



**CROSS-TRAINED PERSONNEL HOD P06-99-12-05** [Initial HOD 06-95-27-17] [Position]

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) opposes the concept of the cross-trained professional practitioner, defined as “a health care practitioner who is cross-trained in area(s) of practice in which the individual is neither educated nor licensed.” This position should not be interpreted as expressing opposition to coordination of care involving professional practitioners from different disciplines or dual credentialing through education and licensure.

APTA does not oppose the utilization of cross-trained support personnel who provide physical therapist-directed support services as aides. Cross-trained support personnel refers to individuals with “on-the-job training within applicable state laws and regulations to provide services outside or in addition to the scope of their educational preparation or training.”

Relationship to Vision 2020: Autonomous Practice; (Practice Department, ext 3176)

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**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.

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