TERMINOLOGY FOR COMMUNICATION ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HOD P06-91-25-34 [Position]

Physical therapy practitioners have an obligation to provide nonjudgmental care to all people who need it. They should be guided in their written and spoken communication by the Guidelines for Reporting and Writing About People with Disabilities.*

American Physical Therapy Association members are encouraged to use appropriate terminology for specific disabilities as outlined in the Guidelines. Furthermore, all members should put people first, not their disability, when communicating about a patient/client.


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