

Noteworthy

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National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education

We Have Moved!

NCOPE along with ABC and AOPA have relocated to new office space. Effective immediately, NCOPE's new address is **330 John Carlyle St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314**. NCOPE's current phone number is 703-836-7114. The extensions and email addresses for the NCOPE staff are as follows:

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Two Technician Programs Host Site Visits

Two programs were site visited by teams of practitioners and educators over the past several months. The programs applied for continued accreditation and submitted an application last fall. A team of evaluators reviewed Century College on April 26-27 for the technician level program and Spokane Community College hosted a team of evaluators on May 24-25. Both site visit team reports will be reviewed by the NCOPE commission at their summer meeting scheduled for July 20-21 in Chicago, IL for determination of the accreditation status.

Committee Reviewing Technician Standards

The Standards Committee for NCOPE is currently reviewing the current Technician Standards. It has been over seven years since any updates have been made. The group will meet via

conference call to develop and recommend any changes to the standards. The commission will review recommendations from the committee at their meeting in July.

Repeat! - New Form Required for Residency

Effective January 1, 2001 directors are required to fill out an attestation form on the resident's technical competence. This form will be required prior to the resident's completion of the program and may be mailed with the final evaluation form. Letters and the form were mailed to all accredited residency programs on January 8th. If your residency program did not receive the form please contact Freddie Fonvielle, Residency Coordinator at ffonvielle@ncope.org or access NCOPE's web site at www.ncope.org.

New Practitioner Standards Approved

NCOPE made several revisions to the practitioner standards at their March meeting. The CAAHEP board of directors adopted the final version after an open hearing in April at their annual meeting. All educational programs have been notified of the changes. NCOPE was also informed that all groups participating with CAAHEP will be required to have their standards placed in an outcomes based format by 2007. NCOPE will begin work on drafting new practitioner standards in 2002 to come into compliance.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all those students that graduated from O&P programs this past May and best of luck with the start of your residency program.



Reminder

If you are a resident, you must register with NCOPE within the first 30 days of the start of your residency program.

NAPOE Holds Summer Meeting

The National Association of Prosthetic and Orthotic Educators (NAPOE) held their summer meeting June 1-2, 2001 in Chicago, IL. Meetings are held at one of the schools and the host for this meeting was Northwestern University. NAPOE is comprised of faculty and directors from all CAAHEP accredited O&P programs. They receive funding from the three sister organizations (AAOP, ABC and AOPA).

Updated Education Guide

NAPOE has updated an education guide which identifies all CAAHEP accredited programs and new developing programs. A copy is posted on NCOPE's web site at www.ncope.org.



NCOPE To Hold Summer Meeting

The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) will hold their summer meeting July 20-21 in Chicago, IL.

Academy Relocated

The American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (The Academy) relocated their office in early May. They are at a different location than NCOPE, ABC, or AOPA. The Academy's address is 526 King St., Suite 201, Alexandria, VA 22314. The phone number is 703-836-0788. The fax number is 703-863-0737.

ABC Examination

Application Deadline

September 1st is the deadline for applying to take your ABC examinations for the spring written, written simulation and the summer CPM exams. All residents must have completed their residency by September 1st in order to be eligible for the ABC exam. You must have all your paper work in to NCOPE and be listed as having completed a residency before ABC will approve you to take the exams.

What exactly does NCOPE need to have on file for you? The below list outlines the items needed.

- ✓ \$1,000 registration fee
- ✓ Three quarterly evaluation forms
- ✓ Final evaluation form confirming completion of the residency program by the resident director
- ✓ Research project/paper
- ✓ Evaluation of residency program by resident
- ✓ Technical attestation form (new as of Jan. 1, 2001)

NCOPE is able to "release" you as a resident who completed a residency program after all of the above have been submitted. Reports are provided to ABC on a regular basis updating the status of residents. You are responsible for contacting ABC directly to receive an application for the examination.

The Academy Will Sponsor First Advanced Training Course!

Overview of Gait Analysis for Prosthetists and Orthotists, a three-day intense program, will focus on the Fundamentals of Gait Analysis, Prosthetic Gait Analysis, and Orthotic Gait Analysis. September 27-29, 2001, Northwestern University Prosthetic Orthotic Center. This training course has applied for 21 PCE credits.

Featured lecturers include Dudley S. Childress, PhD, Steven A. Gard, PhD, Stefania Fatone, PhD, CPO [Australia], Margrit-Regula Meier, PhD, CPO [Switzerland], Rebecca Stine, MS, Mark L. Edwards, MS, CP, and Bryan S. Malas, CO. Dr. Perry's text titled Gait Analysis will be provided as part of the course materials.

To help insure the best possible learning environment, space is limited to 30 attendees. Registration closes August 28. Reserve your space today by calling the Academy at 703-836-0788 or on the web at www.oandp.org.

FREE Offer to NCOPE Registered Students and Residents!

The American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (AOPA) is offering a free Saturday admission to the AOPA

National Assembly to all NCOPE registered students and residents. You won't want to miss this first-ever opportunity to attend the largest O&P exhibition in the United States for **FREE**. The annual educational program and trade show will be held this year in Phoenix, Ariz., on Oct. 24-27.

The program will include **clinical education sessions** that will cover a variety of topics and issues from across the field of orthotics and prosthetics. You will hear an impressive array of presentations to be delivered by professionals from all segments of the O&P industry.

- Learn about new techniques, new materials and the latest components and designs.
- Hear comparisons of methods, treatments and procedures based on case reports and outcomes.
- Gain insight on the most current and successful patient care programs through the observations and opinions of O&P industry leaders.
- Benefit from the latest research and data and the significant experience of practitioners, academics and researchers.
- More exhibitors and more orthotic and prosthetic components, devices, tools, supplies and services.
- Product Preview Theaters - continuous manufacturer presentations on the show floor in a high-energy theater atmosphere.
- Small Business Boutique - a gathering of exhibitors who offer products and services that focus on the needs of small business owners and operators.

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