

Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
Physical Therapy Advisory Committee
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In accordance with Oklahoma Administrative Code Section 435:20-7-1(e), I am requesting permission to supervise additional Physical Therapist Assistants.

PT Name: _____ License Number _____
Primary Practice Location: _____ Amount of Time Spent Per Week: _____

CURRENT SUPERVISEES

PTA Name: _____ License #: _____
Hours Per Week: _____ Years of Practice: _____
Patients Treated/Week: _____ Method of Supervision: _____

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Reason(s) for Request: _____

Status of any attempts to hire additional PT(s): _____

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435:20-7-1. Direction and supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants

(e) Supervision of additional physical therapist assistants. In unique cases, a physical therapist may petition the Chair of the Physical Therapy Committee to receive permission to supervise additional physical therapist assistants or applicants for licensure, but this decision to supervise additional assistive personnel must be reviewed and approved by the committee at the next scheduled meeting.

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(a) Responsible supervision.

(1) Physical therapists have a duty to provide therapy services that protect the public safety and maximize the availability of their services. The physical therapist assistant is the only individual permitted to assist in selected treatment interventions. A physical therapist assistant shall be supervised by a specific physical therapist or group of physical therapists working in the same practice setting or physical facility. A physical therapist assistant may not be supervised by any other person including those licensed in other professions. The physical therapist of record is accountable and responsible at all times for the direction of the actions of the physical therapist assistant when treating his/her patient. When determining the extent of assistance the physical therapist assistant can provide, the physical therapist should consider:

- (A) the physical therapist assistant's experience and skill level
- (B) the patient/client criticality and complexity
- (C) the setting in which the care is being delivered
- (D) the predictability of the patient/client outcomes
- (E) the needed frequency of re-examination

(2) A physical therapist shall not delegate to a less qualified person any service that requires the skill, knowledge and judgment of a physical therapist. For each date of service, a physical therapist shall provide all therapeutic interventions that require the expertise of a physical therapist and shall determine when assistive personnel may be used to provide delivery of services in a safe, effective, and efficient manner for each patient.

(A) A physical therapist assistant shall work under a physical therapist's direct or general supervision. A physical therapist assistant may document care provided without the co-signature of the supervising physical therapist. The physical therapist assistant will respond to acute changes in the patient's physiological state and report these findings promptly to the physical therapist. Contact, or attempts to contact the physical therapist of record, will be documented in the medical record.

(B) A physical therapist and a physical therapist assistant may use physical therapy aides for designated and immediately supervised routine tasks. The physical therapist shall not delegate the same type and level of duties to the physical therapy aide as are delegated to the physical therapist assistant. A physical therapy aide shall work under immediate supervision of the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who is continuously on-site and present in the facility.

By my signature below, I indicate that I fully comprehend the responsibilities discharged to me as a license Physical Therapist (PT) according to the Oklahoma Physical Therapy Practice Act Title 59 O.S. §§ 887.1 – 887.19 and the Oklahoma Administrative Code Title 435 Chapter 20. A Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) cannot practice in any clinical setting without the necessary Form #5, Verification of Supervision on file. Practicing without a Form #5 on file may result in disciplinary action against the PT and PTA. The PT of record is accountable and responsible at all times for the direction of the actions of the PTA when treating his/her patient. It is the responsibility of both the PT and the PTA to notify the Board of any changes to a Form #5 they have signed. The failure of a PT to provide responsible supervision may result in disciplinary action.

SIGNATURE

LICENSE #

DATE SIGNED