

Physical Therapist Licensing Board NEWSLETTER

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(Closed Holidays)

IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL !!

All licenses for the current year (April 2004- March 2005) must be renewed by March 31, 2004. In order to allow for processing of your renewal application, applications must be mailed ASAP. If you are not licensed by April 1, 2004, you are not permitted to work until you receive your license.

DO NOT MAIL OR BRING YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OFFICE. All applications and fees must be sent to the Bank P.O. Box on the renewal form.

If you have not received your license renewal form in the mail, **CONTACT THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY** and a renewal form will be mailed to you. Not receiving a renewal form is not a valid excuse for failure to renew your license.

If you do not renew your license and you continue to work, you are subject to disciplinary action from the Board. In addition, if your employer is a physical therapist he/she may also be disciplined by the Board for permitting you to work without a valid license.

Within the past year, 12 therapists and 5 employers have been disciplined by the Board for either failing to renew on time or allowing a therapist to work without a valid license. Civil penalties ranged from \$100 to \$2000 and some licensees were placed on probation.

**RENEW
NOW!**

NEW POLICY REGARDING SUBMISSION OF CEUs FOR THERAPISTS WITH DIRECT ACCESS

For those of you who are certified for Practice Without Referral (Direct Access), the policy for submission of continuing education credits has changed. The rule is still the same, you must complete 50 hours of clinical continuing education for every three year certification period.

Effective immediately, you will no longer be required to send proof of your continuing education to the Board.

You should continue to keep a personal file of your completion certificates. Starting in April 2004, the Board will conduct random audits of PTs with direct access to: 1) to make certain the continuing education requirements are met; and 2) to make certain the PT has a current Healthcare Provider level CPR card.

If contacted by the Board, it will be your responsibility to produce copies of your certificates of completion and CPR card.

NEW INITIAL MEDICAL SCREENING COURSES APPROVED

At its January Board meeting, the Board approved several Initial Medical Screening courses. These courses are approved for INITIAL CERTIFICATION only. Since OAR 848-030-0000 refers only to a 12-hour medical screening course, all courses will count for 12 CEUs only. Oregon rule states that the course provider must furnish to the Board and the licensee written documentation when the licensee passes the course exam. In order to be certified for practice without referral, the Board must receive this documentation from the course provider and the licensee must submit to the Board proof of current Healthcare Provider CPR certification (see article on page 3).

Regardless of which Initial Medical Screening Course a licensee chooses to take, physical therapists with Practice Without Referral certification are still required to take the medical screening refresher course within the permitted time period. The refresher course is currently offered by the OPTA twice a year (usually January and September). The OPTA is exploring the option of offering both the medical screening course and the refresher course online in the future.

Course Title	Sponsor	Instructor	Location
TDPT 640/641 Medical screening upper quarter and lower quarter	Pacific University Transitional DPT Program (only open to students currently enrolled)	Bob Nee, PT Jon Gietzen, PA-C	Pacific University
Diagnosis by PTs: Screening for Medical Referral	APTA	William Boissonnault, PT, DHSc, FAAOMPT	Various locations around US: approx 4 x year
Medical Screening & Differential Diagnosis	North American Seminars, Inc	David Musnick, MD	Various locations around US: approx 4x year
Medical Screening for the Physical Therapist	OPTA	Richard Gicking, MD, FACP & Jill Pruett, MD	Offered in OR, Currently offered yearly in April

The Orthopedic Section of the APTA is currently offering a medical screening home-study course. THIS COURSE IS NOT YET APPROVED FOR DIRECT ACCESS CERTIFICATION. The Board will review this course when it is completed (June 2004) and then determine whether it will be approved. If you choose to take this course now, you do so at your own risk. If the course is not approved, you will not receive the Direct Access certification. If the course is approved, you will receive the certification retroactively.

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS APRIL 2, 2004. LICENSEES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND PUBLIC SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Executive Session begins at 8:30 AM.**

APPROVED HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CPR COURSES

The Board has received numerous questions about CPR certification. At the present time, Healthcare Provider CPR certification is only required for two groups:

- PTs certified for Practice Without Referral
- PT Aides

OAR 848-030-0000 (1) states that any PT certified for Practice Without Referral must hold a Healthcare Provider CPR card issued by the American Heart Association or equivalent.

Equivalent courses are listed in the table below. If you are unsure whether a class that you would like to take is equivalent, please contact the Board prior to taking the class. Basic CPR is not sufficient. If your CPR certification is not current and you continue to treat patients without a referral you are subjecting yourself to possible disciplinary action from the Board. If you do not have a current CPR card, or your card has lapsed, you should not continue to treat patients without referral. You must notify the Board immediately and you will be issued a license without the Direct Access certification. Once you complete the CPR, you will be reissued a license to Practice Without Referral. A duplicate license fee will apply.

