**The Clinical Education Special Interest Group**

**Students Contacting Clinical Sites to Request Clinical Experiences**

The Clinical Education Special Interest Group (CESIG) of the Education Section of the

APTA serves the interests of individuals from academic programs and clinical facilities.

The CESIG conducts meetings at CSM in February and at ELC in October.

At the October 2016 CESIG meeting there was discussion amongst members related to students contacting clinical sites requesting clinical experiences and the challenges this presents. During this meeting in Phoenix, clinical education representatives from across the country reported widespread acceptance of the position that students would be instructed to not contact clinical sites requesting clinical experiences. The request for clinical placements is to come from DCEs/ACCEs. This position is for accredited and developing physical therapy and physical therapy assistant programs.