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## **POSITION ON RESEARCH HOD P06-19-76-42** [Position]

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) supports rigorous scientific inquiry as an essential requisite for developing and advancing the physical therapy profession. Research in physical therapy focuses on creating an evidence-based body of knowledge to advance practice and education, shape health policy, maximize integrity of service delivery, and promote positive health of people worldwide.

Those involved in physical therapy research are encouraged to be innovative and progressive, and to adopt a comprehensive approach to research, which involves independent and interprofessional collaborative efforts that include 1 or more of the following domains: biobehavioral, social science, basic science, health services, and education. Research in the profession must address efficacy, effectiveness, implementation, and translational science. Ethical integrity, rigor, and transparency are imperative in scientific methodology, dissemination, and protection of human subjects.

Preparation of basic and applied scientists in physical therapy as well as growth in funded physical therapy research opportunities are necessary to address APTA's vision for the profession. APTA supports rigorous scientific inquiry through outreach and advocacy for research funding; collaboration with the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research and other funding sources; development of national data repositories, including a national clinical outcomes data bank; and other evidence-based resources.

### **Explanation of Reference Numbers:**

HOD P00-00-00-00 stands for House of Delegates/**month**/**year**/**page**/**vote** in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

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