

Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2015

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IS YOUR LICENSE CURRENT?

All practicing therapists must hold a valid license with an expiration date of **MARCH 31, 2016**

If you are unsure if your license is current, please check the Board website: www.ptboard.state.or.us under the heading online verifications. If you find that your license has lapsed and you wish to maintain an Oregon license contact the Board office to reinstate your lapsed license. If you are treating patients with a lapsed license you must stop practicing immediately until your license is reinstated.

Two Year License Renewal Cycle Coming in 2016

Per recommendations from the 2013 Rules Advisory Committee; at its September 20, 2013 meeting, the Board approved changing from an annual renewal to a bi-annual renewal cycle. The proposed bi-annual renewal cycle will be effective with the April 1, 2016 renewal. Changing to a bi-annual renewal will put the renewal cycle in sync with the continuing competency two year cycle.

Although the out of pocket fee will be higher because it covers fees for a two year period, the Board is estimating that it will lower the overall two year fee by up to 15% for both PTs and PTAs. Stay tuned for further announcements regarding the change in the renewal cycle.

Upcoming Hearing Regarding Proposed Telehealth Rules

At its May 29, 2015 meeting in Bend the Board reviewed and approved proposed rules regarding the practice of Telehealth in Oregon. The proposed rules were generated by a Telehealth Advisory Rules Committee made up of licensees and are scheduled for public comment and hearing on Friday, August 21, 2015. A copy of the complete proposed rule language and the Notice of Proposed Rule Making Hearing with Fiscal Impact can be found on the Board website at www.ptboard.state.or.us under Current Topics/Issues or by contacting the Board office. Written testimony will be accepted until the close of the Hearing.

Clarification Regarding Ordering of X-Rays

There have been many questions lately about whether a PT is able to refer a patient for x-rays. After consultation and review by the Board's legal counsel it was determined that, in Oregon a **physical therapist may not order x-rays**. The reference to this limitation can be found in the Radiology Protection Services, Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-106-0035 ***Deliberate Exposure Restricted*** the rule says; "*Persons shall not be exposed to the useful beam except for healing art purposes until the patient has been evaluated, and a medical need for the X-ray/s is determined, and has been authorized by a physician or Dental Professional licensed to practice the healing arts in Oregon.*"

A physical therapist does not fall under the definition of a physician in the Oregon Medical Board's Statute ORS 677.010(13) and therefore they cannot order x-ray services. In addition, a PT may not refer directly to a radiologist as the radiologist does not evaluate a patient prior to the x-ray being performed. If a PT feels that a self referred patient would benefit from an x-ray, the patient must be referred to a physician who can evaluate the patient, determine the need for the x-ray and generate the order.

Clarification Regarding Purchase and Storage of Topical Medication

Pursuant to ORS 688.135, a licensed Physical Therapist **may purchase, store and administer topical and aerosol medications** as part of the practice of physical therapy. Pursuant to OAR 855-050-0070, an individual may possess a prescription drug without a prescription for the purpose of administration or delivery to a patient.

A question that commonly comes up is how can PTs acquire a prescription medication, such as dexamethasone, for use on a patient during a treatment session? Representatives from the PT Board and Pharmacy Board have met and determined that a direct sale can be made from the pharmacy to a PT via **invoice**, provided that the request is in the PTs scope of practice. An Oregon pharmacy may provide PTs with topical medications as long as the total amount distributed does not exceed 5% of the pharmacy's total number of dosages dispensed. The pharmacy Board has recommended that pharmacies have a procedure in place so that employees know what to do with this type of inquiry.

A pharmacist must use 'professional due diligence' to determine that a clinician has the authority to *possess and use* a drug. A pharmacist may ask the PT for identification and may validate the PT's license via the PT Board website. Since PTs do not have prescriptive authority, **a pharmacist should not ask for a prescription** when a PT wants to purchase dexamethasone. Furthermore, the purchase of such medication cannot be billed to a third party payor.

PTs may obtain this medication for use on patients *during clinic visits* only; **PTs do not have the authority to dispense** these medications to their patients for 'at home' use. If a patient is to use the medication at home, a prescription from a referring provider would be necessary. The Oregon Board of Pharmacy has also communicated this information to all Oregon licensed pharmacists.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

NAME & LICENSE NO.	DATE OF ACTION	ACTION TAKEN	REASON FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Christina Stamey, PT License # 4017	9/9/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$350 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Wendy Moore, PT License # 2036	9/9/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$450 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Jason Tippets, PT License # 4297	9/10/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$250 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Sarah Tonna, PT License # 4531	9/15/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$450 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Jolivette Catacutan, PT License # 60075	10/1/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$450 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Sheila Haddad, PT License # 2517	10/14/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$350 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Mark Nelson, PTA License # 8918	11/04/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: Voluntary Surrender of License	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units and failure to cooperate with the Board.
Linda Frisbey, PT License # 4655	11/25/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: Voluntary Surrender of License	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Susan Hobbel, PT License # 2495	11/25/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$550 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Craig Schramm, PT License # 60271	12/15/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$100 civil penalty	Failure to respond to Board continuing competency audit.
Steven Ramos, PTA License # 8141	1/29/2015	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$450 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Daryl Ivins, PT License # 3584	3/5/2015	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$350 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency units.
Amy Keusink, PT License # 3392	3/24/2015	INTERIM STIPULATED AGREEMENT: Agree not to practice until further Board order	Board Investigation regarding conduct and fitness to practice
Erik Zamboni, PT License # 4226	5/19/15	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$1000 civil penalty	Improper use of the title "doctor" on clinic website



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[aPTitude](#)—Free Continuing Competency Tracking Tool from FSBPT

Do you know a free online system exists for you to manage all aspects of your continuing competence and professional development activities? This comprehensive system is called [aPTitude](#) and was built by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) to help you maintain compliance with your license requirements, and support your ongoing competence efforts. ***There is no cost to use [aPTitude](#) – no matter where you are licensed and how many licenses you maintain!***

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- Be reminded of license renewal and continuing competence compliance deadlines
- Track completion progress for one or many states
- Find activities that are appropriate and relevant to you

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