



CULTURAL DIVERSITY POSITION of the ACUTE CARE SECTION

The Acute Care Section - APTA recognizes the cultural diversity of the Section's membership and persons with acute health care physical therapy needs. We encourage our fellow members to respect the diversity of those we serve as well as fellow members.

As the Section committed to the physical therapy issues and concerns of persons with acute health care needs, integration of the diverse cultural and ethnic background, along with cross-cultural understanding, can only benefit the clinical, educational, and research skills of our members. The Section will strive to provide all members with opportunities to enhance their awareness of and sensitivity to cultural and ethnic issues. It is our belief that this will lead to improved communication with those we serve and enhance the profession's contribution to quality patient care.

The Acute Care Section is committed to assisting the PT profession as a whole in the development of membership and leadership opportunities which represent peoples of all cultures. Such representation will enrich the professional development of the Sections' members and the overall mission of the Section.

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