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Rule 4755:2-2-03 Physical therapist assistant.

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(A) The physical therapist assistant, defined in section 4755.40 of the Revised Code, is a skilled, technical person who assists in physical therapy treatment and related duties as assigned by the physical therapist. These duties are carried out under the supervision of the physical therapist, as defined in section 4755.40 of the Revised Code and rule 4755:2-2-05 of the Administrative Code. The duties assigned may vary in accordance with the setting and organizational structure of the service, the scope, size, and volume of the services, and the needs of the patients to be served. The physical therapist assistant may carry out patient related duties, as well as responsibilities appropriate to the established physical therapy services.

(B) Physical therapist assistants are not qualified to:

(1) Interpret physician referrals;

(2) Conduct initial patient evaluations;

(3) Write initial or ongoing patient plans of care;

(4) Conduct re-evaluations of the patient or make changes to the patient plan of care; or

(5) Perform the discharge evaluation and complete the final discharge summary.

(C) The physical therapist assistant may review medical information and/or review the patient's medical history and past functional ability through verbal contact with medical persons, family or the patient. This information may then be used by the physical therapist to determine the need for a patient evaluation.

(D) The physical therapist assistant may progress a patient treatment program within the parameters of the plan of care as established by the supervising physical therapist.

(E) The physical therapist may assign treatment procedures beyond the scope of entry level physical therapist assistant practice in accordance with the physical therapist assistant's ability, provided that both the supervising physical therapist and the physical therapist assistant have documented training and demonstrated competency in the procedure.