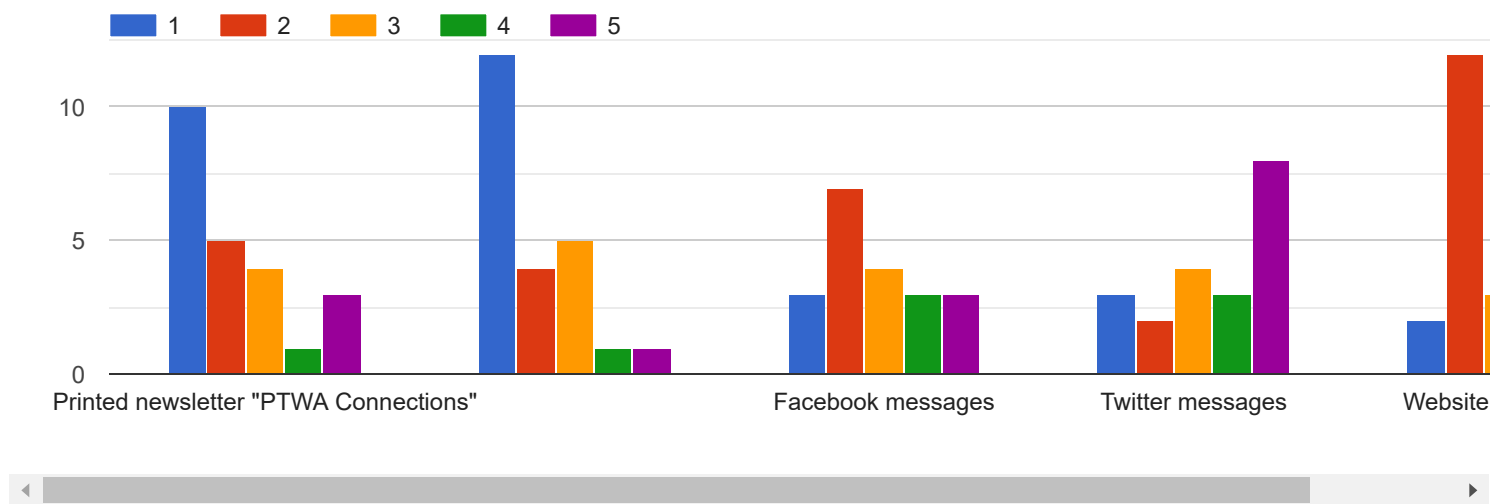
Manual therapy

Team work with PT and the acceptance of PTs to utilize and acceptance PTAs

Increased PTA membership plain and simple.

PTA's being more involved with PTA programs at clinical instructors

5. What communications channels from PTWA do you find most informative/convenient? (Please number from most informative/convenient to least with 1 being most informative/convenient.)



5a. What communication changes would you like to see PTWA make?

9 responses

Not sure

None

Continue sending emails with legislative and practice updates like they already do.

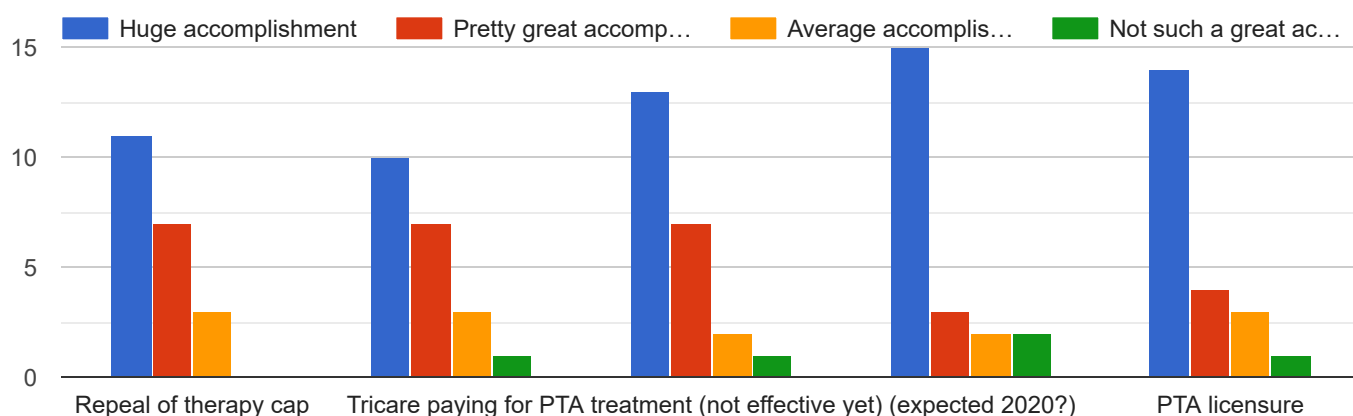
NA

More emails

n/a

More specific or special email/communication when rules/laws change in regards to our license, reimbursement changes in regards to PTA issued treatments

