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Board of Physical Therapy Examiners



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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley:

As Chair of the South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy, I am proud to support Governor Haley's Task Force on Domestic Violence. We appreciate the attention that the Governor's Office has brought to this important issue. Our Board received information regarding the Task Force's progress during our meetings in 2015, specifically discussing the educational resources available to our licensees. Our Board supports and encourages our licensees to become better educated about domestic violence. At the Physical Therapy Board, we are aware of the positive role our licensees can play both professionally and in the community. We strongly encourage our licensees to take part in continuing education that focuses on domestic violence.

Our Board will propose an information distribution in the coming months to all of our licensees detailing the continuing education available to them, as well as the resources available to our patients so that our licensees may refer affected patients to the appropriate services. Additionally, our Board will develop a Position Statement regarding domestic violence.

I look forward to continuing to assist the Domestic Violence Task Force as well as furthering the goal of reducing domestic violence in our state. Our Board will continue to contribute to that goal in any way we are able.

With kind regards,

Marilyn M. Swygert, P.T., D.P.T.
Chair



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Available Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence CE Courses (Online)

PROVIDER	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	COST	APPROVED
APTA Learning Center	Guidelines for Recognizing and Providing Care for: Victims of Domestic Violence (Currently Unavailable 4/15/2016)	2.0	Nonmember: \$24.95 Member: \$13.95	APTA
Virtual Lecture Hall	Current Management of Domestic Violence – Responding to IPV	Up to 16.00 Cat. 1 credits	\$25.00/ credit	ACCME
	A Clinician’s Guide to Sexual Assault	2.0	\$50.00	ACCME
Wild Iris Medical Education, Inc.	Domestic Violence Education	3.00	\$24.00	Other State PT Boards
Medscape	Intimate Partner Abuse: Identifying, Caring for and Helping Women in Healthcare Settings	1.00	0.00	ACCME
AKH, Inc	Domestic Violence	2.0	\$25.00	ACCME
	Domestic Violence: Focus on Child Abuse	3.0	\$25.00	ACCME
Continuingeducation.com	Adolescent Dating Violence	1.0	Nonmember: \$19.00 Member: \$9.50	Other State PT Boards
	Domestic Violence in Adults and Children	2.0	Nonmember: \$24.00 Member: \$12.00	ACCME

*The above table is a sample of continuing education courses addressing domestic violence/intimate partner violence available when drafted. This is not an exhaustive list of all courses that meet the below referenced criteria. South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners do not have any affiliation with the CE providers.

**The South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners approved the above courses for use at the 01/14/2016 board meeting.



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101-07 Continuing Education.

Continuing education requirements become effective upon approval by the Governor and must first be reported beginning in 2002 and thereafter.

- (1) Every licensed physical therapist and physical therapist assistant shall earn 3.0 CEUs or thirty (30) hours of acceptable continuing education credit per biennium year.
- (2) Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants licensed in South Carolina will not have a CEU requirement for the first biennium renewal period in which they are initially licensed. Graduates of a Board approved educational program and initially licensed are said to have met the CEU requirement for the first biennium renewal year.
- (3) Standards for approval of continuing education. A continuing education activity which meets all of the following criteria is appropriate for continuing education credit:
 - (a) it constitutes an organized program of learning (including a workshop or symposium) which contributes directly to the professional competency of the licensee; and
 - (b) it pertains to common subjects or other subject matters which integrally relate to the practice of physical therapy; and
 - (c) it is conducted by individuals who have a special education, training, and experience by reason of which said individuals should be considered experts concerning the subject matter of the program and is accompanied by a paper, manual, or outline which substantively pertains to the subject matter of the program and reflects program schedule, including:
 - (1) fulfilling stated program goals or objectives, or both;
 - (2) providing proof of attendance to include original certificate with participant's name, date, place, course title, presenter(s), and number of program contact hours; and
 - (d) the Board will not grant prior approval but each licensee will be responsible for ensuring that each course submitted for continuing education credit meets these standards.
- (4) The following courses are automatically approved for required contact hours:
 - (a) APTA (American Physical Therapy Association) and SCAPTA (South Carolina American Physical Therapy Association) sponsored courses. APTA home study courses, and courses sponsored by other state professional physical therapy associations;
 - (b) college course work which is judged germane to the practice of physical therapy and is conducted or sponsored by accredited institutions of higher education; and
 - (c) AMA (American Medical Association) continuing education courses that involve physical therapy; and
 - (d) in-service hours totaling 0.4 CEUs maximum per biennium; and
 - (e) CPR of 0.4 CEUs per biennium; and
 - (f) any appropriate physical therapy continued competency tools developed by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) and/or the American Physical Therapy Association; the Board will assign contact hour credit to each appropriate tool on a case by case basis;
 - (g) achievement or renewal of any Clinical Specialist Certification through the American Physical Therapy Association will be considered as meeting the education requirement for the entire licensure biennium in which the certification or renewal is received; and
 - (h) such other providers as approved by the Board.



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American Physical Therapy Association – Position Statement

FAMILY VIOLENCE BOD P03-05-10-27 [Position]

Family violence can be defined as the intentional intimidation or abuse of children, adults, or elders by a family member, spouse/partner, or caretaker to gain power and control over the victim. Abuse has many forms, including physical and sexual assault, emotional or psychological mistreatment, threats and intimidation, economic abuse and violation of individual rights. It is imperative that physical therapists and physical therapists assistants be aware of the prevalence of violence in all sectors of society and be alert for its effects in their encounters with virtually every patient. Family violence crosses all socioeconomic lines and can affect anyone regardless of race, age, culture, or sexual orientation. Physical therapists and physical therapists assistants are in an ideal position to provide intervention through routine screening and the identification of abuse, can serve as sympathetic listeners, and be a central referral source for other resources in the community.

In addition, APTA supports ongoing education programs for members on screening, recognition, and treatment of violence; developing university-, hospital-, or office-based protocols and policies about family violence; publicizing the hotline numbers for organizations that help practitioners and patients deal with abuse; participating in public policy initiatives and legislative reform to protect victims; and partnering with other organizations committed to decreasing family violence.

Relationship to Vision 2020: Professionalism; (Minority & Women's Initiatives Department, ext 8560)

Explanation of Reference Numbers: BOD P00-00-00-00 stands for Board of Directors/month/year/page/vote in the Board of Directors Minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, BOD P11-97-06-18 means that this position can be found in the November 1997 Board of Directors minutes on Page 6 and that it was Vote 18.

P: Position | S: Standard | G: Guideline | Y: Policy | R: Procedure