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Your Board

The Board is a licensing and regulatory organization created to protect the public from incompetent, unprofessional and unlawful practice of physical therapy. Laws are established to set forth standards for the practice of physical therapy, continuing education and testing, and to define the scope and limitations of practice. The board receives, investigates and adjudicates complaints against licensees. The most important function of the board is consumer protection. The Board strives to provide service and leadership that promotes safe and competent physical therapy practice.

The Board is made up of four therapists, one from each Congressional District, and a Public Member, each appointed by the Governor for a three-year term. The Board office is responsible for administering initial licensure in Arkansas and the renewal of licenses of those therapists who meet the ongoing qualifications. The Board approves continuing education courses and tracks each licensee's accumulated CEU's. The Board is charged with interpreting the Physical Therapy Practice Act by issuing Rules and Regulations.

The Board has the responsibility for investigating and acting on complaints filed against a licensed therapist or assistant. When needed, the Board will hold a Public Hearing to determine if the therapist or as-

stant has committed a violation of the Practice Act. The Board has the authority and responsibility to discipline and enforce sanctions, which could include probation, suspension, or revocation of licenses and the levying of fines.

The Board meets approximately every other month as needed. The meetings are open to the public and are held in Little Rock, usually at the Board offices. The Board follows the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Legal counsel is provided by the Attorney General's office. The Board's two employees, Alice Ryan PT, Executive Director and Nancy Worthen, Assistant Director, carry out the daily administrative duties.

The Board is a service agency of the Executive branch of the Arkansas State Government. The Board is self funded and accepts no state revenue. The Board follows the state guidelines for spending and is monitored by the Department of Finance and Administration.

Governor Names Board Appointments

The Honorable Mike Huckabee has made three Board Appointments since we last published our newsletter. Governor Huckabee appointed Jennie Gregory PT, Little Rock, to fill the completed term of Beth Moore PT, Little Rock. Jennifer Parks PT, El Dorado,

was appointed to fill the completed term of Donna Sasser PT, Crossett. Todd Burton PT, Jonesboro was appointed to fill the completed term of Starla Denton PT, Jonesboro. We appreciate the hard work, service, and dedication of the out going Board members. Thank you to Donna, Beth and Starla for jobs well done.

Rules and Regulations Revisions

The Rules and Regulations were revised late last year and were made official following a public hearing held on September 14, 2003. A brief summary of the changes is listed. A copy of the Rules and Regulations can be obtained from the website or by contacting the Board office.

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

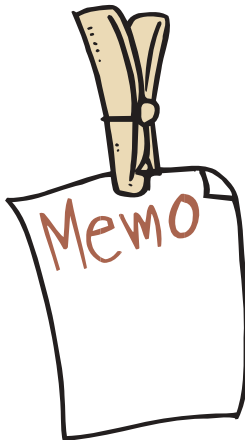
The Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy is a member of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. The Federation is a national organization that promotes and assists the licensing jurisdictions to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by identifying and promoting desirable and reasonable uniformity in physical therapy regulatory standards and practices. The Federation recommends consistent regulatory practices through the Model Practice Act for Physical Therapy, addresses foreign education equivalency, and collects and disseminates information relevant to the regulation of physical therapy.

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy develops and administers the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for both physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in 53 jurisdictions – the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. These high-stakes exams assess the basic entry-level competence for first time licensure or registration as a PT or PTA within the 53 jurisdictions.

The Federation also works towards desirable and reasonable uniformity in regulation and standards through a process of strategic planning and ongoing communications between the jurisdictions. To that end, the Federation developed the Model Practice Act for Physical Therapy, a tool that jurisdictions can use as they review and update their practice acts, rules and regulations. In another move towards sensible uniformity, the jurisdictions agreed to support one passing score on the NPTE; this facilitates mobility of PTs and PTAs across states and at the same time holds all physical therapists beginning practice in the U.S. to the same entry-level standard of competence.

At the request of the Attorney General, standard language contained in the Model Rules and Regulations was added pertaining to: Information for Public Guidance, Duty of Sanctioned Professionals, Re-licensure for Revoked or Surrendered Licenses, and Declaratory Orders. These changes do not alter any current rules or regulations but serve to clarify procedures in carrying out Board functions and duties.

