The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is committed to excellence in physical therapy practice. Toward this effort, APTA is involved in monitoring systems and requirements aimed at improving quality and performance, facilitating distribution of information about activities of and requirements for performance improvement systems, and developing mechanisms to promote the use of physical therapists in performance improvement and peer review.

APTA advocates voluntary member participation in quality assurance and performance improvement activities which are incorporated into daily practice. The commitment to quality assurance and performance improvement is primarily a professional responsibility and is to be promoted and fostered by Association members through individual and collective efforts. APTA has adopted and maintains a Guide for Professional Conduct and Code of Ethics for the physical therapist, a Standards of Practice for Physical Therapy, and a Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant. Each APTA chapter shall create a means to promote quality assurance and performance improvement activities.

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