



# Journal Editor-In-Chief

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The APTA Board of Directors shall appoint the editor-in-chief of the association's journal, PTJ — Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Journal. The editor-in-chief shall be a physical therapist member of the association or a foreign-educated physical therapist who lives outside the United States and is an international affiliate of the association. The term of appointment shall be five years; a single reappointment shall be permitted. The editor-in-chief will report to and be accountable to the APTA Board. The primary contact for operational and regular business is the APTA chief executive officer or their designee. At a minimum, the APTA Board shall conduct a formal evaluation during the fourth year of the contract for the purpose of determining whether to renew the editor-in-chief's term. No editor-in-chief shall serve more than two consecutive five-year terms.

The editor-in-chief shall receive an honorarium, as determined in the contract between the APTA Board and the editor-in-chief.

## PTJ Editor-in-Chief Responsibility for PTJ Content

The PTJ editor-in-chief has final decision-making authority on and is responsible for the appropriate delegation of PTJ Editorial Board responsibilities related to, the scientific, clinical, and other editorial content of PTJ, including solicitation and acceptance or rejection of manuscripts; selection of editorial boards and reviewers; and the approach to correspondence with authors, reviewers, and readers.

## Criteria for PTJ Editor-In-Chief Emeritus/Emerita

The PTJ editor-in-chief emeritus/emera is an honorary position with no specific roles and responsibilities. An editor-in-chief emeritus/emera may be nominated by the APTA Board by the newly appointed PTJ editor-in-chief, or by a majority vote of the PTJ Editorial Board. The editor-in-chief emeritus/emera is approved by the APTA Board. Criteria for the honor include the following:

- Has served at least five years in the position of editor-in-chief
- Has made a significant contribution to the development of PTJ and, thereby, to the advancement of the science and practice of the physical therapy profession. Examples of a significant contribution include, but are not limited to, improvement in the PTJ impact factor, increase in the number of submitted manuscripts, increase in the number of PTJ publications cited in other work, or increase in the number of international manuscript submissions.

Persons appointed will have their name placed on the PTJ masthead as editor-in-chief emeritus/emera.

The name of an editor-in-chief emeritus/emera will remain on the masthead until the person's death. The APTA Board may terminate the emeritus/emera's honorary position if it in good faith determines that the continued service would bring a harsh criticism or censure upon the journal and/or APTA.

## Explanation of Reference Numbers:

HOD P00-00-00-00 stands for House of Delegates/month/year/page/vote in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

E: Binding Ethical Document | P: Position | Y: Policy

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