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Background and Executive Summary

This memo summarizes the process and results of the analysis of practice for the physical therapy profession conducted by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) in partnership with the Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO). The study documented in this memo was conducted between January and July 2025 and represents the eighth data collection cycle in the multi-year practice analysis methodology through 2025.

The methodology enables FSBPT to (a) monitor on-going and emerging trends in entry-level requirements, (b) respond quickly to changes in the profession that necessitate adjustments to the licensure examinations (e.g., removing test questions that assess skill areas of decreasing importance, increasing the numbers of test questions that assess skill areas of increasing importance), and (c) enhance awareness among current and prospective Physical Therapists (PTs) and Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) of FSBPT's mission, purpose, services provided.

The approach taken to conduct the analysis of physical therapy practice in 2025 was similar to that taken in recent years (e.g., Harris et al., 2021; Howald et al., 2023; Howald et al., 2024).

- In February 2025, HumRRO collected input on existing lists of Work Activities (WAs) and Knowledge and Skill Requirements (KSRs) from FSBPT. HumRRO also reviewed feedback on this list, which was obtained from the Exam Committee chairs in 2024.
- HumRRO leveraged this input to modify the online surveys used to gather ratings of the WAs and KSRs from a large sample of PTs and PTAs across 53 licensing jurisdictions comprising FSBPT's membership. The survey had two sections: a set of questions about the demographic characteristics of the sample and a set of either WAs or KSRs that respondents evaluated using a 5-point Likert-type importance rating scale (see Figures 1 and 2).
- HumRRO undertook a survey modernization effort to consolidate the total number of surveys from nine to three, restructure surveys so that each page matches one category in the test content outline, and ensure surveys use up-to-date functionality for branching. HumRRO and FSBPT conducted extensive quality checks to ensure all items were included in the correct places in the updated surveys.
- HumRRO sent out survey links to all potential survey participants. The survey was open for about two months. HumRRO sent three reminder emails with links during this period.
- HumRRO analyzed the response data, compiled the results in summary tables and charts, and shared the results with FSBPT and the Exam Committee chairs.
- HumRRO reviewed notable findings from the results of the survey with the Exam Committee chairs on July 17, 2025. Those findings are described in detail in this memo.

Figure 1. WA Importance Scale

How important is it for you to perform this work activity to provide safe and effective care?					
0	1	2	3	4	5
I have not performed this work activity	Not important	Minimally important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important

Figure 2. KSR Importance Scale

How important is this knowledge or skill for an entry-level physical therapist (<i>physical therapist assistant</i>) to provide safe and effective care?				
1	2	3	4	5
Not important	Minimally important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important

Summary of Practice Analysis Survey Changes

Prior to administering the survey, FSBPT and HumRRO reviewed the previous year’s Exam Committee chairs’ feedback on the 2024 survey to determine whether adjustments to the wording of items or the addition of new items were warranted. In 2025, the wording of all background questions, WAs, and KSRs was unchanged from 2024. The only changes made were in the order in which items were administered, such that each page of the survey contained statements that all belonged to the same category in the test content outline.

Sample Selection and Administration

- FSBPT selected participant samples from a list of licensure candidates who had passed the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) stratified by exam level, year of licensure, and initial licensure jurisdiction.
- HumRRO sent email invitations starting on April 15, 2025. All respondents were sent periodic reminder emails for the duration of the survey.
- The survey closed on June 10, 2025.
- Consistent with previous years, respondents completed either the WA or KSR survey based on their years of professional experience. Individuals with two or fewer years of experience were assigned to the WA survey. Individuals with three or more years of experience completed the KSR survey. The PT KSR survey also incorporated branching

logic to redirect some PT respondents who indicated that they routinely supervise PTAs and understand the knowledge and skills PTAs need to provide safe and effective care.¹

Data Cleaning and Screening

To ensure data quality, HumRRO:

- Examined the raw data to identify unexpected responses, such as duplicates or test cases.
- Applied data screens to remove careless responder data based on flat, hasty, or missing response patterns, as well as ineligible employment status. The respondents screened out at this step are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Data Quality Screens

Data Screen	PT KSR		PTA KSR		PT WA		PTA WA	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Flat Responding	47	65	75	68	38	11	28	20
Hasty Responding	13	29	11	15	8	13	3	5
Missing >90% of responses	212	212	162	150	115	104	65	48
Employment Status								
Retired	3	11	17	13	--	1	--	--
Unemployed and <i>not</i> looking for work as a PT or PTA	42	45	82	73	11	7	21	16
Total	299	343	299	279	163	127	107	78

Note. Flat Responding includes individuals who selected the same response value an unreasonably high number of times in a row. Hasty Responding includes individuals who completed the survey too quickly to have been paying adequate attention to the survey questions. The values in the “Total” row account for overlapping across the data screens and identify the absolute number of cases that were excluded (i.e., no double-counting).

¹ In prior years, the branching logic was “turned off” during survey administration once an adequate sample of PT KSR participants completed the PTA KSR survey. Starting in 2020, HumRRO programmed two separate PT KSR background questionnaires—one with branching logic and one without branching logic (i.e., questionnaires were the exact same except for the branching logic). FSBPT randomly selected 20% of PT KSR participants to be assigned to the background questionnaire containing the branching logic. This ensured an adequate sample of PT KSR participants completed the PTA KSR survey without needing to adjust any aspects of the survey during administration.

Response Rates and Final Analysis Sample

Table 2 summarizes the response rates for the 2025 practice analysis surveys.

- The “Responded” count is the number of individuals who started the survey and completed at least the background questions.
- The “Usable” count reflects the number of respondents who provided response data of acceptable quality based on the data screens noted above. The rates of usable responses are notably about 2-3 percentage points higher than in 2024.
- The final analysis sample included data from 4,154 respondents across all survey forms.

Table 2. Survey Distribution and Response Rates

Sample	Invited	Responded			Usable	
		Form A	Form B	Total		
PT KSR	35,200	1,229	1,223	2,452	1,810	5.1%*
PTA KSR	19,486	811	795	1,606	1,028	5.3%*
PT WA	13,164	618	656	1,274	984	7.5%
PTA WA	5,550	265	252	517	332	6.0%

Note. *246 PT KSR respondents were reassigned to the PTA KSR survey based on responses to the background question regarding supervision of PTAs.

Sample Description and Representativeness

HumRRO calculated descriptive statistics for all items in the background questionnaire. Below, we provide an overview of the respondents' demographic characteristics for key variables. The complete results of the background questionnaire are presented in Appendix A.