Course Title	Sponsor
BLS Healthcare Provider (with AED)	American Heart Association
CPR for the Professional Rescuer (with AED)	American Red Cross
CPR- PRO (with AED supplement)	American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI)
BLS- PRO	Medic First Aid
Healthcare Provider CPR	Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

The above Healthcare Provider CPR classes cover at the minimum:

- Adult, child and infant CPR (one person and two person)
- Adult, child and infant foreign body airway obstruction
- Use of the AED (automated external defibrillator)
- Use of barrier devices, bag-masks and oxygen

The following courses are not equivalent courses to the Healthcare Provider course:

- Basic CPR
- Heartsaver CPR
- Adult CPR
- Child/ Infant CPR

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- *THIS NEWSLETTER AND PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS*
- *COMPLAINT FORMS*
- *LICENSE VERIFICATION ((for employers and credentialing agencies)*
- *COPIES OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPY STATUTES AND RULES*
- *RECENTLY ADOPTED RULE CHANGES AND PENDING RULE CHANGES*

CLARIFICATION REGARDING EVALUATION & TREATMENT IN SPECIAL SETTINGS

On August 22, 2003 the Board adopted changes to OAR 848-030-0000, Practice Without Referral (PWR). With these changes came repeated questions with regards to PWR and the requirements for certification when working within particular settings: 1) students eligible for special education; 2) student athletes; 3) residents of a long-term care facility, residential care facility, adult foster home or intermediate care facility for mental retardation. With much confusion surrounding this issue, the Board asked its Assistant Attorney General (AAG) to review legislative history and give a current opinion on the PWR statutes. The AAG's initial opinion was that therapists would need a referral or PWR certification to treat patients in the above-mentioned settings. This opinion was in direct conflict with current practice in Oregon.

The Board, realizing the large impact this change would be to both licensees and the public seeking care within these settings, elevated the issue back to the Department of Justice (DOJ) asking for a second opinion. The DOJ's second opinion determined that the statutes (688.132 and 688.134) were conflicting; therefore, it was up to the Board to determine how it would interpret, communicate and administer the statutes and rules. The Board determined that they would continue to interpret the practice without referral statutes and rules as they always had in the past, allowing licensees to treat patients in the three special settings noted above without a prescription and without PWR certification. We apologize for any confusion that this may have caused. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Board office.

PHYSICIAN OWNED PT SERVICES (POPTS)

The number of Physician Owned Physical Therapy Services (POPTS) in Oregon seems to be on the rise. We have received numerous questions regarding the legal requirements of therapists working in these clinics. Please read the rules below carefully and feel free to contact the Board office with any questions that you may have.

OAR 848-010-0050 (7)(b) states *“if involved in a relationship in which the referring source derives income from the physical therapy service, the PT has an affirmative obligation to disclose to the patient that the referring source derives income from the provision of physical therapy services”*

In addition, OAR 848-010-0050 (3) states *“A PT must accept responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment as follows:*

- *(e) Recognize the individual's freedom of choice in selection of physical therapy services. Professional affiliations, including employment relationships, are not to be used to limit access to services;*
- *(f) Professional practices and adherence to ethical principles of the Board are to take preference over business practices. Provision of services for personal financial gain rather than the need of the individual receiving the service is unethical;*
- *(k) Is obligated to advise the employer(s) of any employer practice which causes a PT or PTA to be in conflict with the ethical principles of the Board. A PT or PTA employee must attempt to rectify any aspects of employment which are in conflict with the statutes and rules of the Board.*

DID YOU KNOW?

That a PT may only supervise directly and indirectly through a physical therapist assistant a **maximum total of two** physical therapist aides?? OAR 848-020-0030 (3).

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

NAME & LICENSE NO.	DATE ACTION TAKEN	ACTION TAKEN	REASON FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Michael T. Zingg, PT License No. 3893	02/23/04	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$3000 Civil Penalty, 3 years probation with conditions.	Documentation violations.
Leo T. Porreco , PT License No. 2069	02/23/04	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$2000 Civil Penalty, 1 year probation with conditions.	Documentation violations.
Mary K. Farrell, PT License No. 3720	12/12/03	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$1500 Civil Penalty, 2 years probation with conditions.	Failure to renew license for a period of 17 months.
Marianne Mauldin , PT License No. 7525	12/01/03	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$187.50 Civil Penalty.	Failure to renew license for a period of 6 months.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Physical Therapists & Physical Therapist Assistants

Licensed from 10/10/03 through 03/01/04

Physical Therapists

BAPTISTA-MARESH, SUZANNE
 BOXX, BRENDA
 CAMPBELL, ANU
 CANALE, NICOLE
 COKASH, DANIEL
 COLEMAN, TAMRA
 CONNELLY, ANGELA
 COUGHLIN, ERIC
 DONOHO, SHARLAINA
 DuPUIS, MARY
 DURGIN, JENNIFER
 EISENSTECKEN, ERIKA
 ELLQUIST, TED
 FENWICK, DEREK
 FRANKS, NAOMI
 GURFINKEL, BRENDA
 HENRICH, NICOLE
 ISACKSON, MARK
 KENNEDY, JOSEPH
 KIM, ALEXANDRE

Physical Therapists

KRANK, DANA
 LAIRSON, ANDREA
 LUZANIA, SEAN
 NORGREN, GEORGIA
 NUSSBAUM, LANE
 O'DONNELL, THOMAS
 PAREHK, PINKY
 PATEL, JAYESH
 PIERCY, HEATHER
 QUIGLEY, ELIZABETH
 REED, LINDA K.
 SMITH, ZANE
 SOSTRIN, ISRAEL
 SULLIVAN, JAN
 TRABULSI, BRIAN
 VAP, MITCHELL
 VEREKER, RYAN
 WHITE, TAMMY M.
 WITKIEWICZ, PATTI

PT Assistants

AMICK, ERIN
 CROYLE, WAYNE
 DAMICO, JAMES
 HILL, CHRISTIE
 LEWIS, LISA
 MASTON, JAMES
 McBRIDE, DANNY
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