



2023 APTA Kansas Election

Call for Nominations

Please submit completed application to Elizabeth Lewis, Nominating Committee Chair at elewis@kumc.edu or APTA KS Office at kpta@affinity-strategies.com by Monday, Feb 3rd, 2023

- President
- Vice-President
- PTA Caucus Representative
- Nominating Committee Member

Nominate a APTA KS member in good standing, or nominate yourself. Candidate must have 2 years of membership with no lapses.

Please complete all fields. Continue on additional pages as needed.

Nominator (must be a APTA KS member): self, Razeena Umrani

Nominator APTA Member ID Number: 733649

Nominator Email Address: razeena.u@gmail.com

I am nominating Razeena Umrani for the position of Nominating Committee Member

Nominee APTA Member ID Number: 733649

Please provide candidate statement: My goal in joining the KPTA Office is to advocate for our profession at the local scale. Working in acute care, I witness the inequitable access to healthcare many individuals in my state have. I continuously strive to educate my patients on their rights and provide resources for their conditions - often resources not offered to them before. As an active member of my hospital's Rehab Department's committees and APTA Acute Care section, I aim to ensure quality access to care for all my patients, regardless of insurance or citizenship. I have lived on three continents and speak three languages fluently; this multi-cultural lens helps me build rapport and trust with patients from different backgrounds and provide care for their individual needs. I hope to work alongside the KPTA to improve our nation's access to healthcare, starting with preventative medicine in the form of Physical, Occupational and Speech therapies.

Please provide brief bio: I am an Acute Care Residency Graduate from Houston Methodist Hospital and received my Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. I work in acute care in Kansas City, where I am an active member of committees in my Rehab Department to improve the standard of care and access to quality care. These committees include Patient Education,

Service, Quality, and Leadership and Special Interest Groups (SIG): Amputee, ICU, CVA and Pelvic Floor. I serve as Co-chair of the Amputee SIG and Publisher of the Patient Education Committee. I have always been passionate about education, as demonstrated by my volunteer work since university. As a DPT student, I frequently guest lectured at local high schools in urban districts and after graduation, was invited to educate Master of Physical Therapy student in Mekelle, Ethiopia. In my professional career, I mentor students from my alma maters, am a lab assistant, preceptor and credentialed clinical instructor to DPT students at my current workplace. This year, I have been accepted as an APTA Leadership Program Scholar to sharpen my leadership and management skills to further my professional goals.