- The majority of survey respondents identified as female (71.3% PT WA, 73.3% PT KSR, 72.9% PTA WA, 73.2% PTA KSR), White (71.4-79.1%), and employed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant full-time by an employer other than oneself (89.4% PT WA, 72.2% PT KSR, 78.9% PTA WA, 72.9% PTA KSR).
- The majority of PT WA respondents (89.0%) and PT KSR respondents (78.0%) held Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) or clinical doctorate degrees, while the majority of the PTA WA respondents (69.6%) and PTA KSR respondents (55.2%) held associate's degrees.
- Respondents to the PT WA and PT KSR surveys reported spending more than 50% of their time in private outpatient facilities (37.8% and 25.4%, respectively), health system or hospital-based outpatient facilities (25.2% and 21.6%), acute care hospitals (9.4% and 11.8%), home health or home care facilities (2.2% and 10.4%), and skilled nursing facilities (5.5% and 5.4%).
- Respondents to the PTA WA and PTA KSR surveys reported spending more than 50% of their time working in private outpatient facilities (32.8% and 21.7%, respectively), hospital-based outpatient facilities (18.0% and 17.2%), skilled nursing facilities (15.6% and 17.4%), home health or home care facilities (5.7% and 16.2%), acute care hospitals (7.8% and 8.0%)

- The majority of PTs and PTAs (60.8-69.9%) reported having only one employment position/job in the past 12 months, although many reported holding two to three positions (27.8-36.4%).
- The majority of PTs and PTAs (75.7-89.2%) reported spending more than three-fourths of their time in direct patient care.

Work Activity and Knowledge and Skill Requirements: Data Analytics Strategy

Analysis of the WA and KSR survey data consisted of computing descriptive statistics to examine the mean and distribution of respondents' ratings and interrater agreement indices to evaluate the degree of agreement and consistency in the response sets.

HumRRO conducted the following analyses for WAs and KSRs:

- For each WA statement, HumRRO computed:
 - Sample size: number of usable respondents.
 - Percent performing (%_{Perf}): Sum of responses for scale points 1 through 5, divided by the total number of usable respondents.
 - Percent important (%_{Imp}): Sum of responses for scale points 2 through 5, divided by the total number of usable respondents.
 - Mean importance (M): Based on responses for scale points 1 through 5. Mean WA importance ratings exclude respondents who selected the option *I have not performed this work activity (WA)*.
 - Standard deviation of importance (SD): Based on responses for scale points 1 through 5.
 - M-Diff: The difference between the 2025 mean and the 2021 mean, as well as the difference between the 2025 mean and the 2024 mean.
- For each KSR statement, HumRRO computed:
 - Sample size: number of usable respondents.
 - Percent important (%_{Imp}): Sum of responses for scale points 2 through 5, divided by the total number of usable respondents.
 - Mean importance (M): Based on responses for scale points 1 through 5.
 - Standard deviation of importance (SD): Based on responses for scale points 1 through 5.
 - M-Diff: The difference between the 2025 mean and the 2021 mean, as well as the difference between the 2025 mean and the 2024 mean.
- For certain WA and KSR statements, HumRRO also compared ratings by work setting and/or state and provided graphs depicting these differences.
- Two types of Intraclass Correlation Coefficients (ICCs; McGraw & Wong, 1996; Shrout & Fleiss, 1979) were computed to estimate the degree of consistency and agreement among the survey respondents. Results are indicated in Table 3.
 - Consistency refers to the extent to which the patterns of ratings between raters are similar (i.e., the rank ordering of statements is similar between raters). Agreement

refers to the extent to which the absolute value of ratings is similar to each other. For example, consider a situation where two raters gave the following ratings:

- Rater 1:
 - Statement A: 2
 - Statement B: 4
- Rater 2:
 - Statement A: 4
 - Statement B: 6

In this situation, the raters have perfectly consistent ratings, but they do not have perfect agreement.

- For both types of intraclass correlations, we computed both “1-rater” and “observed” estimates, where:
 - The 1-rater estimates indicate the level of consistency (or agreement) to be expected between the ratings provided by any single rater with any other randomly selected single rater, and
 - The observed estimates indicate the degree of consistency (or agreement) to be expected between the average among the sample of survey participants and the average that would be obtained if another random sample were to be drawn from the population.

Table 3. Estimates of Interrater Consistency and Agreement

Survey	Form	Number of Items	Type of ICC			
			Consistency		Agreement	
			1-rater	Observed	1-rater	Observed
PT KSR	A	76	.63	.99	.61	.99
	B	83	.65	.99	.62	.99
PTA KSR	A	67	.58	.99	.57	.99
	B	74	.61	.99	.58	.99
PT WA	A	118	.64	>.99	.57	.99
	B	124	.58	.99	.53	.99
PTA WA	A	99	.65	.99	.62	.99
	B	102	.50	.99	.45	.99

Note. Consistency and agreement ICCs were estimated for a single rater (1-Rater) and for the total number of raters (Observed).

Work Activity and Knowledge and Skill Requirements: Results Summary

Descriptive statistics for all PT and PTA WAs and KSRs are presented in Appendix B. To keep tables concise, we report only the most recent five years of analyses (2021 to 2025). We refer interested readers to previous project reports (Howald et al., 2023; Howald et al., 2024; Harris et al., 2022a; Harris et al., 2022b) for descriptive statistics from prior years. Based on the descriptive statistics, HumRRO flagged statements that:

- 1) Fell at, just above, or below the importance threshold for mean importance (2.50).
- 2) Increased or decreased in mean importance by 0.20 or more from 2024 to 2025.

- 3) Increased or decreased in percent important or percent performing by 0.10 or more from 2024 to 2025.
- 4) Were of particular interest to FSBPT given current trends, changes in the field, or the desire to track data by work setting or state.

The full set of findings for each of these categories of statements is presented in Appendices C through F. Notable statements from these results are summarized in Tables 4 through 8. We include the current Test Content Outline (TCO) status (i.e., whether the statement is included in the current exam blueprint) and mean importance, percent importance, or percent performing statistics for 2024 and 2025.

Table 4 shows select statements at or near the importance threshold of 2.50. Many of these statements are of particular interest because they have increased in mean importance since 2024 and are currently excluded from the TCO. These increases warrant further discussion about the overall importance of these KSRs and WAs to the PT and PTA professions. In the PT KSR results, knowledge of diagnostic electromyography and electrophysiology, as well as ultrasound imaging of the genitourinary system, all appear to be gaining in importance. Meanwhile, many PT WA therapeutic modality statements, such as paraffin bath thermotherapy and shockwave therapy, appear to be increasing in importance as well. Additionally, other members of the EDC Chairs Committee suggested that cash-based practices may be more likely to provide these services. We will continue to monitor these statements in future analyses and plan to include a question about cash-based practices in next year’s survey.

Table 4. Notable Statements at or Near the Importance Threshold

Survey	Statements	TCO Status	2024 Mean Importance	2025 Mean Importance
PT KSR	Diagnostic electromyography (EMG) using surface electrodes	Excl	2.54	2.65
	Diagnostic electrophysiology (EMG/NCV) using needle insertion	Excl	2.38	2.52
	Physical therapy ultrasound imaging of the genitourinary system	Excl	2.33	2.46
PT WA	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in paraffin bath thermotherapy	Excl	2.22	2.58
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in shockwave therapy	Excl	1.84	2.54
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in iontophoresis	Incl	2.13	2.45
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phonophoresis	Excl	1.87	2.40
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phototherapy (laser light)	Excl	2.09	2.40
PTA WA	Perform tests and measures of body composition (e.g., percent body fat, lean muscle mass, body mass index [BMI])	Excl	2.31	2.60
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	Excl	2.72	2.56
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in hyperbaric therapy	Excl	2.48	2.54

Note. No PTA KSRs were within 0.40 of the importance threshold. Incl=Included in TCO, Excl=Excluded from TCO.

