Allied Health Board
Scope of Practice
Decision-Making Guide
PT/PTA

1. Is the activity specifically permitted or prohibited in statute or Board regulations?

PROHIBITED-Not in scope

Yes - Permitted → It *may* be within the scope of practice for a Licensee who has the knowledge, skills and documented competency

Not specifically permitted or prohibited
Go to #2

2. Is this an activity that is taught in the basic, entry-level professional education program?

Yes → It *may* be within the scope of practice for a Licensee who has the knowledge, skills and documented competency

No - Go to #3

3. Are there professional association standards or position statements that supports this activity for the Licensee with additional education & training?

Yes → It *may* be within the scope of practice for a Licensee who has the additional knowledge, skills and documented competency

No - Go to #4

4. Is there professional literature &/or research to support this activity as within the scope of a Licensee's practice?

Yes → It *may* be within the scope of practice for a Licensee who has the additional knowledge, skills and documented competency

No - Go to #5

5. Is this practice within an acceptable standard of care which would be provided by a reasonable & prudent Licensee with similar education & experience?

Yes → It *may* be within the scope of practice for a Licensee who has the additional knowledge, skills and documented competency

No - Go to #6

6. Is the Licensee prepared to accept responsibility & accountability for performing the activity competently and safely?

Yes → **In the absence of specific statutory or regulatory prohibition, it is within the scope of practice for a PT/PTA to perform generally accepted professional activities for which they have been prepared by basic education, appropriate continuing education, training/experience, *and* for which they have demonstrated competence to perform safely and effectively. The PT/PTA must be prepared to accept responsibility & accountability.**

No - Decision is made

It is not within the Licensee's scope of practice