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Dear Future Mentee and/or Mentor,

We wanted to take the time to explain our motivation and mission for this mentoring program. We have often heard that mentoring is a need of our members. Thus, in 2013 the Neurology Section Mentoring Program was initiated. The mentoring program's mission is to facilitate access to a nationwide network of neurologic physical therapists in the Neurology Section.

Mentoring is a wonderful opportunity for highly motivated clinicians that are just getting into the profession, have recently transitioned to a new work setting, and those who have moved into a new professional role (research, administration, teaching, etc). However, mentoring can be beneficial for anyone who wants to create new goals to develop their career.

This program has been designed to facilitate the introduction between the mentee and a mentor. This program is mentee-driven. Thus after the introduction, it is up to the prospective mentee to take responsibility for furthering the mentoring relationship. We have provided resources to help the mentee and mentor along the way. We are also committed to developing and hosting mentoring and networking events at APTA national conferences. In the future we hope to partner with the various APTA Chapters to improve our local outreach.

The Neurology Section is here to serve you and to facilitate the development of meaningful mentoring relationships. If you have any suggestions for future program development, feel free to email us at neuropt@apta.org.

Thank you for your time and dedication to our profession!

Sincerely, The Neurology Section Membership and Public Relations Committee Mentoring Subcommittee

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