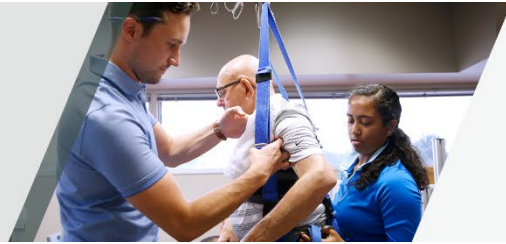


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News to Know

Accreditation Management System Upgrade

The accreditation management system was upgraded on July 27. With the upgrade, the user interface has changed. Please refer to the [ABPTRFE News](#) page on the ABPTRFE website for a video to help you navigate the upgraded system.

New Descriptions of Specialty Practice Released for Neurology and Orthopaedics

Neurology and Orthopaedic Descriptions of Specialty Practice were updated in May 2026. The updated [DSPs](#) now are located on the ABPTRFE website. Please look for an update to the new Orthopaedic DSP coming soon. Program directors received an email notifying them of the new DSPs, and programs have 18 months to come into compliance with the new DSPs.

Staff Updates

The accreditation department is excited to inform programs of two new staff members who will work with residency and fellowship programs.

Asha Stovall joined the department on May 26, 2026. She brings ten years of experience in health care and public health fields. Asha has worked in hospitals, managed care organizations, and federal agencies. She enhances the team with her experience in regulatory compliance and continuous process improvement.

Hannah Herring joined the department on Aug. 17, 2026. Hannah is a physical therapist who comes to us from clinical practice, where she played a key role in developing a neurologic physical therapy residency program. Her experience and expertise will be a wonderful addition to our team.

2027 Invoices

ABPTRFE is moving to a new e-bill system that will launch in mid-September. The 2027 invoices for the annual fee will be available in October. Annual fee payment is due no later than Jan. 31, 2027. The invoices will be separate from the Annual Continuous Improvement Report and will not be paid in Armature. Look for more information in the upcoming months. The **2027 annual fees are unchanged from 2026 and are now posted. Visit [Standards, Processes, and Procedures for accreditation fees](#).**

Fact Sheet Update

The 2024 ABPTRFE Fact Sheet contains aggregate data about residency and fellowship programs. Access the [2024 ABPTRFE Fact Sheet](#) on the ABPTRFE website.

ABPTRFE Recent Accreditation Actions

ABPTRFE completed a review of 74 programs at its May 2026 meeting. Find [ABPTRFE's decisions](#) on all programs reviewed.

Other Items of Interest

New Badge Vendor Accredible

ABPTRFE switched badge vendors for a more user-friendly experience. The new badges were released via email to all ABPTRFE-accredited program graduates through 2025 on August 20.

ABPTRFE Directory Update

The Directory of Programs underwent an update in the late spring and now has a new user interface. Please reference the [directory tutorial](#) sent via email in early June to all program directors for assistance with navigating the new directory.

EBSCO Search Engine on ABPTRFE Website

Earlier this spring, the [ABPTRFE Data and Outcomes Page](#) underwent an update and now contains an EBSCO Search Engine near the bottom of the page. This search pulls articles related to residency and fellowship education.

ABPTRFE and APTA Achieve

ABPTRFE joined CAPTE in a call for prospective volunteers through APTA's Achieve platform. APTA distributed a call for reviewers to submit their application materials through APTA Achieve from Aug. 1 through Aug. 31. Accreditation staff will review applicants' materials in September. Staff will notify individuals selected by Oct. 1. Selected individuals will complete new reviewer training that involves asynchronous online modules and a synchronous online training on March 16, 2027. New volunteers will also complete the APTA online volunteer orientation in December 2026.

Upcoming Webinars

Nov. 5, 7-8 p.m. EST Mentoring vs Clinical Instruction: New Resources, Distinctions, and Site Visit Takeaways for Success. Registration is available on the "For Programs" page of the ABPTRFE website [here](#).