

Pharmacotherapeutics and Supplements in Physical Therapist Practice



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Physical therapist management may prevent the need for or reduce the use of medications.

Physical therapist management includes counseling patients and clients on the need for, and the benefits and risks of, medication, and supplements. Physical therapists may recommend over-the-counter medications and supplements. Where permitted by law/regulation, physical therapists may prescribe, store, and administer medication to optimize patient and client management and health.

For those patients and clients who use medications, physical therapists reconcile, monitor for therapeutic benefit, adverse reactions, side effects, and the need for medication. A physical therapist team-based approach involves consulting with other medication-prescribing practitioners when indicated to optimize the therapeutic benefit of medication.

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