Geriatrics

The Geriatric PT Residency’s Sponsoring Organization, National Church Residences, is currently working with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to remodel the program structure. New quality standards have increased the required settings to four and hoping to leverage resources of both organizations to develop a truly innovative and dynamic program for next year’s resident.

Neuro

Erin Wallach (‘19) and Kaitlyn Baker (‘19) have accepted positions to stay on at the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center in OP Rehab. Congrats!

The Neurologic Movement Disorders Fellowship petition was preliminarily approved by ABPTRFE in May 2019. The next step in the petition process is to seek public comment. If approved, it will be the first neurologic physical therapy fellowship approved by ABPTRFE. Liz Ulanowski (‘10), Anne Kloos and Deb Kegelmeyer were all members of the committee that spearheaded this fellowship.

OMPT

Cody Mansfield (‘15) published; “Systematic review of the diagnostic accuracy, reliability, and safety of the sharp-purser test” in JMMT. Nina Kelly (‘19 Ortho) has been accepted as our new OMPT fellow in training, he will begin in January upon graduation from the Ortho Residency.

Oncologic

Our new Oncologic PT Residency PD, Cari Utendorf, PT, DPT has a passion for working with the oncology lymphedema population began during a clinical rotation with a certified lymphedema therapist. She began her professional career at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Spine Center in 2011, where she treated patients post laminectomy, post discectomy, post lumbar fusion, patients with thoracic outlet syndrome, and Parsonage-Turner’s syndrome. She transitioned to The Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center in 2013. Her clinical and research interests include lymphedema, shoulder dysfunction post-mastectomy, axillary web syndrome and aromatase inhibitor arthralgia. The program is applying for candidacy and will include rotations in both outpatient and inpatient settings.
Orthopaedic

The ortho residency recently added Tessa Kasmar (Ortho ‘17; Performing Arts ‘18) as didactic faculty and Karen Thatcher to an adjunct faculty role. Megan Graver and Sarah Depp have moved into Mentoring and Didactic Coordinator positions respectively to oversee quality and quantized required by ABTRFE standards.

Residency graduates, Laura Iglar (‘18) and Morgan Alexander (‘18), both presented posters at CSM 2019. Mel Kidder and John DeWitt presented at OPTA, “Choosing the Residency that’s Right for You.”

Births: Sara Depp (faculty) and her husband Jake welcomed a baby girl, Amelia Grace on 7/21/19. McKenzie (Fath) Dekker (‘12) welcomed a baby boy, Hayden on 2/5/19.

Married: Chase Pendley (‘19) was recently married. Congrats!

Pediatrics

The Pediatric Residency has changed Sponsoring Organization from Ohio State to Nationwide Children’s Hospital under the direction of Program Coordinator, Lori Grisez, PT, DPT, PCS and Program Director Kathryn Iammarino, PT, DPT, SCS. This change allows for logical alignment with both the clinical practice and didactic education which will still be supported through Ohio State’s LEND program.

Performing Arts

Faculty members Tessa Kasmar and Tiffany Marulli presented a platform presentation on common dance injuries at the APTA’s NEXT conference in June.

The current fellow-in-training, Morgan Alexander, will be attending The International Association of Dance Medicine’s annual conference in Montreal this October where she will be participating on an expert panel discussing hip injuries in dancers.

Sports

Welcome new faculty members: Jennifer (Fath) Morgan (‘17), Jake Depp and Christine Ulises (‘18)

Sports residents enjoyed participating in the new in-house Emergency Responder Course in July and provided extensive event coverage for Pelotonia, a three-day cycling event benefiting cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, with over 8000 riders raising funds for cancer research.
Congrats to Mitch Therriault ('17) and Taylor Therriault (Nationwide Children’s Hospital Sports Residency Alum) on getting married this summer!

We congratulate Brian Briggs ('12) on the birth of daughter, Emma Jane this past spring, Matt Brancaleone ('15) and his wife, Ashley on the birth of their son, Luca this past winter and Andrew Naylor ('08) and his wife Katie welcome their first child, Evelyn Mae Naylor. Congratulations to all!

**UE Athlete**

Program: Johnny Passarelli has been selected as the UE fellow for 2019-2020. Past fellow Andrew Pipkin served on the medical staff for the Major League Baseball Futures Game that was played in Cleveland last month as part of the MLB All Star weekend. Congrats, Andrew!

Dan Himmerick ('19) recently graduated from the UE Fellowship, but was able to see our Columbus Clippers make it to the Triple-A National Championship game Sept. 17th. Dan recently got married and will be seeking positions in MLB.

**Women’s Health**

In August, the second women’s health resident Shannon Roth will transition to the oncology portion of her program as the program welcomes the third resident, Maria Kapral, to Morehouse. They will be joined by new director, Maggie Abrams, and new faculty members, Rachel Shepherd ('18) and Kelsey Dyer for the 2019-2020 residency year.

Lastly, the program joyfully greeted and await four new additions to the WH residency family: Maggie gave birth to her second son, Avi, in April, Rachel Sheperd is welcomed her first child in August, former faculty member Kristina Kehoe also had her first child in August, and Laura Ward is expecting her third child in October.