In the PTA results, two therapeutic modality statements were also near the importance threshold. However, one of these statements (dry heat thermotherapy) decreased in importance while the other (hyperbaric therapy) only slightly increased. Performing tests and measures of body composition did increase substantially in importance. It appears that the 2024 mean importance of this statement ($M = 2.31$) was something of an outlier compared to other years, as mean importance ranged from 2.60 to 2.84 from 2021 to 2023. No PTA KSRs were at or close to the importance threshold.

Table 5 shows notable statements that exhibited large changes in mean importance from 2024 to 2025. Many such PT statements are statements about therapeutic modalities that are currently out of the TCO and are increasing in importance. During the 2025 Exam Chairs meeting, chairs raised the possibility that it is becoming important for practitioners to know about these modalities, to know when they are appropriate for use, when they are inappropriate for use, or to recommend them to a client, not necessarily because these modalities are being used more frequently. It is worth reiterating that the mean importance rating for a given WA statement is derived from participants who gave the statement a rating from 1 to 5; ratings of 0 (indicating the participant does not perform the activity) were not included in the calculation of mean importance. Therefore, an increase in mean importance does not necessarily indicate an increase in the percentage of people performing a given WA. For example, the two PT WAs in Table 5 exhibited decreases in percent performing from 41% in 2024 to 31% in 2025 (phonophoresis) and from 37% to 27% (shockwave therapy). In other words, fewer practitioners report that they perform these WAs, but the survey respondents who do are reporting them as increasingly more important.

The PTA KSR and WA results found similar results for therapeutic modalities. Many therapeutic modalities that are currently out of the TCO are exhibiting increases in mean importance. We will continue to monitor statements from this topic area in future surveys to see if this trend continues. Additionally, the results regarding the PTA WA statement about disclosing financial interest prompted discussion about the wording of the statement during the 2025 Exam Chairs meeting. The chairs determined that the statement should be more specific about the exact activities the statement is describing, and HumRRO plans to incorporate these changes in wording on the 2026 practice analysis survey.

Table 5. Notable Statements with Large Changes in Mean Importance

Survey	Statements	TCO Status	2024 Mean Importance	2025 Mean Importance
PT KSR	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	Excl	2.14	2.78
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	Incl	2.75	3.43
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis	Excl	2.24	2.94
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	Excl	2.48	3.35
PT WA	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phonophoresis	Excl	1.87	2.40
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in shockwave therapy	Excl	1.84	2.54
PTA KSR	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	Excl	2.44	3.41
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of Light-Emitting Diode (LED) light therapy	Excl	2.42	3.39
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis	Excl	2.37	3.45
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	Excl	2.65	3.79
PTA WA	Disclose financial interest in recommended products or services to patient/client	Incl	3.68	3.14
	Recognize changes in status of the reproductive system (e.g., sexual dysfunction, menstrual dysfunction, menopause/andropause status)	Incl	2.56	3.19
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phonophoresis	Excl	2.29	2.96

Note. Incl=Included in TCO, Excl=Excluded from TCO.

Table 6 shows that KSR results regarding percent importance largely match the KSR findings from Table 5. Many therapeutic modalities that are currently out of the TCO exhibited large increases in percent importance.

Table 6. Notable Statements with Large Changes in Percent Importance

Survey	Statements	TCO Status	2024 Percent Importance	2025 Percent Importance
PT KSR	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	Excl	75	88
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	Excl	61	74
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis	Excl	68	82
PTA KSR	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	Excl	77	93
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis	Excl	71	90
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	Excl	66	87

Note. Incl=Included in TCO, Excl=Excluded from TCO.

Table 7 depicts notable WAs with large changes from 2024 to 2025 in the percent of practitioners who report performing the WAs. Interestingly, two PT WAs in the TCO that exhibited the largest decreases in percent performing were about reporting suspected illegal or unsafe actions. However, the percentage of practitioners performing these WAs is still relatively high, and the mean importance of each of these statements was above 4.0. It seems that participants in this year’s survey did not encounter many situations where they had to report unsafe or unethical actions, but these actions are still perceived as quite important when they need to occur. The PT WAs with the largest decreases in percent performing were therapeutic modalities. It appears many statements in this topic area exhibited increases in mean importance but decreases in the percentage of respondents performing them.

A similar result occurred for the two PTA WAs, in that the statements with the largest decreases in percent performing were in regard to safety-related issues. However, as with the PT WA statements, the percentage of practitioners who reported performing these WAs was still relatively high, and the mean importance of each statement was above 4.0. The PTA WAs with the largest increases in percent performing were already performed at a fairly high rate in 2024 and are both in the TCO.

Table 7. Notable Statements with Large Changes in Percent Performing

Survey	Statements	TCO Status	2024 Percent Performing	2025 Percent Performing
PT WA	Report suspected illegal or unethical acts performed by healthcare providers to the relevant authority	Incl	97	67
	Report healthcare providers who are suspected of not performing their professional responsibilities with reasonable skill and safety to the appropriate authorities	Incl	96	66
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in diathermy	Excl	40	27
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in paraffin bath thermotherapy	Excl	47	34
PTA WA	Implement emergency procedures (e.g., CPR, AED, calling a code)	Incl	91	68
	Implement disaster response procedures	Incl	85	63
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in genitourinary management (e.g., pelvic floor exercises, bladder strategies)	Incl	59	77
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in techniques to maximize ventilation and perfusion (e.g., positioning, active cycle breathing, autogenic drainage, paced breathing, pursed-lip breathing)	Incl	61	82

Note. Incl=Included in TCO, Excl=Excluded from TCO.

Most of the statements in Table 8 were flagged for further monitoring during the 2024 Exam Chairs meeting. Across PT and PTA statements, many therapeutic modality statements were flagged to see if downward trends in their mean importance would continue. As we have discussed based on the results of previous tables, these statements instead tended to demonstrate an increase in importance from 2024 to 2025. The PTA KSR statement regarding lymphatic system tests and measures was similarly flagged for a downward trend in mean importance, and this statement also demonstrated an increase in mean importance from 2024 to 2025.

PTA WA statements about blood-flow restriction training and postural drainage were flagged due to an increase in mean importance from 2023 to 2024. From 2024 to 2025, the mean importance of the blood-flow restriction training statement decreased only slightly, and the mean importance of the postural drainage statement increased. Both 2025 values are substantially higher than the 2023 mean importance ratings, suggesting that the increases in mean importance from 2023 to 2024 were not an anomaly. After discussing this topic, the exam chairs voted to start writing pretest items based on the PT and PTA blood-flow restriction training KSRs. The PTA WA statement about mechanical neuromuscular re-education remained stable in mean importance from 2024 to 2025. During the 2025 Exam Chairs meeting, a discussion about this statement revealed that changes to the wording of this statement may help to clarify the statement’s meaning, as the current wording may be too narrow. HumRRO plans to implement revised wording in the 2026 practice analysis survey. Additionally, the exam chairs

voted to start writing pretest items based on this statement due to its consistently high mean importance rating.

