



PHARMACOLOGY IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST PRACTICE HOD P06-04-14-14 [Initial HOD 06-89-43-89] [Previously titled: Medications in the Provision of Physical Therapy] [Position]

Physical therapist patient/client management integrates an understanding of a patient's/client's prescription and nonprescription medication regimen with consideration of its impact upon health, functioning and disability. The administration and storage of medications used for physical therapy interventions is also a component of patient/client management and thus within the scope of physical therapist practice.

Physical therapy interventions that may require the concomitant use of medications include, but are not limited to, agents that:

- Reduce pain and/or inflammation
- Promote integumentary repair and/or protection
- Facilitate airway clearance and/or ventilation and respiration
- Facilitate adequate circulation and/or metabolism
- Facilitate functional movement.

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

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