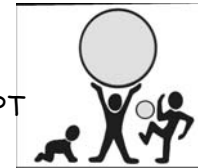


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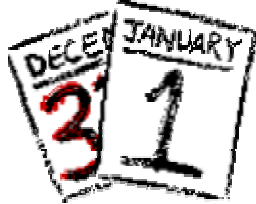
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## Happy Holidays

MINOR Improvements PT would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. We hope that your holiday season has brought you much joy.



**HAPPY 2004!!!**

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## Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to several new patients that became part of the MINOR Improvements family in December. Welcome to Nolan, Kaelya, Allison, Olivia, Sarah, and Stephen!



Olivia Stretches at MINOR Improvements

## Happy Birthday



Happy December Birthdays to:

Alex and Tiffany



Alex and Shaun work in the pool

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## MAJOR Accomplishments

This month's MAJOR Accomplishment at MINOR Improvements PT goes to Ben who was the very first patient to use our brand new BIODEX universal machine.



Ben hard at work on the Biodex

## Pediatric Therapy 101

On January 30, 2004, Karen and Shaun will begin their second year of teaching at Franklin Pierce College. They will once again act as adjunct faculty while teaching Pediatric Physical Therapy to second year graduate students. They will teach a total of 8 classes on Fridays and Saturdays over the sixteen week semester. This may pose some changes to the schedule. The Fridays that Karen and Shaun will be teaching are:

**January 30**  
**February 20**  
**March 26**  
**April 23**

If your child is regularly scheduled for therapy on Fridays, please make it a point to reschedule the above dates.

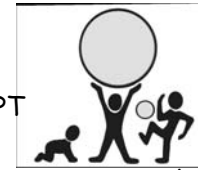
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## First Night Saratoga 5K

Shaun recently ran in the First Night Saratoga 5K and finished in a time of 17:05. He placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of nearly 1000 runners and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in his age group (25-29). His next planned race is the Boston Marathon on April 19<sup>th</sup>, but if you hear of any good races before then be sure to let him know.

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### Attendance Policies

MINOR Improvements PT is a pediatric and adolescent PT practice. The nature of pediatrics means that each child receives one-on-one attention for their entire scheduled appointment. When a patient cancels or no-shows, we are left with a gap in the schedule that some other child may benefit from. At MINOR Improvements PT we also provide the opportunity for families to have regularly scheduled appointment times. Families can schedule their child's PT appointments for the same times each week. For children with ongoing conditions and many different scheduled therapists this allows them to plan in advance for appointments. This is a privilege that helps families to find some order in their very busy lives.

#### Cancellations

We ask that you contact us as soon as you know that your child will need to miss an appointment. This includes illness, vacation, schedule conflicts and transportation problems. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day for midnight illnesses or suddenly remembered conflicts. Frequent cancellations may result in forfeiting your regularly scheduled appointment time.

#### No Shows

Missed appointments without a phone call within a reasonable amount of time are extremely disruptive and may be subject to a \$20 fee. This fee is your responsibility. Your insurance company will not be billed for this charge. Multiple no-shows may result in forfeiting your regularly scheduled appointment time.

#### When to Cancel

You are the parent and we ask you to use your judgment as to whether your child should participate in PT. Here are a few of our guidelines as to when to keep your child home:

- ✓ If your child has a severe cold or sinus infection with green discharge this indicates the presence of infection and poses a health risk to the therapists and other patients
- ✓ If your child has been vomiting
- ✓ If your child has diarrhea
- ✓ If your child has a fever
- ✓ If your child has been ill for several days and is still weak or run down
- ✓ If your child or any other member of your household has Pink Eye

If your child develops a contagious condition, please call us and let us know.

If you're still unsure, please call us at 583-3196.