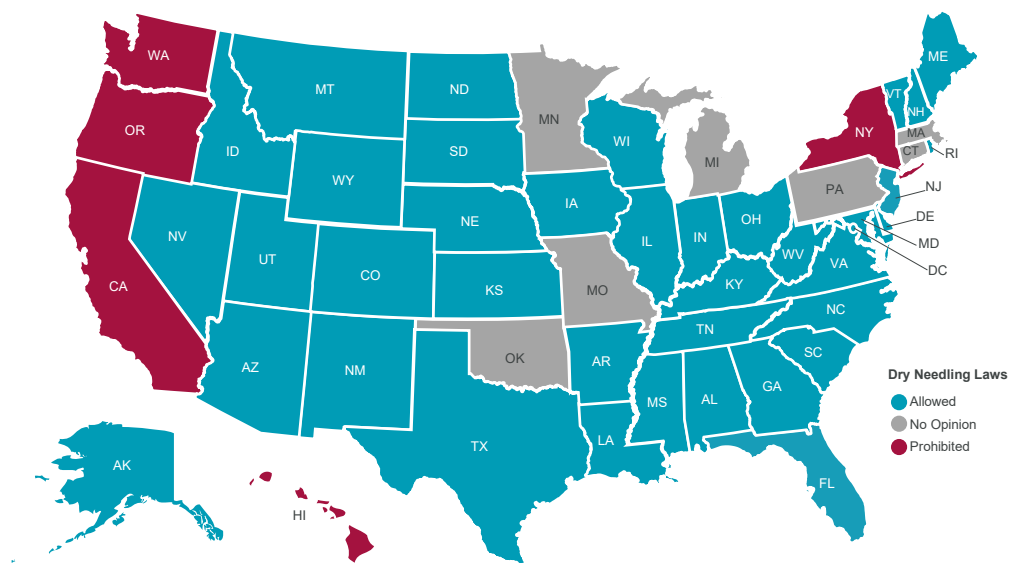


# State Laws and Regulations Governing Dry Needling Performed by Physical Therapists in the U.S.



Laws that govern physical therapists' ability to perform dry needling vary among the states. This map and the key below identify which state laws permit dry needling, which prohibit it, and which are silent on it.



## Law permits PTs to perform dry needling (37 states and D.C.)

Alabama	Idaho	Maryland	North Carolina	Texas
Alaska	Illinois	Mississippi	North Dakota	Utah
Arizona	Indiana	Montana	Ohio	Vermont
Arkansas	Iowa	Nebraska	Rhode Island	Virginia
Colorado	Kansas	Nevada	South Carolina	Washington, D.C.
Delaware	Kentucky	New Hampshire	South Dakota	West Virginia
Florida	Louisiana	New Jersey	Tennessee	Wyoming
Georgia	Maine	New Mexico		

## Law prohibits PTs from performing dry needling (Five states)

California	Hawaii	New York	Oregon	Washington
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## Law is silent on PTs performing dry needling (Eight states)

Connecticut	Michigan	Missouri	Pennsylvania
Massachusetts	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Wisconsin

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