Table 8. Notable Statements Selected for Review

Survey	Statements	TCO Status	2024 Mean Importance	2025 Mean Importance
PT KSR	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of iontophoresis	Incl	2.52	3.09
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	Incl	2.75	3.43
PT WA	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in ultrasound procedures	Incl	2.21	2.19
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in iontophoresis	Incl	2.13	2.45
PTA KSR	Lymphatic system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	Incl	2.90	3.22
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	Incl	3.33	3.97
	Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of iontophoresis	Incl	2.76	3.53
PTA WA	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in blood-flow restriction training	Excl	3.29	3.18
	Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	Excl	3.25	3.25
	Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in postural drainage	Incl	2.55	2.76

Note. Incl=Included in TCO, Excl=Excluded from TCO.

Several analyses were conducted by splitting the participant sample by state or work setting and comparing mean importance and percent performing among these subgroups. These results were easier to convey with the aid of data visualizations, which we have reproduced in Figures 3 through 14. In each graph where mean importance is represented on the x-axis, we provide 95% confidence intervals for each subgroup analyzed. Confidence intervals that overlap are indicative of subgroup differences that are likely a result of sampling error rather than true differences in the population. This is the case with many of the confidence intervals in the figures below due to low sample sizes in the subgroups and/or relatively high standard deviations in the estimates. This means that if the population were to be resampled from and these analyses recalculated, we would expect the rank-ordering of many of these subgroups to be different simply due to this sampling error. In the following paragraphs, we summarize the results of each analysis and highlight any subgroup differences that appear to reflect true differences between subgroups in the practitioner population.

Figure 3 depicts results for statements about blood-flow restriction by state in the PT KSR sample. The mean importance rating for this KSR in the overall sample was 3.41. Most states

were close to this mean, with Indiana demonstrating the lowest value ($M = 2.71$, 95% CI [2.12, 3.29]). Three states, Washington ($M = 4.19$, 95% CI [3.82, 4.56]), Florida ($M = 4.11$, 95% CI [3.77, 4.45]), and California ($M = 3.63$, 95% CI [3.34, 3.92]) do not overlap with the upper bound of Indiana’s confidence interval, providing evidence that these interstate differences reflect real differences in the population. The intervals for Washington and Florida also did not overlap with those of Pennsylvania ($M = 3.03$, 95% CI [2.57, 3.49]), Illinois ($M = 3.35$, 95% CI [2.98, 3.72]), and Colorado ($M = 3.37$, 95% CI [2.97, 3.76]).

Figure 3. PT KSR Blood-flow Restriction by State

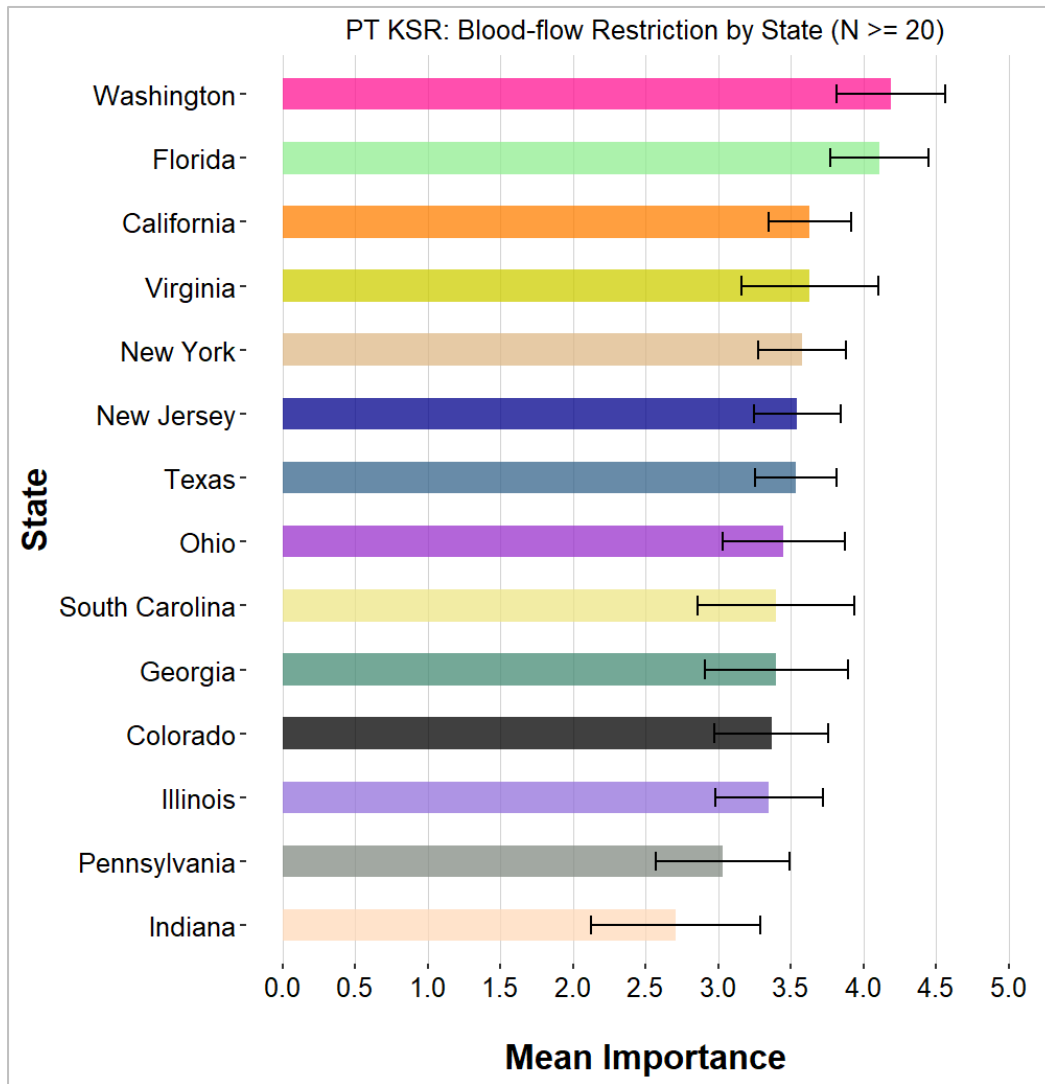


Figure 4 depicts the percent performing and mean importance of the blood-flow restriction WA by state for the PT sample. The sample sizes were especially limited for mean importance values because only those participants who reported performing the WA could be included in the calculation of mean importance. Results show that more practitioners reported performing this WA in Texas (68.8%) and New York (68.4%) than in California (44.2%). Only Texas and New York had at least 10 participants report performance of this WA, and their mean importance ratings did not significantly differ from each other or from the mean importance of this WA in the overall sample ($M = 3.14$).

