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## **THE ROLE OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST IN DIET AND NUTRITION HOD P06-15-22-17 [Position]**

Diet and nutrition are key components of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention of many conditions managed by physical therapists. It is the role of the physical therapist to screen for and provide information on diet and nutritional issues to patients, clients, and the community within the scope of physical therapist practice. This includes appropriate referrals to nutrition and dietary medical professionals when the required advice and education lie outside the education level of the physical therapist.

### **Explanation of Reference Numbers:**

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