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## NEW THIS ISSUE

## INFINITY REHAB THERAPIST SELECTED TO APTA SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA) selected Jessica “Kele” Murdin, PT, MPT, Clinical Knowledge Broker with Infinity Rehab, as part of the American Physical Therapy Association’s (APTA) Centennial Scholars Program.

As part of this program, Kele will participate in leadership trainings and complete a capstone project with PTWA.

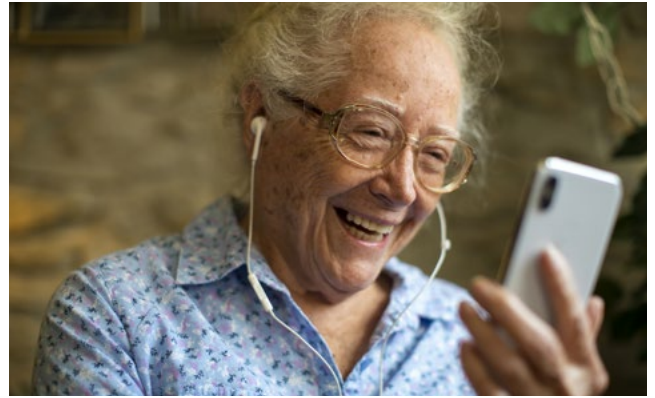
“I deeply believe in and am committed to physical therapy as a profession,” Kele stated. “I see this profession as integral to the betterment and sustainability of our communities across the entire life span.”

Kele stated she anticipates helping the Washington chapter develop a stronger, deeper membership with APTA. She looks forward to learning the structure of the therapy organization and how they will thrive for years to come.

To read the press release, [click here](#).

## DID YOU KNOW...

- Infinity Rehab thanked their therapists during National Rehabilitation Awareness Week September 13-19, 2020 with a video of leaders expressing their gratitude. Watch the video [here](#).
- We recently launched our newest professional development program, Clinical Academy. Read more about an occupational therapist's first impressions of the academy. [Read more](#).
- Seniors need our help during this challenging time. Read our tips on how to keep elders active and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#).



## INDUSTRY NEWS

### NEW BENCHMARK SET FOR COVID-19 TESTING

The federal government cracked down on COVID-19 testing in nursing homes, with a host of new fines exceeding \$8,000 per instance, but some industry leaders – and a prominent geriatrician – have raised concerns about whether providers can meet the new benchmarks.

Under the new rules, operators must perform routine testing of nursing home staff or risk losing their eligibility to participate in Medicare and Medicaid.

### CMS IS MOVING AHEAD WITH DAMAGING CODING EDITS

In a troubling surprise move, the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that effective October 1, it will reverse course and reinstate previously deleted coding “edits” for code pairs that represent common and appropriate physical therapy practice.

“Medicare and Medicaid programs must follow these edits, of course, but the damage is far greater than that,” stated Alice Bell, PT, DPT, senior payment specialist for APTA.



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