

Work Activities Deemed Not Critical (PTA)

<i>Work Activity Statement</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
DATA COLLECTION	
Tests & Measures	
Anthropomorphic	
Perform tests and measures of... ...body composition (e.g., percent body fat, lean muscle mass)	The Task Force suggested that the underlying knowledge of this activity is needed for educating patients, but the work activity is not as important and this activity could be performed in many settings other than rehabilitation.
Reflex Integrity	
Perform tests and measures of... ...superficial reflexes and reactions (e.g., cremasteric reflex, abdominal reflexes)	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.
INTERVENTIONS	
Manual Therapy Techniques	
Perform manual lymphatic drainage	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.
Perform instrument-assisted soft tissue mobilization	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.
Perform peripheral mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity. Additionally, this activity is not allowed in some states.
Perform spinal mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force.
Apply taping for... ...lymphatic drainage	This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. While the survey responses suggest that this activity is trending up from the 2011 survey, the Task Force felt that the evidence was not quite compelling enough to include the activity on the NPTE yet.
Equipment & Devices	
Apply and/or adjust... ...mechanical neuromuscular reeducation devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill, robotic exoskeletons)	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of...	

...mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill, robotic exoskeletons)

The Task Force suggested this activity be excluded based on the fact that this activity is highly equipment dependent (if the equipment is not available, the work activity will not be performed).

**Integumentary Repair & Protection
Techniques**

Perform and/or train

patient/client/caregiver in...

...selective enzymatic or autolytic
debridement (e.g., removal of specific
areas of devitalized tissue)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical
decision rule of the survey responses and the
agreement of the Task Force.

...sharp debridement (e.g., removal of
specific areas of devitalized tissue)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical
decision rule of the survey responses and the
agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force noted that
some practice acts do not allow this activity to be
provided by a PTA.

...hyperbaric therapy

This activity was excluded based on the empirical
decision rule of the survey responses and the
agreement of the Task Force.

...negative pressure wound therapy

This activity was excluded based on the empirical
decision rule of the survey responses and the
agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this
activity is probably being done by other clinicians (not
PTAs).

Therapeutic Modalities

Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in...

...hydrotherapy using contrast baths/pools

The Task Force suggested that this activity be excluded based on the fact that this activity is trending down compared to the 2011 survey.

...phototherapy (laser light)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force.

...monochromatic infrared agent procedures (e.g., light emitting diodes [LEDs])

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force.

...dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force suggested that general principles of superficial heat will be covered by other areas and there are limited unique safety issues with this activity.

...diathermy

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force.

...shockwave therapy

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force.

Non-procedural Interventions

Research & Evidence-Based Practice

Design and/or direct research activities

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force.

Participate in research activities

The Task Force felt this should be excluded because this is infrequently performed and related knowledge will be covered by other work activities.