Figure 4. PT WA Blood-flow Restriction by State

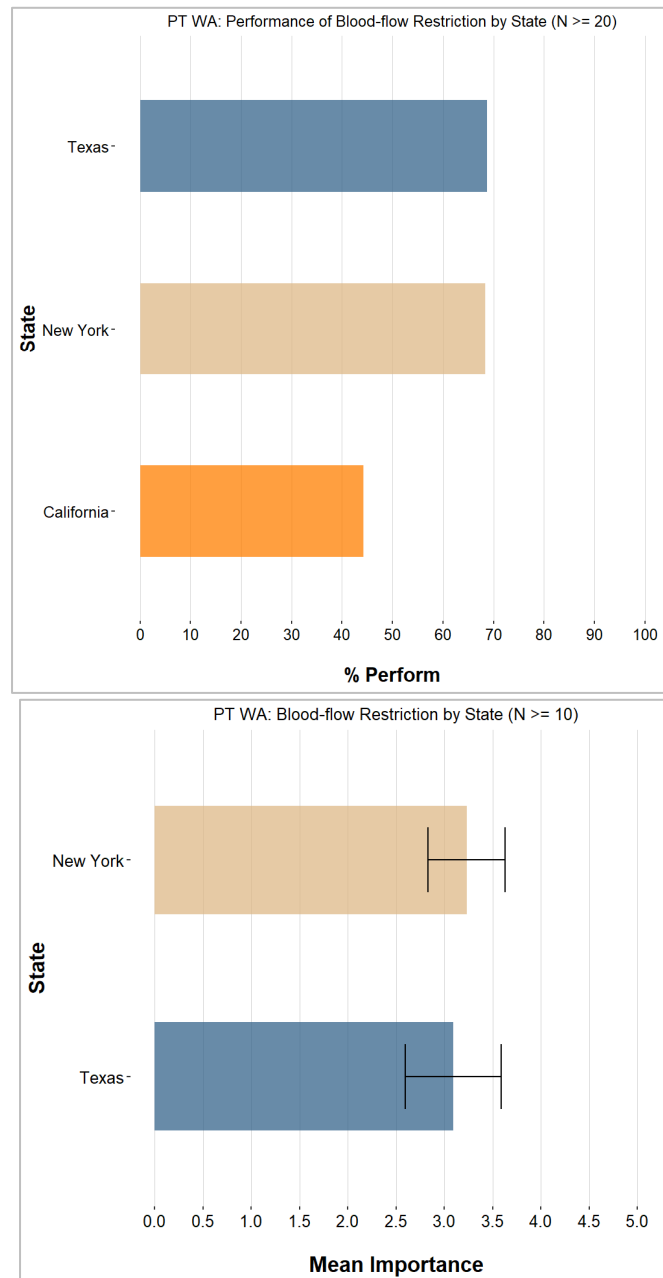


Figure 5 shows the mean importance ratings for blood-flow restriction by state for the PTA KSR sample. The mean importance rating for this KSR in the overall sample was 3.68. Most states exhibited mean values near the overall mean, and all state confidence intervals overlapped with each other.

Figure 5. PTA KSR Blood-Flow Restriction by State

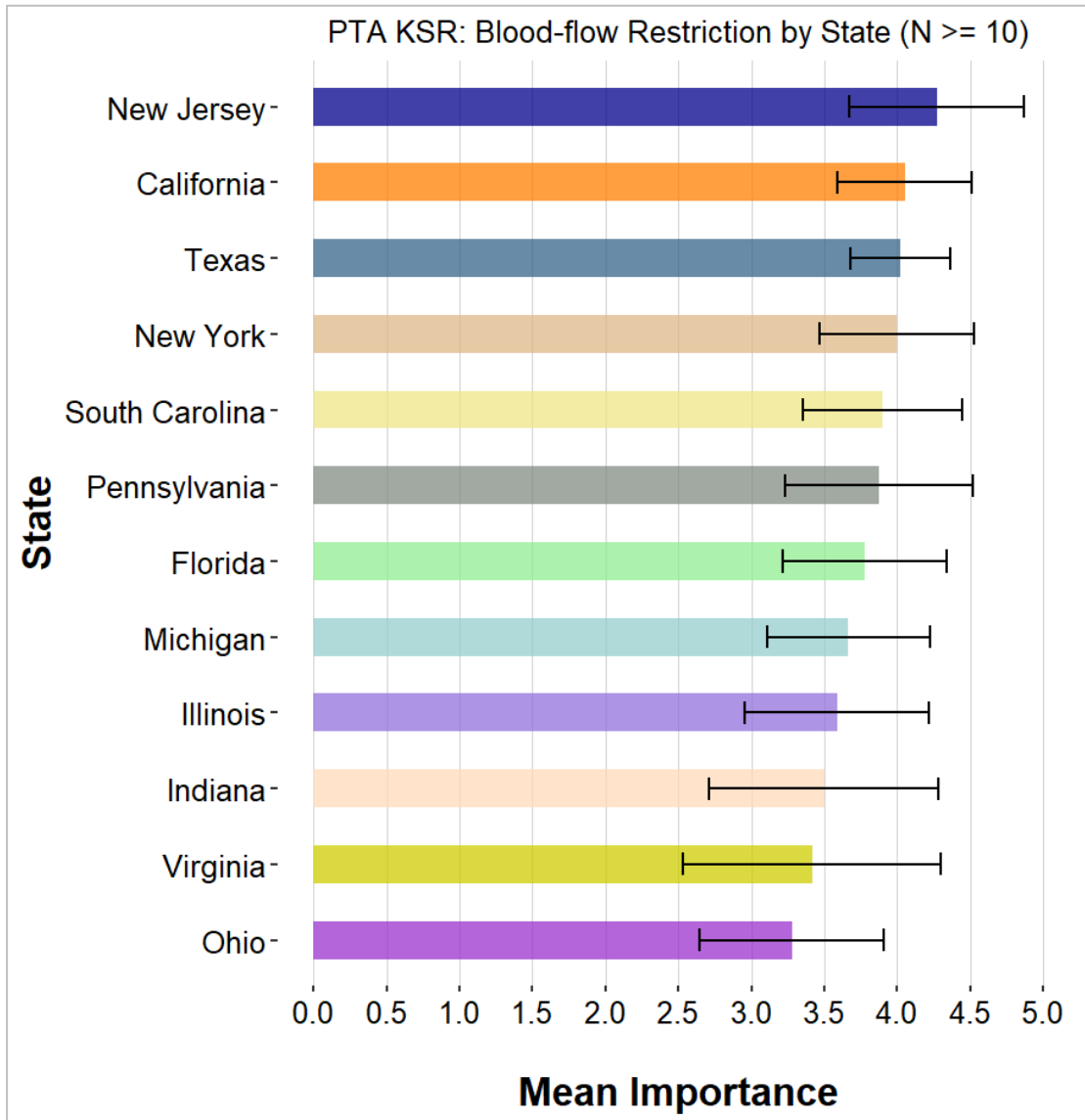


Figure 6 shows the mean importance ratings for cupping by state for the PT KSR sample. The mean importance rating for this KSR in the overall sample was 3.17. Most states exhibited mean values near the overall mean, and all state confidence intervals overlapped with each other.

