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TERMINOLOGY FOR COMMUNICATION ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HOD P06-91-25-34 [Position]

Physical therapy practitioners have an obligation to provide nonjudgmental care to all people who need it. They should be guided in their written and spoken communication by the *Guidelines for Reporting and Writing About People with Disabilities*.*

American Physical Therapy Association members are encouraged to use appropriate terminology for specific disabilities as outlined in the *Guidelines*. Furthermore, all members should put people first, not their disability, when communicating about a patient/client.

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