



## Physical Therapist Licensing Board

# NEWSLETTER

March 2001

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
(Except Holidays)

### NEW BOARD CHAIR

Cathy J. Zarosinski, PT, MS was elected Board Chair at the June 21, 2000 meeting. Cathy became a member of the Board in 1997.

Cathy is active in the OPTA, served as its past President, and is the Chief Delegate of the Oregon Chapter of the APTA. Cathy also serves as a member of the APTA's advisory panel on Practice.

In her work life, Cathy is the Regional Clinical Coordinator for HealthSouth.

### NEW ADMINISTRATOR

In July 2000, the Board hired Patti Gustafson as their new Executive Director. Patti brings a knowledge of State government to the job as well as experience in the private sector. She spent 10 years at OHSU as Fiscal Officer to the Dean of the Medical School and gained considerable management/administrative experience there and in other positions.

Patti grew up in a "medical/scientific" environment and feels right at home with the PT Board. She brings a sense of humor to a demanding position and is already an expert at calculating those confusing Direct Access continuing education time lines!

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

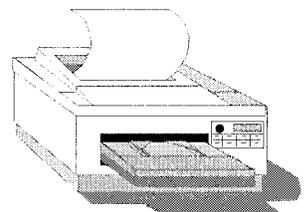
Date: Monday, April 16, 2001  
Time: 8:30 AM  
Place: Portland State Office Building  
800 NE Oregon Street, Room 445  
Portland, OR 97232

### PT/PTA LICENSE RENEWAL

License renewals are underway and you should have received your renewal notice(s) by the time you read this newsletter.

A few reminders: (1) make certain you write a **SEPARATE** check for each renewal or direct access notice! The bank cannot assign payments to the correct accounting codes if a payment covers more than one type of transaction; (2) make checks payable to: **Physical Therapist Licensing Board**; (3) make certain you indicate any changes in home and/or work address and phone number; (4) complete **both sides** of the renewal notice, answer the questions on the back side and **SIGN both sides**; (5) PT's with Direct Access: (a) make certain you complete the direct access form, **SIGN** it and include a separate check for \$15.00; (b) if you decide not to renew your direct access, you still must **sign** and **return** the form; (6) per ORS 688.100 "Any license that is not renewed **before April 1** of each year shall automatically lapse". In order to issue licenses by April 1, the Board asks that you have all renewal notices to us by **March 15, 2001**. We have one staff person to process 3,500 renewals, so you can imagine the amount of work involved and the time it takes to enter data and print each license. Please assist us by sending your renewal forms in as soon as possible and not waiting until the last minute. Any license renewal postmarked after March 31, 2001 will be subject to a \$50.00 delinquent fee.

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
HELP!**



**NOTIFICATION OF  
HOME AND/OR WORK  
ADDRESS & PHONE  
NUMBER**

A reminder, per ORS 688.180, the Board is required by law to keep a **current** record of each licensee's legal name, current home/work address and phone number on file. It is the responsibility of the licensee to notify the Board of any changes **when they occur**.

Please help us comply with the law by calling or writing us, if you move, change jobs, change name, or your phone number(s) change.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**Pulsatile Lavage with  
Concurrent Suction**

*Is pulsatile lavage with concurrent suction a modality the PTs/PTAs are permitted to use for wound care?*

In accordance with Board rules and regulations, the Board noted that wound care modalities are within the scope of physical therapy practice.

Issues regarding efficacy or endorsement of specific wound care equipment, however, are not within the jurisdiction of the Board.

**Initial Treatment & Follow-up  
Treatment for Direct Access  
Patients**

The Board noted that the intent of the Practice without Referral law means that **ONLY** the PT certified for direct access may conduct the initial evaluation and treat the patient during the initial 30-day period. Other PTs, PTAs or PT Aides may not provide any

clinic patient treatment under the direct access provision.

**Manipulation**

*May PTs advertise for and administer "manipulation" services?*

Manipulation is within the scope of practice for PTs. Oregon statute and administrative rule do not differentiate between manipulation and mobilization.

**Osteoporosis Exercise Class**

*Does a PT need to be certified for direct access in order to teach an osteoporosis exercise class to participants who do not have a physician's referral?*

If the osteoporosis class is part of the treatment plan for a diagnosed condition, the PT is providing treatment and must comply with physical therapy statutes and rules. If the class is directed at general fitness and promotes community health education, the statutes and rules do not apply.

