

Anna M. Dennis DPT

Education: DPT from Shenandoah University 2007, M.S. Geology from Southern Illinois University in 1989, B.S. Geology from Northern Arizona University in 1981.

Present / Past Employment: Will begin employment with Fox Rehabilitation July 19, 2010 in Winchester VA. Previously worked for P.R.O. Physical Therapy Outpatient Clinic from 2007 to Spring 2010 in Winchester area.

Prior to PT school, my family lived in Illinois and Missouri where I was a groundwater consultant and had my own business. I served as the Director and Chair of the Illinois Groundwater Association from 1984 to 1987.

My family has moved 2 times due to my husband's work. When we moved to Winchester VA, I decided to go to PT school to have a career that was more stable for our family. I love working as a physical therapist and find it a rewarding career.

VPTA activity: I have been the Blue Ridge District Secretary and a member of VPTA /APTA since 2007.

Statement: I desire to be a delegate to assist the APTA with regulation and policy issues resulting from healthcare reform. As a new physical therapist, I realize there is a lot to know regarding reimbursement and think it is vital to understand this process to protect and direct the role of physical therapy in our health care system. I want to be a part of the lobbying team regarding the potential alternatives to the Medicare caps. The recent CMS proposal to apply the multiple procedure payment reduction to outpatient therapy services will need to be actively pursued to keep the cuts in check so the profession of physical therapy can thrive. I also want help guide the physical therapy practice during ethical dilemmas that will arise as the demands on the practice change.