6. In your opinion, what have been APTA's/PTWA's greatest contributions to the PT community in recent years?



6a. In your opinion, are there other recent APTA/PTWA accomplishments that have benefitted PTAs?

10 responses

Being able to treat past 4 visits before the patient needs to see a PT

None

The repeal of the cap is a huge accomplishment but the payment reimbursement for PTA's is a huge set back that went with it.

Nope

Nothing comes to mind.

No

10 state compact licensure

n/a

N/A

New 5th visit law and Con-ed for being a CI

7. In your opinion, how could APTA/PTWA have better served you and the profession of physical therapy in recent years?

10 responses

Continue to advocate for PTA's professional development

More inclusion & not treating us as an unskilled/educated tech

None

Getting PTA's voting as delegates in the HOD, getting Medicare to reimburse 100% before it changes.

Promote PTAs and acceptance within the PT community

Nothing, they are doing an OK job.

APTA could reduce the price of PTA membership.

I think PTWA has done a great job the past 10 yrs, I'm proud of the representation of PTA's in Washington State

Cont to fight for fair reimbursement, possible increase in rate

Doing a good job

8. What do you think is the greatest challenge currently facing the PTA profession? Or, professionally, what keeps you up at night?

19 responses

Old generation PT's advocating for restriction on the PTA's skill set and practice.

Worrying that more insurance companies will require that a patient cannot see a PTA

Concerns for private practice reimbursement and future of PTA position

Insurances paying for assistive personnel, Medicare decreasing the pay rate on services rendered by a PTA, no vote for PTA's within APTA for rule changing.

As the only PTA in a small clinic, not being able to treat VAs is tough.. Also, keeping the balance between appropriate care and getting the most reimbursement possible so my clinic remains viable.

Reimbursement, pay scale and acceptance

Becoming seen as too big of an education gap from DPTs.

The PTA membership percentages nation.

Decrease of billing for tx provided by a PTA. OP sites, SNF and Home Health will stop hiring PTA's

Decreased reimbursement, discounting of PTA services vs PT, disrespect as a profession.

Decreased reimbursement therefore pay increases don't occur. Reimbursement does not keep up with inflation.

CMS devaluation of medical professionals

Lack of opportunities to advance professionally in my career. I have an Master's, and was in DPT school, but opted for being a PTA instead. I work as the only PTA with a fabulous bunch of PT's in an integrated healthcare setting; in spite of the skills I bring from past professional experiences, there's a glass ceiling facing me as a PTA.

Balancing best care and reimbursement practices

reimbursement for care from a PTA, productivity vs quality of care

Membership

De-valuing the role of a PTA with lower reimbursement or lower standards of CEU required

Clinical sites for PTA students and onboarding process for students going to hospital settings

Use of assisted personnel bnb y PTA.

Post Survey Discussion on 8-28-2018

Services we should focus on

- Information about continuing education
 - Hours requirement change and other changes such as that you can report CE hours
- License renewal guide – for new grads and old
 - what are schools teaching; provide that info
- Info on the PT/PTA relationship - where do I fit; help my PT understand; a guide to what PTAs can do; supervision rules. Would be good info for PTs too.

Possible activities as a result of (or in spite of) survey results

- Facebook page? Maybe hold off until we have more content/strategy together.
- 50th anniversary celebration
 - HOD will feature one; there's a task force
 - Do something at 2019 conference
- Email newsletter for PTAs
 - Include a clinical pearl
 - Update on con-ed and supervision ratio
 - Always have link to website with some specifics about finding
- Try to include something in each PTWA Connections too.
- Con Ed - PTA courses typically
 - Free online course on what PTAs can do. Etc.