**Drug Regimen**

*Is it within the scope of practice for PTs to perform drug regimen reviews as part of the OASIS (Home Health Assessment) evaluation?*

It is within the scope of practice for a PT to assess a patient's ability to follow directions, physically take their own medications, and to document current medical regimens.

Identification of adverse effects, drug reactions, significant side effects and drug interactions are not within the scope of PT practice.



**Therapist/Patient Business  
Relationship**

*Is it appropriate for a PT/PTA to enter into a business relationship with a patient or former patient?*

A therapist/patient business relationship is not inappropriate because the potential for patient exploitation is minimal. However, the therapist enters into such a relationship at his/her own risk.

**Signature on Physician's  
Orders**

*Is the referring physician required to sign orders?*

Per OAR 848-040-0000(2)(d), signatures may be by written signature or initials, rubber-stamp signature or computer key. The issue of written signatures comes into play because Medicare, Medicaid and other third party billing entities require it.

**Physicians' Orders in a Skilled  
Nursing Facility**

*Are physician referrals required in a skilled nursing facility?*

Skilled nursing facilities do not require PTs to obtain a physician's referral, however a PTA must always have a PT's evaluation and treatment plan before working with a patient. Medicare and other payers may require a referral.

**Sub-Leasing Space to a  
Fitness Facility**

*May the owner of a PT practice sub-lease space to a senior citizen fitness center for a few hours per day?*

There is nothing in the administrative

rules that indicate a business cannot lease space to another organization. It is the Board's recommendation, that in order to minimize potential confusion for PT patients and fitness clients, steps be taken to distinguish between the two services.

### Does PT have Responsibility to Supervise Restorative Aides?

*In a Skilled Nursing Home setting, does PT have responsibility to supervise a Restorative Aides?*

No, supervision of Restorative Aides is the responsibility of Nursing. Further, the PT is professionally responsible for exercising sound judgement in appropriately discharging the patient from physical therapy, but not for the actions of a Restorative Aide after discharge.

### Using EEG Biofeedback to Treat Drug and Alcohol Patients

*Is it within the scope of PT practice to use EEG biofeedback to treat drug and alcohol patients?*

No. It is not within the scope of a PT practice to use EEG biofeedback. If a PT has had training as an EEG technician, and is acting in that capacity, it is not within the jurisdiction of the Physical Therapist Licensing Board.

### Supervision of PTA in Hospital Setting on Weekends

*If a PTA is working a rotating weekend shift in a hospital, does a PT need to be on-site while the PTA is administering care?*

No, but the PT must be available by phone at all times and the PTA must be following a treatment plan already

established by the PT in charge of the patient.

### Challenging the PT/PTA Examination in Oregon

*Is it possible to "challenge" the PT or PTA licensure examination in the State of Oregon?*

No. Oregon does not permit challenging the examination for either PT or PTA licensure. All candidates must attend and graduate from an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant school and meet all educational requirements.

### Discharging Patients

*May a PTA discharge a patient?*

No. A PTA may write a "discharge summary" which outlines the patient's treatment while in care, but only the PT may discharge the patient and sign the patient's chart accordingly.

### Wound Care

*Are there restrictions on PTs doing wound care?*

There are no restrictions on PTs doing wound care. A therapist may do any and all aspects of wound care, up to and including sharp debridement. Wound pathology, healing and care are taught in the core curriculum of all PT programs.

### Revision of Patient Goals

*May a PTA revise goals that have been established by the PT?*

No. ONLY PTs may set goals. A PTA may report goal achievement and document changes that have occurred.



