

# FLEX CEUs



## **Ethics for the Oklahoma Physical Therapist**







































































































PT would still be compliant.

- A physical therapist has completed 30 contact hours of continuing education in the past year. Are they able to renew their license?
  - No. Physical therapists must complete 4 CEUs, or 40 contact hours, to be eligible to renew their license, so they are not yet eligible.
- You've recently registered a new patient who no longer drives. In order to come to his visits, he must arrange rides through a service that offers rides for disabled clients. What APTA core value does this uphold?
  - Coordinating appointment dates and times with the ride service and completing the paperwork they require is an example demonstrating the APTA's core value of social responsibility by advocating for patients' rights to access necessary transportation services.
- A new patient comes in for an evaluation. The patient is in severe pain. Should the physical therapist start treating the pain or complete the evaluation first?
  - Physical therapy treatment may not be provided prior to the completion of an evaluation of the patient's condition by a PT. Despite how much pain the patient is in, the physical therapist must attempt to complete as much of the evaluation as possible to understand the condition they are dealing with.
- You are a licensed PT in Oklahoma. During the course of your practice, you receive a conviction for a crime. Do you stop practicing?
  - You are required to report any convictions to the licensing board. However, a misdemeanor will be grounds for disciplinary action only if the crime demonstrated moral turpitude. A felony conviction will only prohibit licensure if the crime was substantially related to the profession of physical therapy or if it poses a reasonable threat to public safety.
- A child has been receiving physical therapy for 5 years for a brain trauma injury. The parents want the child to continue physical therapy services although clearly the progress notes and records do not reflect significant improvement the past 6 months. Should the PT continue treating the patient?
  - Recording or documenting improvements such so that continued care will be authorized and reimbursed is in contradiction to principle 3A and 3B, demonstrates poor professional judgment, and has subsequent legal ramifications.
- You are providing physical therapy services in a home health setting. With what frequency must you perform a re-evaluation or re-examination?
  - Oklahoma requires re-examination/re-evaluation of the patient in light of their goals and revision of the plan of care when indicated every 60 days in home health settings. This number varies between 30 and 90 days depending on setting.
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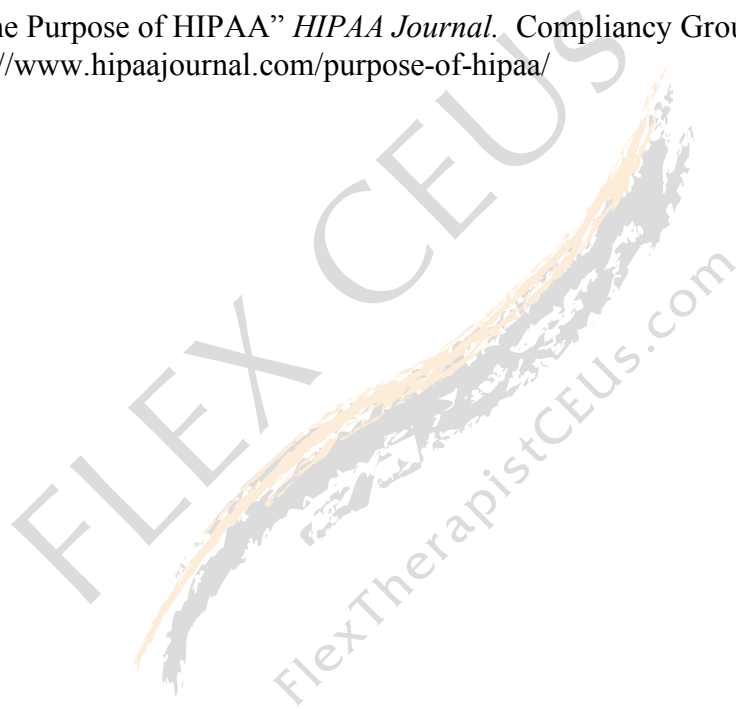
- One of your patients frequents a chiropractor for a condition unrelated to the carpal tunnel syndrome you are treating. This clinic utilizes a modality that you are not familiar with. How should you address this with your patient?
  - Rather than expressing your doubts regarding this modality; honor the patient's autonomy (principle 2C) and right to make treatment decisions on their own behalf and respect the chiropractor's treatment as valid and complementary.

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