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
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   - Not specifically permitted or prohibited
     - Go to #2
     - Yes
       - It may be within the scope of practice for a Licensee who has the knowledge, skills and documented competency
     - No - Go to #3
   - No - Go to #4

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
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   - 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 knowledge, skills and documented competency
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   - 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 knowledge, skills and documented competency
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   - 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 knowledge, skills and documented competency
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   - No - Go to #6

6. Is the Licensee prepared to accept responsibility & accountability for performing the activity competently and safely?
   - Yes
     - It may be within the scope of practice for a Licensee who has the knowledge, skills and documented competency
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     - It may be within the scope of practice for a Licensee who has the knowledge, skills and documented competency
   - No - Decision is made

It is not within the Licensee's scope of practice

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.