Figure 6. PT KSR Cupping by State

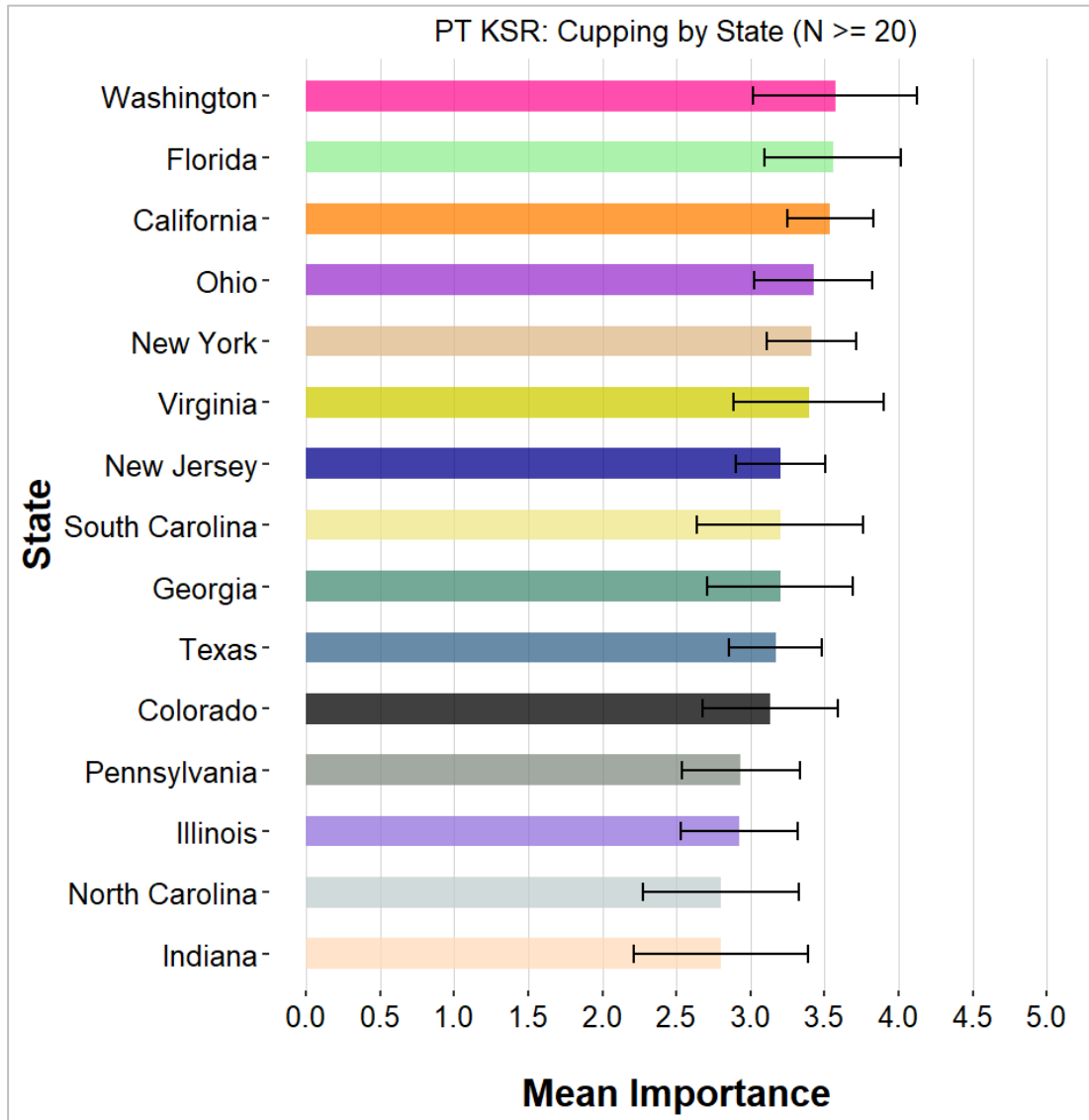


Figure 7 shows the percent performing and mean importance of the cupping WA by state for the PT sample. As with blood-flow restriction, sample sizes were very limited for individual states. The reported performance of cupping among practitioners was higher in New York (70.2%) than in Texas (56.3%) and California (55.8%). Only California and New York had at least 10 participants who reported performing this WA. Mean importance ratings for these states did not significantly differ from each other or from the overall sample mean ($M = 2.93$).

Figure 7. PT WA Cupping by State

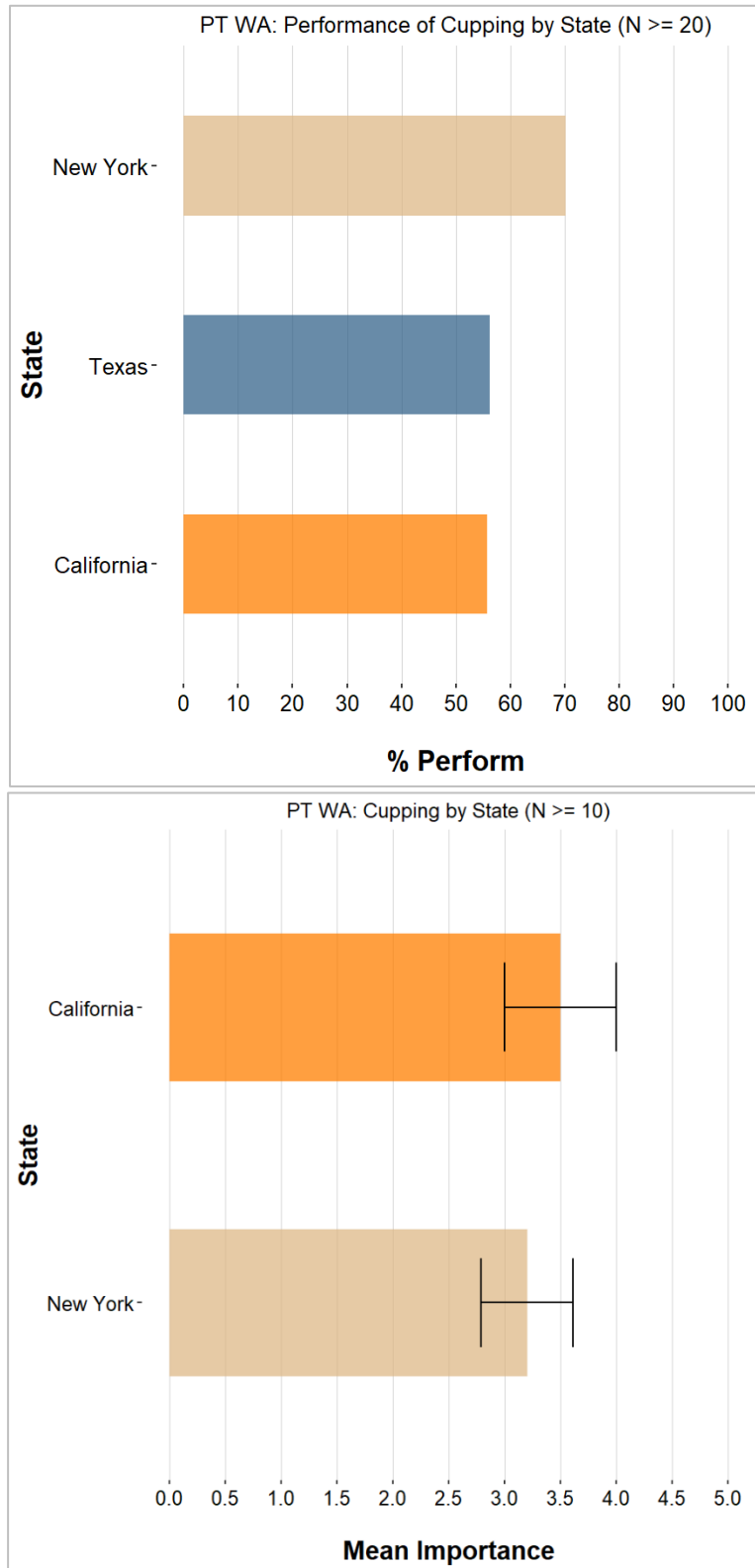


Figure 8 depicts the mean importance ratings for cupping by state for the PTA KSR sample. The mean importance rating for this KSR in the overall sample was 3.49. Most states had mean values near this overall mean, and all state confidence intervals overlapped with each other.

