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STAKEHOLDERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST EDUCATION

ENTITY	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
American Physical Therapy Association www.apta.org	The APTA is an individual membership professional organization representing more than 100,000 member physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students of physical therapy. The APTA seeks to improve the health and quality of life of individuals in society by advancing physical therapist practice, education, and research, and by increasing the awareness and understanding of physical therapy's role in the nation's health care system.
Academy of Physical Therapy Education www.aptaeducation.org	The APTE serves as a point of contact for those interested in patient and professional education, and a mechanism for networking and professional development.
American Council on Academic Physical Therapy www.acapt.org	The purpose of the ACAPT is to advance the enterprise of academic physical therapy by promoting the highest standards of excellence. For the purposes of the Council and its activities, academic physical therapy includes all aspects of physical therapist education, including clinical, and post-professional education. Member institutions are institutions of higher education located in the US with a CAPTE-accredited physical therapist education program.
Educational Leadership Partnership www.apta.org/ELP	The ELP includes representatives from the APTA, APTE, and ACAPT with the purpose of reducing unwarranted variation in practice by focusing on best practices in education.
Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education www.captteonline.org	The CAPTE is an accrediting agency that is nationally recognized by the US Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The CAPTE grants specialized accreditation status to qualified entry-level education programs for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants
American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties www.abpts.org	The mission of the ABPTS is to advance the profession of physical therapy by establishing, maintaining, and promoting standards of excellence for clinical specialization, and by recognizing the advanced knowledge, skills, and experience by physical therapist practitioners through specialist credentialing.
American Board of Physical Therapy Residencies and Fellowship www.abptrfe.org	The ABPTRFE is the accreditation body for APTA for post-professional residency and fellowship programs in physical therapy.
Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy www.fsbpt.org	The FSBPT is a member organization made up of representatives of the physical therapy licensing bodies in the state, with a goal to achieve a high level of public protection through a strong foundation of laws and regulatory standards in physical therapy, tools, and systems to assess competence, and public and professional awareness of resources for public protection.