## NEW LICENSEES

FROM 06/20/00 TO 02/22/01

### PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

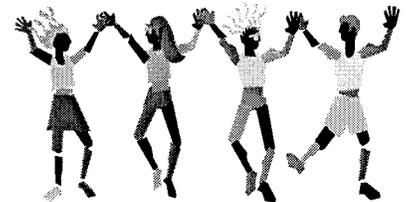
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 Natalie Beltram, PT  
 Matthew Booth, PT  
 Emilie Brewster, PT  
 Christina Buettell, PT  
 Melodie Burdette, PT  
 Susan Capps, PT  
 John Carzoli, PT  
 Johathan Caulley, PT  
 James Cenova, PT  
 Michelle Chabot, PT  
 Emily Daniels, PT  
 Stephen Davis, PT  
 Nadine de Klerk, PT  
 Kent Factora, PT  
 Ryan Farr, PT  
 Doris Frank, PT  
 Joanne Gordon, PT  
 Mary Gorman, PT  
 Emily Grady, PT  
 Gary Gray, PT  
 Naomi Grossman, PT  
 Elizabeth Hahne, PT  
 Avilio Halme, PT  
 Richard Hansen, PT  
 Brad Henry, PT  
 Gloria Holman, PT  
 Patricia Ianora, PT  
 Bradley Kelly, PT  
 Jenifer Kiernan, PT  
 Melissa Lathrop, PT  
 Jonna Leighton, PT  
 Stacy Lipscomb, PT  
 Teresa Lynch, PT  
 Erik Meira, PT  
 Gregory Miles, PT  
 Beata Moreno, PT  
 Megan Munsell, PT  
 Christian Nihem, PT  
 Mariane Pape, PT  
 Sharna Prasad, PT  
 Bethany Schumacher, PT  
 Sarah Spooner, PT  
 Suzanne Sterrett, PT  
 Jill Sutkus, PT  
 Brandon Tilton, PT  
 Brenda Timms, PT

**PHYSICAL THERAPISTS****Continued**

Erik Aspengren, PT  
 Nancy Banasky, PT  
 Sherri Barash, PT  
 Crae Berrett, PT  
 Sara Bogner, PT  
 Janine Boyer, PT  
 Kelly Brunsmann, PT  
 Lindsey Burdick, PT  
 Kenji Carp, PT  
 Scott Colling, PT  
 Karen Counts, PT  
 Christen Davidson-Juhnke, PT  
 Serena DeTienne, PT  
 Michel Edgerton, PT  
 Beth Finkbeiner, PT  
 Dana Fleck, PT  
 Dana Forti, PT  
 Holly Fritz, PT  
 Mark Gardner, PT  
 Leslie Goldstein, PT  
 James Gorham, PT  
 Anne Huffinton-Carroll, PT  
 Amy Hussey, PT  
 Janelle Jaszczak, PT  
 Julie Johnson, PT  
 John Kenney, PT  
 Jeremy Kern, PT  
 Laurie King, PT  
 Adam Laraway, PT  
 Kathleen Litke, PT  
 Ronald Lopez, PT  
 Neisha Lundberg, PT  
 Cuong Luong, PT  
 Carrie Macek, PT  
 Lori Mathis, PT  
 Marina McCulloch, PT  
 Rachel Menasche, PT  
 Brandon Millar, PT  
 Molly Murphy, PT  
 Donna Mussitsch-Manning, PT  
 Thomas Niggel, PT  
 Jeffrey Patterson, PT  
 Kaireen Patton, PT  
 Michael Pennington, PT  
 Eric Percy-Fine, PT  
 Nancy Puth, PT  
 Stanley Schrader, PT  
 Lloyd Shell, PT  
 Kathleen Vasquez, PT  
 Scott Wallace, PT  
 Betty Wright, PT  
 Bonnie Yeisley, PT

Kathryn Anderson, PT  
 Gina Asher, PT  
 Darren Benton, PT  
 Ingrid Black, PT  
 Jocelyn Bohnet, PT  
 Tyler Bohnet, PT  
 Clara Burich, PT  
 Jodi Cady, PT  
 Eric Carlson, PT  
 Daniel Chudleigh, PT  
 Julie Dresch, PT  
 Carrol Esterhuizen, PT  
 Dustin Fieldsted, PT  
 Stephanie Friedman, PT  
 Peggy Funk, PT  
 Kimberly Gaskin, PT  
 Nick George, PT  
 Jennifer Gramlich, PT  
 Greg Halvorson, PT  
 Kimberly Hillis, PT  
 Mark Hyder, PT  
 Lori Janosek, PT  
 Amy Johns, PT  
 Zachary Jones, PT  
 Nicholas Karayannis, PT  
 Emily Kruger, PT  
 James Lee, PT  
 Roman Lu, PT  
 Homer Mays, PT  
 Steven McKenzie, PT  
 April Milan, PT  
 Julie Minson, PT  
 Eric Mozeleski, PT  
 Tamara Mucha, PT  
 Julianna Myaing, PT  
 Robert Nee, PT  
 Tawney Nelson, PT  
 Krista O'Brien, PT  
 Cynthia Ohnheiser, PT  
 Julie Robertson, PT  
 Jason Roda, PT  
 Kelly Ross, PT  
 Willie Sandry, PT  
 Burke Selbst, PT  
 Alva Shumway, PT  
 Timothy Slinger, PT  
 Kathryn Smith, PT  
 Christina Stamey, PT  
 Janelle Sunnarborg, PT  
 Robert Tucker, PT  
 Jennifer Tuttle, PT  
 Laurie Van Cott, PT  
 Krista Walter, PT  
 Jill Wenneson, PT  
 Sharyn Witmer, PT