Figure 8. PTA KSR Cupping by State

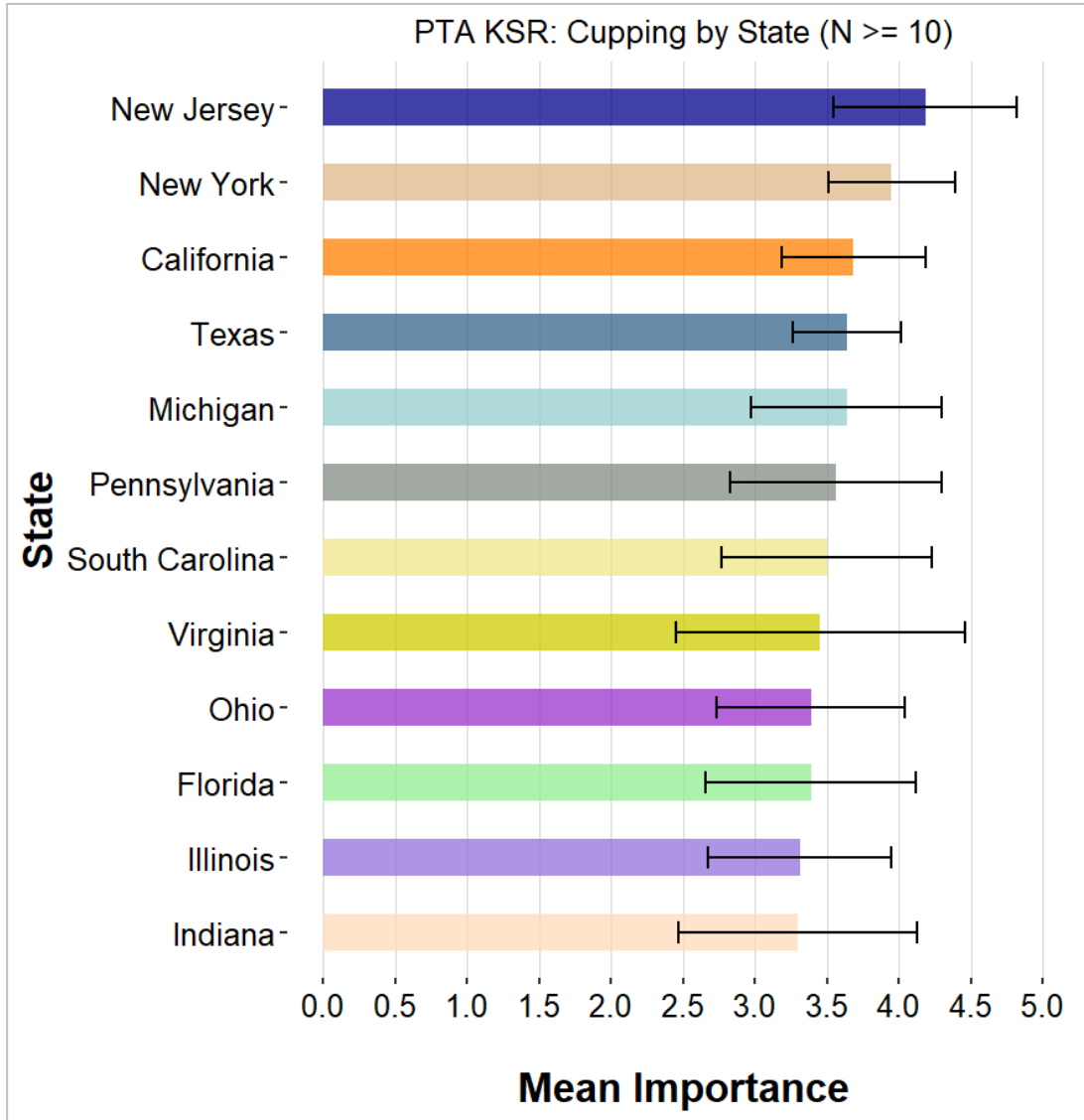


Figure 9 shows the mean importance ratings for telehealth by state for the PT KSR sample. The mean importance rating for this KSR in the overall sample was 3.46. Ohio had the lowest mean rating ($M = 2.92$, 95% CI [2.55, 3.29]). This confidence interval did not overlap with those of Maryland ($M = 3.86$, 95% CI [3.35, 4.37]), Michigan ($M = 3.86$, 95% CI [3.36, 4.35]), New Jersey ($M = 3.75$, 95% CI [3.44, 4.07]), New York ($M = 3.79$, 95% CI [3.48, 4.10]), Illinois ($M = 3.71$, 95% CI [3.32, 4.10]), and California ($M = 3.67$, 95% CI [3.39, 3.96]). All other pairs of state confidence intervals overlapped.

