



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4731-31-01 Requirements for assessing and granting clearance for return to practice or competition.

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(A) A physician holding a current license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code meets the minimum education requirements to assess and clear athletes for return to practice or competition under section 3313.539 or 3707.511 of the Revised Code.

(1) A physician shall diagnose and treat concussions and determine the return-to-play protocol for athletes under section 3313.539 or 3707.511 of the Revised Code in accordance with the "Consensus statement on concussion in sport issued by the 6th international conference on concussion in sport held in Amsterdam in October 2022" (Available from the website of the state medical board of Ohio at: med.ohio.gov.)

(2) A physician shall use the model form developed by the Ohio youth sports concussion and head injury return-to-play guidelines committee to document written clearance for the return to practice or competition. The model form may be found on the state medical board of Ohio's website at med.ohio.gov.

(B) A physician assistant holding a current license issued under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code may assess and clear a youth to return to practice or competition under section 3313.539 or 3707.511 of the Revised Code if all of the following requirements are met:

(1) The physician assistant is authorized to provide assessment and clearance services by a supervising physician whose normal course of practice includes the assessment and clearance of youth to return to practice or competition under section 3313.539 or 3707.511 of the Revised Code and under whose supervision the physician assistant will provide the services:

(2) The physician assistant has completed education and training in the detection of concussion, its clinical features, assessment techniques, and the principles of safe return to play protocols consistent with the consensus statement referenced in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule.



(3) The physician assistant has maintained competency through completion of continuing education in the detection of concussion, its clinical features, assessment techniques, and the principles of safe return to play protocols consistent with the consensus statement referenced in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule; and

(4) The physician assistant uses the medical clearance return to play form referenced in paragraph (A)(2) of this rule.