

Candidate Information

Candidate Bio:

Name: Christopher Wilson PT, DPT, DScPT, Board Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist

Dr. Wilson has been a member of the APTA House of Delegates since 2003 and has a proven track record of navigating motions to the APTA House of Delegates, including being the primary sponsor of passing motions such as the APTA's position on hospice and palliative care, diet and nutrition, safe patient handling, as well as addressing the problem of uncompensated physical therapy care. He is an Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Education at Oakland University and was the founding program director of the Beaumont Health Oncology Residency at Beaumont Health, which was the first accredited oncology residency in the United States. He practices in the acute care setting at Beaumont Hospital Troy. He has served on the APTA-MI Board of Directors in the past and was a past Chief Delegate and Eastern District Chair. He is finishing his term as Vice President of the Academy of Oncologic Physical Therapy, in which he is serving as the Chief Delegate for the Oncology delegation. He has published a book entitled Physical Activity and Rehabilitation in Life Threatening Illness and is active in research in geriatrics and chronic disease management.

Candidate Statement:

The role of delegates is critical in advocating for the profession and the APTA-Michigan members. The APTA House of Delegates is the highest policy making body of the APTA and often requires experienced delegates to work with the delegations and components to help craft and advise on the motions. I have a proven track record of being a delegate and chief delegate for two delegations – Michigan and Oncology. In addition, I provide content expertise in geriatrics, oncology, palliative care, and acute care. The PT profession is at a crucial transformative point where we need to position our profession to succeed in the 21st century and beyond. In order to do this, we need to set the stage for the APTA to pursue these critical steps which requires delegates to be experienced, visionary, and able to collaborate with other components and their leaders. My past experience has positioned me well to serve the APTA-MI in this manner and I ask for your vote.