Evidence in Motion Position Statement on Providing Continuing Education for OTs, PTAs, and ATCs

Position:
Primary faculty and lab assistants associated with Evidence in Motion do not engage in the teaching of examination or treatment skills unique to a physical therapist’s scope of practice to OTs or PTAs, ATCs, and other individuals working under the license of the physical therapist. Therefore, only licensed physical therapists may attend Evidence in Motion courses that teach or emphasize manual therapy skills (mobilization/manipulation), trigger point dry needling, or other PT specific skills.

Onsite, hands-on courses available to only licensed physical therapists include:

- Management of Lumbopelvic Disorders
- Management of Cervical Thoracic Disorders
- Management of Lower Extremity Disorders
- Management of Upper Extremity Disorders*
- Integrated Trigger Point Dry Needling for the Lower Quarter
- Integrated Trigger Point Dry Needling for the Upper Quarter
- Evidence-Based Sports Physical Therapy Competencies
- Manipalooza – Annual Conference

*OTs may be allowed to attend a portion (14 credit hours) of the Management of Upper Extremity Disorders at approved locations. (Please contact Donna@eimpt.com for more information).

Online courses available to only licensed physical therapists include:

- Essentials of Medical Screening
- Essentials of Musculoskeletal Imaging
- Essentials of Pharmacology and Clinical Lab Tests
- Manual Therapy History and Professional Growth
- Introduction to the Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Spinal Pain
- OCS and SCS Preparatory Courses

Assuming all registration requirements are met, courses that may be available to OTs, PTAs and/or ATCs include:

- Evidence-Based Practice: Level 1
- Evidence-Based Practice: Level 2
- Business Management Principles for the Physical Therapist
- Emergency Medical Response Course
- Optimizing Patient Handling

The rationale for this policy is included below.
**Rationale:**

1) Evidence in Motion supports the position statements of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and American Academy of Orthopaedic and Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT). The position statements are included below.

2) Evidence in Motion collaborates with accrediting bodies and universities in the delivery of online and onsite coursework. These courses are associated with their Postprofessional DPT, Orthopaedic and Sports Residency, and Manual Therapy Fellowship programs. Due to strict university accreditation standards, graduate or program credit cannot be offered for courses in which individuals with an Associate Degree (i.e. PTA) are in attendance.

**APTA-AAOMPT Position Statements on Interventions Exclusively Performed By Physical Therapists**

**Note:** AAOMPT adopted these APTA position statements as AAOMPT positions during the business meeting in Salt Lake City, UT at the AAOMPT Annual Conference in 2005.

**PROCEDURAL INTERVENTIONS EXCLUSIVELY PERFORMED BY PHYSICAL THERAPISTS – HOD 06-00-30-36 (Program 32)**

*It is the position of the American Physical Therapy Association that:*

The physical therapist's scope of practice as defined by the American Physical Therapy Association Guide to Physical Therapist Practice includes interventions performed by physical therapists. These interventions include procedures performed exclusively by physical therapists and selected interventions that can be performed by the physical therapist assistant under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist. Interventions that require immediate and continuous examination and evaluation throughout the intervention are performed exclusively by the physical therapist include, but are not limited to, spinal and peripheral joint mobilization/manipulation, which are components of manual therapy, and sharp selective debridement, which is a component of wound management.

**CLINICAL CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS – HOD 06-02-26-49 (Program 65) [Initial HOD 06-01-28-28]**

*It is the position of the American Physical Therapy Association that:*

Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants conducting clinical continuing education courses are obligated to identify target audiences and indicate in the printed, lecture, and advertising materials that course content is not intended for use by participants outside the scope of their license or regulation.

Furthermore, they should make it clear when teaching elements of physical therapist patient/client management that subsequent use of those elements is physical therapy only when performed by a physical therapist or by a physical therapist assistant under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist, in accordance with Association policies, positions, guidelines, standards, and the Code of Ethics.

In the interest of public safety, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants should not conduct clinical continuing education courses that teach elements of physical therapist patient/client management to individuals who are not licensed or otherwise regulated, except as they are involved in a specific plan of care, and in accordance with Association policies, positions, guidelines, standards, and the Code of Ethics. (Program 65 – Professional Development, ext 3206).