

UNM PT Clinical Education News

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UNM Physical Therapy students and clinical instructors will now have access to the Clinical Performance Instrument (CPI) online beginning June 2009. We will be adding sites to the database as students rotate through your facilities. We will begin with sites hosting students this Summer 2009.

There is a required training that needs to be completed prior to using the CPI online. We will provide those facilities with students arriving this summer with more information via e-mail, phone and site

visits early this spring. CEU's (2) are provided through the APTA in conjunction with this training. If there are sites interested in registering and taking the training before upcoming rotations, give us a call and we will load you into the database and provide you with a password and instructions for the training.

There is no cost to using the CPI online. The online CPI will save time, improve ease of recording student performance evaluations and provide a reliable, simple means of communication with the ACCE. The performance criteria will shrink from 24 to 18 rating criteria. The ease of use

is improved with enhanced definitions for assessment. Online training in the use of the CPI is necessary before you perform your first mid-term evaluation.

We are excited to offer this new tool to improve the ease of use and assessment for our students and our clinical instructors.



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UNM Clinical Education Awards: 2008 Outstanding Clinical Instructor: 2008

The UNM PT program continues to be supported by a host of dedicated Clinical Instructors and facilities. The winner of the Outstanding Clinical Instructor for 2008 is David Kennedy, MS, PT of Paradigm Physical Therapy

in Belen, NM. David was selected by the graduating class of 2008. David provides many outstanding clinical education opportunities for the UNM PT students. David works with many students and challenges them to be

the best that they can be by providing excellent guidance and facilitating clinical reasoning with unique learning experiences and critical thinking. Thank you and congratulations David!





Outstanding Clinical Facility of 2008

The Outstanding Clinical Facility of 2008 is the University of New Mexico Hospital- UNMH (inpatient and outpatient facilities), selected by the class of 2008. UNMH hosts many students every year in a variety of learning environments. They have student learning opportunities in orthopedics, acute care, wound and burn care, and specialty rotations in women's health. They pro-

vide significant experiences with half day mini clinics in orthopedics and acute care. UNMH is a very strong supporter of UNM PT students and accommodates and supports the program and students in a myriad of ways. In addition, this year their clinical instructors initiated, scheduled and completed the APTA Clinical Instructor Credentialing course. The most amazing aspect was that

they attended the course in the evenings after a full day of work. Wow, what a dedicated group! We are grateful for these outstanding clinicians, the clinical sites and learning opportunities they provide each year. Thank you and congratulations UNMH!

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The DPT program and a year of transition

The Year of Transition...

This year we will embark on our first year as a DPT program. DPT students will begin classes fall semester 2009. As we transition from an MPT program to a DPT program our clinical rotations in 2010 will overlap. In 2010, there will be students completing rotations in the MPT program from the classes of 2010 and 2011. In addition the DPT class of 2012 will complete two 8 week rotations in orthopedics or acute care in the late summer and fall of 2010.

The DPT program will change to a new clinical education model. In the DPT program, we will no longer have short term ro-

tations. The current split 3 week and the 4 week rotations will be eliminated. The DPT rotations will occur after students have completed specific education blocks. For example, in the DPT program the students will rotate in orthopedics after they finish orthopedics, and they will rotate in acute care after they finish acute care, etc. In 2010, the DPT students will be doing orthopedic and acute care rotations.

We will have to ask for additional help from sites offering acute care and orthopedic rotations in 2010. This year of overlap will increase the demand for one year only. In 2011 we will return to only four rotations a year.

We realize this will be a heavy burden on our clinical sites in 2010. Most rotations will occur consecutively with a short overlap in the fall. Some sites that choose to do so could be accepting and placing students year round. We will do all we can to assist our sites and clinical instructors as we transition through this year.

We thank all of you for your continuous support in clinical education. Please give me a call with any ideas, questions or concerns you may have regarding our transitional year...

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