Christopher Dayger, PT  
 Tanya Druffel, PT  
 David Golda, PT  
 David Henry, PT  
 Kerry Hertel, PT  
 Laura Hoffman, PT  
 William Horning, PT  
 Megan Ledyard, PT  
 Laura Parker, PT  
 Thomas Pugh, PT  
 Keith Reagan, PT  
 Valerie Romanello, PT  
 Julie Rosenberg, PT  
 Jeffrey Schlosser, PT  
 Michele Shivack, PT  
 Judy Sills, PT  
 Jennifer Sweany, PT  
 Candis Synsvoll, PT  
 Chad Tenney, PT  
 Shendra Thorpe, PT  
 Ann Topping, PT  
 Sarah Wecker, PT  
 Kurt Wessenberg, PT  
 Terri West, PT  
 Joanna Yant, PT  
 Gregory Zadow, PT  
 Jennifer Zimney, PT



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**PHYSICAL THERAPISTS**

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**ASSISTANTS**

**FROM 06/15/00 TO 02/21/01**

Sara Barba, PTA  
 Janet Benjamin, PTA  
 Kari Brotnov, PTA  
 Jill Christner, PTA  
 Tami Cochran, PTA  
 Kimberly Cornie, PTA  
 Lisa Farnen, PTA  
 Andrea Farnsworth, PTA

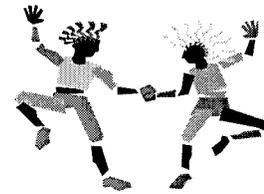
**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS**

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Gayle Fenwick, PTA  
 Susan Gabriel, PTA  
 Jacqueline Gallegos, PTA  
 Alicia Garza, PTA  
 Kari Hamstra, PTA  
 Debra Hawks, PTA  
 Tiffany Henry, PTA  
 Emily Herndon, PTA  
 Nicole Henry, PTA  
 Jennifer Kanyuch, PTA  
 Ilene Kindorf, PTA  
 Steven Ramos, PTA

Karen Gilmore, PTA  
 Jennifer Koivisto, PTA  
 Katie Kopec, PTA  
 Joanne Lenz, PTA  
 Kristen Lidgren, PTA  
 Gabriel Martin, PTA  
 Malia McDevitt, PTA  
 Jason Mendell, PTA  
 Deanna Milner, PTA  
 Michele O'Leary, PTA  
 Jason Paulsen, PTA  
 Marie Perry, PTA  
 Toni Rickman, PTA  
 Melody Sanchez, PTA  
 Jamie Sertic, PTA  
 Michele Thompson, PTA  
 Juan Valdes, PTA

Elizabeth Vanderzanden, PTA  
 Kara Voth, PTA  
 Debra Wernowsky, PTA  
 Eleanor Wild, PTA



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**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS**

**THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE RULES HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS FINAL RULES**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL MODEL RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**848-001-0005**

Describes the Model Rules of Procedure the Board is required to follow in contested case hearings.

**TIME FOR REQUESTING A CONTESTED CASE HEARING**

**848-010-0115**

Requests for a contested case hearing must be in writing and must be received by the Board within twenty-one (21) days from the date the Order was served.

**BOARD FEES**

**848-010-0110**

Adopts new fees and amends existing fees to reflect direct and indirect costs of operation. Brings fees closer in line to those charged by other physical therapist licensing boards. Provides funding to allow Board to hire a part-time physical therapist to assist with investigations and respond to practice related inquires.

**FILING EXCEPTIONS AND ARGUMENTS TO THE BOARD**

**848-010-0120**

After a proposed Order has been served, the Board shall notify the party regarding the time frame that written exceptions must be filed and the date the party may appear before the Board to present arguments.

**PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR REHEARING AS CONDITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

**848-010-0125**

All parties must file a petition for reconsideration or rehearing with the Board, to obtain a judicial review of any Order issued by the Board.

