

1 **Appendix A – Task Force Charter**

2 **APTA TASK FORCE ON THE GUIDE TO PHYSICAL THERAPIST PRACTICE**

3 **Board Chair:** TBD

4 **Staff Liaison:** Jeanine Kolman, Manager, Practice

5 **Charge**

6 The Board's determined charge for the Task Force on the Guide to Physical Therapist Practice is to:

- 7 • Conduct a comprehensive review of the current edition of the APTA Guide to Physical
- 8 Therapist Practice.
- 9 • Evaluate the Guide's role as a profession-defining resource, educational reference, policy-
- 10 alignment resource, and member benefit.
- 11 • Review terminology, concepts, and practice descriptions to ensure consistency with
- 12 contemporary physical therapist practice.
- 13 • Assess emerging areas of practice, health care delivery, technology, workforce development,
- 14 and professional roles for inclusion or revision.
- 15 • Identify necessary updates resulting from House of Delegates actions, APTA Board of
- 16 Directors policies, and changes within the profession since publication of the current edition.
- 17 • Recommend a formal governance framework, including approval authority, maintenance
- 18 responsibilities, and future review processes.
- 19 • Engage relevant stakeholders to obtain feedback on the content, usability, and strategic value
- 20 of the Guide.
- 21 • Recommend revisions and updates for the next edition of the APTA Guide to Physical
- 22 Therapist Practice.
- 23 • The task force's role is advisory in nature. Final decisions regarding recommendations and
- 24 implementation shall remain the responsibility of the APTA Board of Directors.
- 25 • Advise and counsel the APTA Board of Directors on proposed and existing Association
- 26 policies, positions, and the APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession, as
- 27 requested.
- 28 • Coordinate and collaborate with other APTA appointed groups and stakeholders as needed.
- 29 • Submit a report to the APTA Board of Directors.

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31 All APTA appointed groups shall conduct their work to support APTA's Mission, Vision, Strategic
32 Framework, and APTA adopted policies and positions. All appointees shall agree to the APTA
33 Volunteer Commitment.

34 **Qualifications for Appointees**

35 Each physical therapist or physical therapist assistant member shall be an APTA member in good
36 standing. Collectively, the Task Force should represent a balanced mix of expertise, including:

- Physical therapist educators and academic leaders.
- Clinical practice leaders representing diverse care settings.
- Physical therapist assistants.
- Researchers and scholars familiar with professional terminology and practice frameworks.
- Representatives with expertise in accreditation, workforce development, and professional standards.
- Members with expertise in emerging practice areas, including telehealth, prevention and wellness, population health, primary care, and technology-enabled care.

Meetings

The Task Force shall meet virtually, generally on a monthly basis, with additional virtual meetings and, if necessary, an in-person meeting scheduled at the discretion of the Board Chair and staff liaison.

Size of Appointed Group

The group shall consist of one APTA Board Chair and six additional members.

Terms of Appointees

With the exception of the Board chair, group members shall serve a one-year term, Jan. 1, 2027-Dec. 31, 2027. APTA members shall not serve on more than one board-appointed group at a time with the exception of APTA Board members.