

Primary Care physical therapy is a staff neutral program in which physical therapists are embedded into Primary Care. Physical therapists are challenged daily by functioning on the front line of the medical model collaborating with Primary Care staff in treatment and triage decisions for a variety of conditions. Survey results across several pilot sites demonstrate high Veteran and Employee satisfaction. This team-based interdisciplinary approach to care is rapidly growing across VA. To assist this rapid growth, PACT PT specific training modules have been created. These courses aim to assist front-line PACT PT staff as well as those interested in starting a PACT PT program. Please see the list of free learning modules developed through the VA/APTA agreement below.

**Use code VAFREE to access the modules.**

**Training Modules**

1. **Bridging the Gap: Embedding Physical Therapists in Primary Care -** [American Physical Therapy Association: Bridging the Gap: Embedding Physical Therapists in Primary Care (apta.org)](https://learningcenter.apta.org/products/bridging-the-gap-embedding-physical-therapists-in-primary-care)
2. **Primary Care and Physical Therapist Practice: Patient Triage and Screening for Skin Cancer -**[American Physical Therapy Association: Primary Care and Physical Therapist Practice: Patient Triage and Screening for Skin Cancer (apta.org)](https://learningcenter.apta.org/products/primary-care-and-physical-therapist-practice-patient-triage-and-screening-for-skin-cancer)
3. **Pharmacology Overview – Clinical Pearls for the PT -** [American Physical Therapy Association: Pharmacology Overview - Clinical Pearls for the PT (apta.org)](https://learningcenter.apta.org/p/LMS-VA-Pharmacology#tab-product_tab_overview)
4. **LBP Clinical Practice Guidelines -** [American Physical Therapy Association: Applying Clinical Practice Guidelines to Guide Treatment of Lower Back Pain in Primary Care (apta.org)](https://learningcenter.apta.org/products/applying-clinical-practice-guidelines-to-guide-treatment-of-lower-back-pain-in-primary-care)
5. **Neuromusculoskeletal Screening for the Cervical Region and Other Medical Conditions -** [American Physical Therapy Association: Neuromusculoskeletal Screening for the Cervical Region and Other Medical Considerations (apta.org)](https://learningcenter.apta.org/p/LMS-VA-NMSKCX#tab-product_tab_overview)
6. **Managing the Pace of Primary Care PT -** [American Physical Therapy Association: Managing the Pace of Primary Care Physical Therapy - A Comprehensive Overview of Recommendations and Strategies for Success (apta.org)](https://learningcenter.apta.org/products/managing-the-pace-of-primary-care-physical-therapy-a-comprehensive-overview-of-recommendations-and-strategies-for-success)
7. **Developing Rapport with Primary Care Staff and Strategies to Increase Clinic Referrals to Primary Care -** [American Physical Therapy Association: Developing Rapport with Primary Care Staff & Strategies to Increase Clinic Referrals to Primary Care PT (apta.org)](https://learningcenter.apta.org/products/developing-rapport-with-primary-care-staff-strategies-to-increase-clinic-referrals-to-primary-care-pt)
8. **Evidence-Based Guidelines for PT Management of TMD -** [American Physical Therapy Association: Evidence-Based Guideline for PT Management of TMD (apta.org)](https://learningcenter.apta.org/products/evidence-based-guideline-for-pt-management-of-tmd#tab-product_tab_overview)
9. **Persistent Pain in the Direct Access Setting -** [American Physical Therapy Association: Persistent Pain in the Direct Access Setting (apta.org)](https://learningcenter.apta.org/products/persistent-pain-in-the-direct-access-setting#tab-product_tab_speakers)
10. **ImPACT of PT: Maximizing the Patient Experience in the Primary Care Setting:** [American Physical Therapy Association: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION - ImPACT of PT: Maximizing the Patient Experience in the Primary Care Setting (apta.org)](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flearningcenter.apta.org%2Fproducts%2Fveterans-administration-impact-of-pt-maximizing-the-patient-experience-in-the-primary-care-setting%23tab-product_tab_speakers&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cb37a14da16ed4041cb7e08dbe142ae3d%7Ce95f1b23abaf45ee821db7ab251ab3bf%7C0%7C0%7C638351448724110917%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BxTQSPJ6XOevqHSWS0zUhhKsmqj9SEAaig53LAiwlqA%3D&reserved=0)
11. **Vestibular Examination: In the Primary Care Setting:** [American Physical Therapy Association: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION - Vestibular Examination: in the Primary Care Setting (apta.org)](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flearningcenter.apta.org%2Fproducts%2Fveterans-administration-vestibular-examination-in-the-primary-care-setting%23tab-product_tab_overview&data=05%7C01%7C%7Cb37a14da16ed4041cb7e08dbe142ae3d%7Ce95f1b23abaf45ee821db7ab251ab3bf%7C0%7C0%7C638351448724110917%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=J%2BzYGWlfMOlRZsqYE%2ByL2ZH5cFOEeCqsaDPXajFGf48%3D&reserved=0)

**To learn more about PACT PT please visit:** [**https://marketplace.va.gov/innovations/pt-embedded-within-pact**](https://marketplace.va.gov/innovations/pt-embedded-within-pact)**.**

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