**TEMPORARY PERMITS**

**848-010-0026**

Defines criteria for Board to issue Temporary Permits to: (1) first time US educated graduates; (2) US educated endorsement applicants; and (3) foreign educated applicants. Temporary permits are effective for three months and cost \$50.00.

**DIRECT ACCESS**

**DIRECT ACCESS IN TERMS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND. . . HOPEFULLY!**

Per OAR 848-030-0000, Practice without Referral, or Direct Access for short, is awarded to physical therapists who complete additional education and maintain a current American Heart Association CPR, Level C certificate. Under Direct Access, a physical therapist is permitted to treat patients, up to 30 days, without a doctor's referral.

To become certified for Direct Access, PTs are required to complete an 18-hour Medical Screening course, pass an open book test with a score of 80% or higher, and complete an additional 32 hours of continuing education that meet the criteria set forth in the rule. The 32 hours of continuing education must be completed within the first three years of certification. For example: if a PT becomes certified on 03/13/98, count forward three years to determine the date all continuing education must be completed, or 03/13/01.

During this first three-year period, you must complete a total of 50 hours of continuing education; 18 hours + 32 hours = 50 hours. Eighteen hours of this requirement have already been met by taking the Medical Screening course, so you have 32 hours to go!

**NOTE:** Your Direct Access initial certification date is always used to count forward and determine the subsequent three-year time frames. For example: if your initial certification date is 03/13/98, your first three-year period ends 03/13/01. Your new three-year period begins on 03/13/01 and ends on 03/13/04, and so forth. The month and date do not change, only the year.

Now, the fun part! After completing the first three-year period, you must continue to complete 50 hours of continuing education every three years.

Ten of these hours must be the Medical Screening Refresher course and must be completed six months prior to the beginning of the new three-year period or within the first year of the new three-year period. For example:

<b>03/13/98</b>	18 hrs	Initial certification date
<b>03/13/01</b>	32 hrs	End of first three-year period
<b>09/13/00 through 03/13/02</b>	10 hrs	Time frame to complete Medical Screening Refresher course for second three-year period
<b>03/13/04</b>	40 hrs	End of second three-year period
<b>09/13/03 through 03/13/05</b>	10 hrs	Time frame to complete Medical Screening Refresher course for third three-year period
<b>03/13/07</b>	40 hrs	End of third three-year period

And so forth.

**DIRECT ACCESS continued**

**NOTE:** If you fail to complete the Medical Screening Refresher course or the 40 hours of continuing education within the time permitted in OAR 848-030-0000 (3), you must begin over again, by taking the Medical Screening course. You will be asked to return your license to the Board's office, pay a fee for a Duplicate License and will not be permitted to Practice without Referral until you pass the Medical Screening course with a score of 80% or higher.

Remember, it is incumbent upon the PT with Direct Access to understand the requirements and assure completion of the continuing education requisites. If you have any questions regarding Direct Access in general or need assistance in determining your continuing education timelines, please call the Board office at 503-731-4047 and ask to speak with Patti Gustafson. She will be happy to assist you.

**CHANGE IN DIRECT ACCESS PROCEDURE**

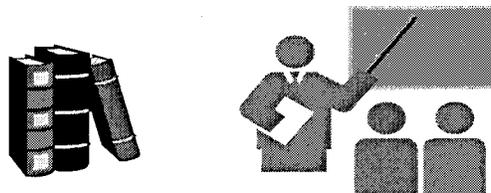
**BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2001**, all PTs with Direct Access will be required to submit to the Board's office: (1) proof of current CPR, Level C certification; and (2) a copy of the Certificate of Completion for all continuing education courses taken to meet the requirements of Direct Access. The certificate must include the date of the class, total hours attended, the name of the course and the name/signature of the instructor. You do not need to submit a copy of the course curriculum, however, you should keep a copy for your files, as the Board may request this information if they have questions about the course. This documentation will be kept in your licensing file and entered into the computer database under continuing education. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION FOR COURSEWORK TAKEN PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2001.**

**DIRECT ACCESS COURSES OFFERED IN 2001**

The Oregon Physical Therapy Association (OPTA) 503-262-9247 will offer the Medical Screening course and the Medical Screening Refresher course on the following dates:

