

Support of Emergency Physical Therapist Practice



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Whereas, Emergency physical therapist practice includes patient and situation management, coordination of care among multiple providers, referral management, and patient disposition recommendations;

Whereas, Practice addressing emergency, urgent, and acute needs transcends location;

Whereas, Emergency physical therapist practice occurs in a variety of contexts including, but not limited to, hospital-based and freestanding emergency departments, urgent care clinics, observation units, athletic events, emergency medical response vehicles, and disaster sites;

Whereas, Physical therapists have the foundational education to practice in and support critical areas of patient and community care; and,

Whereas, Physical therapists provide value in emergency care contexts through, but not limited to, pain reduction, decreased waiting times, early access, cost savings, and patient satisfaction;

Resolved, That the American Physical Therapy Association supports emergency physical therapist practice.

Explanation of Reference Numbers:

HOD P00-00-00-00 stands for House of Delegates/month/year/page/vote in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

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