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THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT STUDENTS AND INTERNS

Business and Professions Codes

1398.52.1 Identification and Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistant Students Defined

- (a) A physical therapist assistant student is an unlicensed person rendering physical therapy services as part of academic training pursuant to section 2650.1 of the Code and shall only be identified as a “physical therapist assistant student.” When rendering physical therapy services, the required identification shall be clearly visible and include his or her name and working title in at least 18-point type.
- (b) The physical therapist assistant student shall be supervised by a physical therapist supervisor. A physical therapist assistant under the supervision of a physical therapist supervisor may perform as a clinical instructor of the physical therapist assistant student when rendering physical therapy services.
- (c) A physical therapist supervisor shall provide on-site supervision of the assigned patient care rendered by the physical therapist assistant student.
- (d) The physical therapist assistant student shall document each treatment in the patient record, along with his or her signature. The clinical instructor shall countersign with his or her first initial and last name in the patient's record on the same day as patient related tasks were provided by the physical therapist assistant student. The supervising physical therapist shall conduct a weekly case conference and document it in the patient record.

Credits

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2615, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2633.7, Business and Professions Code.

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