**04/6-8/01 - Medical Screening for the PT**  
*Providence Medical Center, Portland, OR*

**09/22-23/01 - Medical Screening Refresher for the PT**  
*Salem Hospital, Salem OR*



### IMPORTANT POINTS

- (1) Never say anything to a patient that you would not be willing to say in front of your licensing Board, your employer, the patient's spouse or partner or your spouse or partner.
- (2) Jokes and bantering of a sexual nature with patients are always inappropriate.
- (3) The therapist controls the atmosphere and tone of the therapy session. The tone may be friendly and relaxed, but should be professional at all times.
- (4) The therapist must be fully aware, at all times, of any physical contact with the patient.
- (5) It is inappropriate, unprofessional and potentially illegal to begin a personal relationship with a patient while the patient is in the therapist's care.
- (6) Hostile environment sexual harassment is in the "eye of the beholder". The impact of behavior carries more legal weight than the intent.

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### MANDATORY REPORTING

Just a reminder, that physical therapist law requires licensees, or any person, to report all suspected violations of statute or administrative rule to the Board (ORS 688.230). Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action. Reports are confidential as provided under ORS 676.175.

### BOARD VACANCIES

The Board will have two openings for Board positions this year. The first is to replace the Board's public member, Dorthea Petersen, whose second four-year term expires May 27, 2001. The second is to replace the Board's physical therapist member, Arlene Harris, whose four-year term expires September 15, 2001. Arlene has chosen not to serve a second term. Both have provided dedicated, valued service to the Board and their expertise will be missed. Thank you Arlene and Dorthea for your contribution!

If any of you are interested in serving on the Board or know a physical therapist or member of the public who is, please contact Patti Gustafson, at the Board's office, at 503-731-4047. The Board encourages ethnic and racial minorities or those who are bilingual to apply.



### MEETING WITH

#### BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS

On January 18, 2001, Cathy Zarosinski, Board Chair and Patti Gustafson, Executive Director met with the Director and members of the Health Licensing Office to discuss a variety of topics regarding the Board of Athletic Trainers.

Some of the items discussed included: investigation of complaints; enforcement; respective scopes of practice; education of school districts regarding scope of practice and duties of athletic trainers; and effective ways to work together to protect consumers.

Regarding scope of practice issues, the group discussed practice requirements for athletic trainers and physical therapists. Cathy explained that the athletic trainer's scope of practice does not include:

- (1) industrial medicine
- (2) workers compensation
- (3) serving as consultants to industry; or
- (4) ergonomics

Both agencies will continue to work together, discuss issues that may arise and share information.

### FSBPT SPRING MEETING

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) will hold their 2001 Annual Meeting, April 19-23 in Scottsdale, AZ. The Board Chair and Administrator will both attend.

The program will include discussion regarding: continuing competence; scope of practice; technology; changes in physical therapy education, accreditation and legislation; post-baccalaureate degree requirements and implications for licensure; evaluating educational credentials: FCCPT; educational systems and curricula of FEPTS; and the application process and score reporting.

### NEWSLETTER ON WEBSITE

This Newsletter will be available on the Physical Therapist Licensing Board website at [www.ptboard.state.or.us](http://www.ptboard.state.or.us).



## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

PT/PTA	DATE/STATUS OF ACTION	ACTION TAKEN	REASON FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION
PT	03/22/99 Hearing Requested by Licensee	ORDER OF IMMEDIATE LICENSE SUSPENSION; NOTICE OF PROPOSED LICENSE REVOCATION	Licensee engaged in sexual impropriety with two different patients on two separate occasions (violation of OAR 848-010-0050; ORS 688.140 (2) (d).
PT	06/16/99	CONSENT ORDER: One-year probation. Licensee must obtain referrals per ORS 688.130 before treating patients; patients must be appropriately gowned; licensee must obtain counseling approved by the Board.	Licensee engaged in sexual impropriety with patient (violation of OAR 848-010-0050; ORS 688.140 (2) (d).
PT	01/24/00	CONSENT ORDER: \$500 Civil penalty; six-month probation; provide Board with copy of: policy & procedure manual for clinic; employee disciplinary procedures; standards & employee requirements for documenting patient care; policy for PT supervision of PTAs & PT aides; policy for patient evaluations & reassessments; position descriptions for PTs, PTAs & PT aides employed in clinic.	Complaint against PT for failure to perform re-evaluation of returning patient, who was assigned to a PTA, prior to treatment after patient had break in treatment of more than 30 days (violation of OAR 848-040-0040); failure to perform re-assessment of patient at least once each month thereafter (violation of OAR 848-040-0040).
PT	02/16/00	CONSENT ORDER: Six-month probation; licensee to provide Board with copy of facility policies & procedures regarding: (1) patient referrals between Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy; (2) evaluation of patients prior to treatment administered by PTAs; and (3) supervision of PTAs.	Licensee allowed physical therapist assistant to practice under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist (violation of OAR 848-010-0045).
PTA	02/28/00	CONSENT ORDER: Reprimand.	PTA practicing under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist (violation of OAR 848-010-0045).
PT - 1	09/29/00	CEASE & DESIST LETTER: Cease and desist immediately the use of any type of aide to perform physical therapy tasks or treatment unless under direct supervision of a physical therapist.	Inappropriate use of aides. Allowing home health aides to provide in-home patient exercise instruction and/or instruction in new exercises without the direct supervision of a physical therapist (violation of OAR 848-020-0030, OAR 848-020-0050 and OAR 848-020-0060 (9) and (11).
PT - 2	09/29/00	CEASE & DESIST LETTER: Cease and desist immediately the use of any type of aide to perform physical therapy tasks or treatment unless under direct supervision of a physical therapist.	Inappropriate use of aides. Allowing home health aides to provide in-home patient exercise instruction and/or instruction in new exercises without the direct supervision of a physical therapist (violation of OAR 848-020-0030, OAR 848-020-0050 and OAR 848-020-0060 (9) and (11).
PT	10/16/00 Hearing Requested by Licensee	INTERIM CONSENT ORDER: Suspension of License	Patient allegation of sexual contact (violation of OAR 848-010-0050; ORS 688.140 (2) (d). Suspension of license pending further Order of the Board.
PT	11/13/00	CONSENT ORDER: One year probation; Civil penalty of \$5,000; licensee to pay \$500, \$4,500 stayed on condition license comply with Consent Order; six-month suspension of Practice without Referral certification; licensee to provide Board with written policies & procedures regarding medical record management; licensee shall allow Board to conduct unannounced audit(s) of facility during license probation.	Patient charting violations and Practice without Referral violations: (1) providing treatments to Direct Access patient for eight months without obtaining physician referral; (2) failure to record treatments administered in patient records; and (3) inadequate recording of information in patient charts (violation of OAR 848-040-0000, OAR 848-040-0010, OAR 848-040-0020, OAR 848-040-0030, OAR 848-040-0040, OAR 848-040-0050; OAR 848-030-0000).

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS Continued**

PT/PTA	DATE/STATUS OF ACTION	ACTION TAKEN	REASON FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION
PT	11/15/00	CONSENT ORDER: Reprimand	Inadvertently, hired employee without a current license. Failure of employer to ask employee for proof of current licensure. Incumbent on employer to assure that all employees hold current licenses (violation of ORS 688.020).
PT	11/17/00	CONSENT ORDER: Reprimand	Failure to renew license by March 31 <sup>st</sup> deadline. Inadvertently continued to practice physical therapy without a current license (violation of ORS 688.020).
PT Applicant	11/13/00	CONSENT ORDER: Five years probation; licensee must provide copy of Consent Order to all potential physical therapy employers; licensee shall cause employer to provide Board with written performance appraisals every six months; licensee shall obey all laws and rules applicable to physical therapy practice; licensee shall not engage in any conduct involving dishonesty.	Applicant for licensure by endorsement provided false information on license application (violation of OAR 848-010-0050 (1) (c); ORS 688.140).
PT	11/23/00	NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTION	Inappropriate touching of patients and co-workers (violation of OAR 848-010-0050 (l) (i) (B)).
PT	12/14/00	CONSENT ORDER: Reprimand; Civil penalty \$1,000.	Unprofessional conduct: failure to supervise interns during patient care; incomplete progress notes on patients; conducting personal activity during patient treatment time; and misstating treatment time spent with patients (violation of ORS 688.140 (1) & (1) (e)).
PT	01/12/01 Hearing Requested by Licensee	ORDER OF IMMEDIATE LICENSE SUSPENSION	Licensee engaged in sexual conduct with patient during treatment; licensee engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient while patient was receiving treatment (violation of OAR 848-010-0050 (l) (i) (B); ORS 688.140 (1) (c) and ORS 183.430 (2)).

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