

GUIDELINES: PROFESSIONAL OATH FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS HOD G06-04-23-19 [Initial HOD 06-00-32-12]
[Previously titled: Oath for Physical Therapists] [Guideline]

Whereas, The Code of Ethics, Guide for Professional Conduct, and Standards of Practice set forth principles and guidelines for professional behaviors;

Whereas, The profession has defined core values of accountability, altruism, compassion/caring, excellence, integrity, professional duty, and social responsibility;

Whereas, It is the responsibility of all academic and clinical faculty, clinical instructors, and professional mentors to actively promote to physical therapist students the importance of professionalism; and,

Whereas, An oath serves to enhance the commitment of the physical therapist professional to the patient, client, and themselves;

Resolved, That the American Physical Therapy Association supports the use of a professional oath for students in accredited physical therapist education programs and for licensed physical therapists.

Relationship to Vision 2020: Professionalism; (Academic/Clinical Education Affairs Department, ext 3203)

Explanation of Reference Numbers:

BOD P00-00-00-00 stands for Board of Directors/**month**/**year**/**page**/**vote** in the Board of Directors Minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, BOD P11-97-06-18 means that this position can be found in the November 1997 Board of Directors minutes on Page 6 and that it was Vote 18.

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