Physical Therapy Research Agenda From the American Physical Therapy Association

The Research Agenda for Physical Therapy outlines research priorities, expanding on our profession's continued advancement and considering current issues, new innovations, and forward-thinking viewpoints.

A Comprehensive, Rigorous, and Iterative Development Process

- Environmental scan and researcher and clinician survey
- Draft by APTA Scientific and Practice Affairs Committee (SPAC) subgroup
- Expert reviews
- SPAC review
- Final research agenda and APTA board approval

70 Research Priorities Organized Into 6 Key Areas

- Population health
- Mechanistic research
- Clinical investigations
- Education and professional development
- Health services
- Workforce studies

APTA's 2023 agenda provides a research framework for advances in the practice and profession of physical therapy.

Physical therapists are health care professionals who diagnose and manage movement problems.