Specific definitions were added to clarify some terminology. Mobilization is defined as passive movement within normal range of motion, which is permitted in our practice act. Spinal manipulation and adjustment is defined as movement of spinal joints beyond the normal range of motion, and is not permitted in the practice act. Readily available for consultation is defined as the ability to be reached in person or by telecommunication within 30 minutes.



New E-mail Address

The Board's e-mail address has changed.

The new address is
arptb@sbcglobal.net

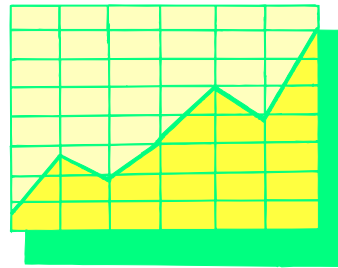
Licensure Statistics

As of April 2004

Physical Therapists
Physical Therapist Assistants
TOTAL

Licensed

1375
658
2033



To report practice without licensure, call 501-228-7100.

Individuals listed below have not renewed their licenses for 2004 and should not practice in Arkansas until reinstated. If you are aware of an individual listed who is currently practicing in Arkansas, please notify the Board in writing. Appropriate action will be taken following investigation.

Amberlea Ashing
Liz Atkinson
Terri Berkshire
Randall Bishop
Shelli Bishop
Julie Bye
Cynthia Canarina
Carrie Carman
Bodey Carson
Staffan Elgelid
Kimberly Estopy
Martha Ferguson
Brandi Grubbs
Richard Haglen

Vicki Hendricks
David Hoegh
Heather Holzapfel
Karl Hurst
Patricia Hurst
Ronald Johnson
Brian Jones
Kimberly Lane
Dennis Neal
Tonya Noel
Jeanne Odom
Nancy Olson
Diane Patton
Cindy Peterson

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Arcadio Rolan Ranido
Donna Rockett
Jessica Rudolph
Robert Saunders
Christopher Schoolfield
Kathryn Shelton
Deanna Stockburger
Adrienne Taylor
Mary Townsend
Dina Welsh
David Wood



June 2002 - April 2004 Disciplinary Actions

The following is a summary of disciplinary actions taken by the Board since the last Newsletter was published. Complete terms of each disciplinary action are contained in the Board's records.

Public Hearing in the matter of Mr. Idumange Idumange, PT #1965

A hearing was held before the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy on January 9, 2003. Mr. Idumange was found to be in violation of Ark. Code Ann. §17-93-308(a)(3) unprofessional conduct. He was suspended until May 19, 2003 and fined \$150.00. Upon resuming practice, his practice is to be supervised for 1500 hours. As of April 1, 2004 Mr. Idumange fulfilled all requirements.

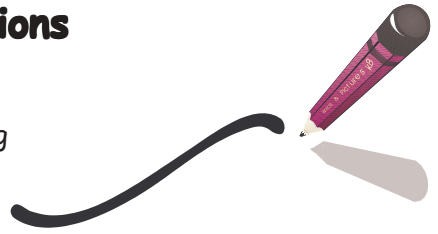
Public Hearing in the matter of Ms. Elizabeth Atkinson, PT#2406

A hearing was held before the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy on September 18, 2003. Ms. Atkinson was found to be in violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-93-308(a)(3) unprofessional conduct and § 17-93-308(a)(5) gross negligence. Her license was restricted and she was placed on probation until she completes 1500 hours of physical therapy treatment under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist who has not been sanctioned by the Board. The supervision must be line of sight. Ms. Atkinson was also fined a civil penalty of \$1000.00.

Answers to Your Continuing Education Questions

Requirements:

Physical Therapists - 2 CEU's which equal 20 contact hours during the two-year period leading up to an odd year renewal
Physical Therapist Assistants - 1 CEU, which equals 10 contact hours during the two-year period leading up to an odd year renewal



Time Frame:

The current accumulation period began January 1, 2003 and ends December 31, 2004. (*Only individuals issued licenses prior to January 1, 2003 are required to submit continuing education credits for 2005 renewal.*)

How, When and What to Submit:

Upon completion of a course, submit a copy of the course description to the Board along with the Continuing Education Form within 60 days after course completion. The Continuing Education Form is in the Directory and also available on the website at www.arptb.org. Keep a copy of all courses for your files. Program content must be of clinical application, clinical management, behavioral science, or science. Many course sponsors submit a master list of attendees with verification of completion to the Board. Please check with the instructor or sponsor and if this is the case, you do not need to submit a duplicate certificate.

When requirements are met, cease submission to the Board.

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