

Candidate Information

Delegate

Name: Karin Crute, PT

After graduating from Wayne State University, I began my Physical Therapy Career as an Acute Care therapist at Beaumont Hospital in Troy. Over the years I have had many roles including OP therapist, Home Care therapist, Coordinator of Education and Physical and Occupational Therapy Supervisor. My current role as a Manager of PMR services has given me the opportunity to have a wider sphere of influence on access and outcome for patients. I have a passion to serve not only patients but also my profession and have been actively involved in the Michigan Chapter of APTA as Conference Director, Communications Director, Secretary and most recently my first two years as Delegate. Outside of my professional roles, I enjoy working in the garden, hiking with my family, particularly in our National Parks and spending time boating. I am the proud mother of two grown children and a grandmother to a fish named Phillip.

Candidate Statement:

Through out my years as a Physical Therapist, I have always had a drive to ask the question “why” and to try to leave someone or something better than when I first met them. At first this was focused on my clinical skills but at some point, my attention turned toward how I could also serve our profession. I believe that 2020 was a year of shifting our attention to what mattered most or risk becoming irrelevant. In my role with Beaumont, I watched as our therapists turned away from what they knew and took on roles that were needed. Sitting with our Respiratory team to determine how the two professions could work together for the good of the patients, I thought about what the future of Physical Therapists could look like and how does our profession play a role in Population Health? In Health Equity? In Value Based Care? How do we double down on Prevention? I felt that ever present sensation of curiosity and passion for moving our Profession forward. I would be honored to represent the Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistant of Michigan as our Profession makes its shift to the next challenges.