

## Candidate Profile

**Kelly Huestis**

**MPT, WCS**

**Running for Secretary (2020-2023)**

Freeland, MD



### Education:

- BS in Health Sciences, University of Scranton 2001
- MS in Physical Therapy, University of Scranton 2002

### Certifications:

WCS 2017, CAPP 2008, Certified Lymphedema Therapist from the Norton School of Lymphatic Therapy 2005

### Current Practice

Clinical Coordinator of Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy program at the University of Maryland, Upper Chesapeake Medical Center. Full time treatment of male and female pelvic floor patients, program development, marketing, communication with the multidisciplinary team, education, meeting coordination and planning.

### Professional Awards and Contributions

- Currently a member of the Specialization Academy of Content Experts serving as an item writer for the Women's Health specialty exam

-Multiple local speaking engagements including support groups, retirement facilities, in-services to medical professionals on the role of pelvic floor physical therapy. Education of medical staff including physicians, nurses, and radiology technicians on the role of pelvic floor rehab and cancer care

- Presented "Reimbursement for Treatment of Lymphedema" at the NLN Conference in 2016

-Course developer and instructor for "Introduction to Pelvic Floor Treatment of Urinary Incontinence for all Physical Therapists", a 2-hour introductory CEU approved class

-Contributed in data collection to the publication "A single-blinded randomized multi-center trial to evaluate the efficacy and durability of myofascial tissue manipulation in women with interstitial cystitis/painful bladder syndrome."

### Previous Involvement in SoWH:

- Reimbursement Committee Chair from 2011-2017. Developed web content regarding reimbursement for services, newsletters, blog posts. Lead in committee development of ICD-10 and g-code information dissemination.

-2017- present, Maryland State Representative. Act as a liaison to the state members and the section as well as the Maryland State Chapter.

### Previous Involvement in the APTA or State Chapter or other Sections:

Member of the APTA and Maryland State Chapter since 2002

**PERSONAL STATEMENT: Please address the following questions in 300 words or less: 1. What is your personal vision? 2. How would you lead the Section? Where do you feel the Section is going?**

I have been practicing in pelvic health PT for more than 16 years and have been predominantly trained through Section on Women's Health courses. I am passionate about this field and am extremely committed to the success of our section. I wish for others to see us as the authority on musculoskeletal care of the abdomen and pelvis and recognize our importance.

Previous involvement through committees and as a state representative has provided me with insight into the workings of the board, volunteers, and the needs of our members. I've been involved in website content development, the blog, newsletters, and social media, acting as an information liaison to members. I feel that I could serve our section well in the secretary role. I am hardworking, organized, responsive, and always accountable for all obligations. I wish to contribute to the section by streamlining some of the current processes for both members and the board, encouraging and easing member engagement, and taking an active role in strategic planning for the future with the upcoming name change!

I would love to contribute to the launching of our new brand by assisting with marketing, web development, and educational resources for members to demonstrate our skill and value to the global health community. As secretary, I would encourage more public education of our role in healthcare for greater utilization of our services and expertise. I would also like to work with the board towards tools for our members to promote awareness of their services to the community and the multidisciplinary team.