

## Work Activities Deemed Not Critical (PT)

<i>Work Activity Statement</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
<b>PATIENT/CLIENT ASSESSMENT</b>	
<b>Tests &amp; Measures</b>	
<b>Muscle Performance</b>	
Select and perform tests and measures of...	
...electrophysiological function using surface electrodes (e.g., surface EMG)	Survey responses suggest that this activity is trending down compared to the 2011 survey. The Task Force suggested this activity may be better classified under Therapeutic Modalities: Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in biofeedback therapy.
...electrophysiological function using needle insertion (e.g., nerve conduction)	The Task Force suggested this may not be an entry-level activity.
...muscle integrity (e.g., ultrasound imaging)	While the survey responses suggest that this activity is trending up from the 2011 survey and is being covered more in entry-level curriculum, the Task Force felt that the evidence was not quite compelling enough to include this activity on the NPTE yet. The Task Force recommended to survey this activity again at the next practice analysis.
<b>Neuromotor Development &amp; Sensory Integration</b>	
Select and perform tests and measures of...	
...oral motor function, phonation, and speech production	The Task Force suggested that the oral motor function portion of this activity may be better classified under Systems Review: Perform screen of the gastrointestinal system. The Task Force felt there may be limited PT related tests and measures in this category and they may not be entry level.
<b>INTERVENTIONS</b>	
<b>Manual Therapy Techniques</b>	
Perform dry needling	This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force recommended to survey this activity again at the next practice analysis.
<b>Integumentary Repair &amp; Protection Techniques</b>	
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in...	
...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	The Task Force questioned whether this was an entry-level activity and suggested the frequency of its use may depend on specific practice setting (e.g., hospital, military).

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**Therapeutic Modalities**

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

...hydrotherapy using contrast baths/pools

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

...phototherapy (laser light)

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 this activity is highly equipment-dependent (if the equipment is not available, the work activity will not be performed).

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

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...diathermy

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

...paraffin bath thermotherapy

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 that practice is moving more toward screening for appropriateness of this thermal modality, but this activity could be performed in many settings other than rehabilitation.

...shockwave therapy

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

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