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Local Physical Therapist Lobbies for Action on Capitol Hill

-- Pending legislation ensures bright future for profession and practices--

ATLANTA (July 23, 2013) – Decatur resident and owner of Intown Physical Therapy Dr. Ingrid Anderson, PT, DPT, OCS, is among nearly 100 physical therapists from across the country convening in Washington, D.C. as part of the first-ever fly-in hosted by the Private Practice Section of the American Physical Therapy Association on July 22 and July 23. Anderson—chair of the public relations committee for the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia – will meet with congressional representatives and discuss hard-hitting issues affecting the future of healthcare, the physical therapy profession, small business owners and their patients.

“Our health care system faces critical regulatory and policy issues as one of the nation’s most constantly evolving occupations,” says Anderson. “We want to ensure the voice of Georgia’s physical therapists and their patients is heard, and effective treatment options will continue to be made available.”

Anderson is asking Congress to take action on pending legislation and topics that will enable the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective therapy to seniors and other patients in need of rehabilitation. The two issues to be discussed are:

- **Sustainable Growth Rate:** Physical therapists support the Medicare Physician Payment Innovation Act of 2013 (H.R. 574). This bill would repeal and replace the sustainable growth rate formula that determines Medicare payment rates, fixing the broken reimbursement method so therapists can be paid fairly and commensurate with the value of their services.
- **Medicare Therapy Cap:** Physical therapists support the Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act (H.R. 713/S. 367), which would permanently repeal the arbitrary annual per-beneficiary cap for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology services. The bill would allow patients access to physical therapy services needed to restore their health and function.

“As entrepreneurs in the health field, our physical therapists face legislative challenges and roadblocks in delivering good care,” said Tom DiAngelis, president of the Private Practice Section. “Having the opportunity for the first time to speak honestly with Congress and bring to their attention the overlooked impact of healthcare reform is a defining moment for the Private Practice Section. We thank Ms. Anderson for being a part of this historic occasion and contributing to the thought-provoking dialogue.”

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About the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia

The Physical Therapy Association of Georgia (PTAG) is the membership organization for the profession of physical therapy in Georgia, and a component of the American Physical Therapy Association. PTAG has approximately 1800 members comprised of PT's, PTA's and Students. The mission of PTAG is to represent, promote and serve the profession of physical therapy.

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Photo images of Dr. Anderson on Capitol Hill are available upon request. Contact Alex Bradford directly at abradford@duffey.com or 404-446-1667.