Figure 9. PT KSR Telehealth by State

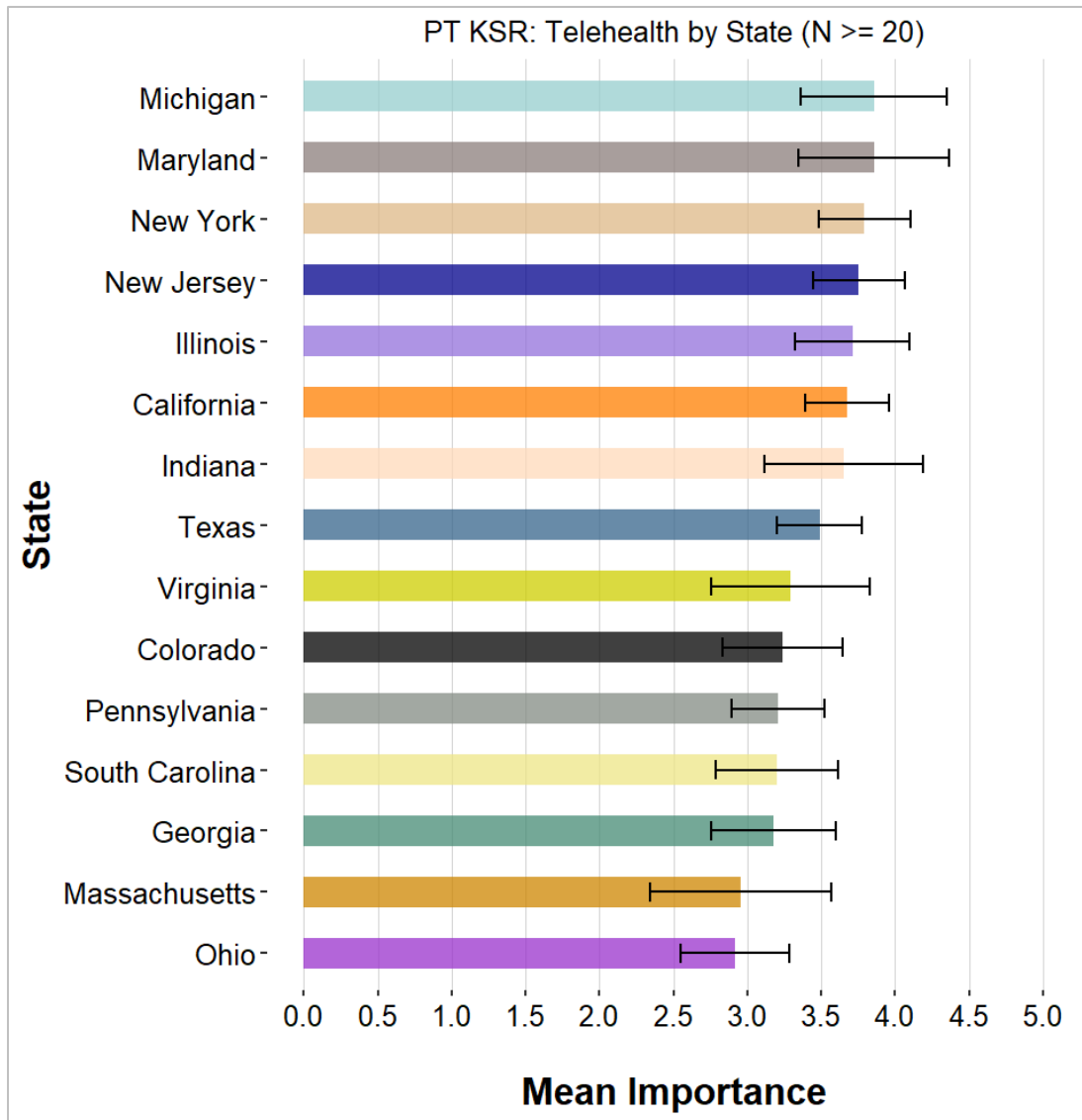


Figure 10 displays the mean importance ratings for telehealth by state for the PTA KSR sample. The mean importance ratings for this KSR in the overall sample were 3.39. All states were close to this overall mean, and all state confidence intervals overlapped with each other.

Figure 10. PTA KSR Telehealth by State

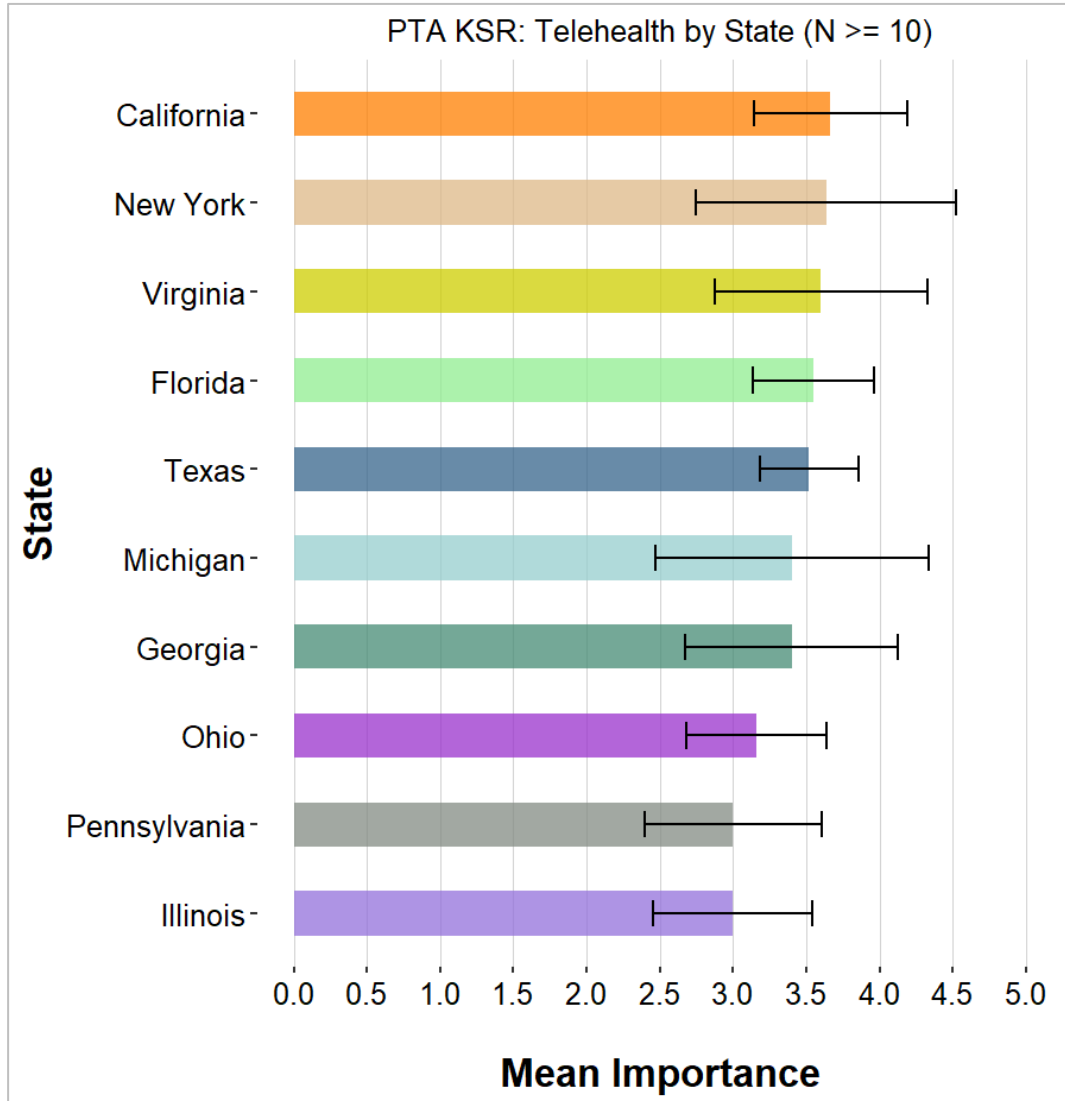


Figure 11 shows the percent performing and mean importance of the dry needling WA by state for the PT sample. There was a wide variety of percent performing values across the states with sample sizes of at least 20, ranging from 25.5% (California) to 72.2% (Texas). Similar to last year, 50.8% of New York participants reported performing dry needling despite this practice being illegal in the state of New York. During the 2024 Exam Chairs meeting, it was theorized that these participants are likely based in New York but practicing dry needling in nearby states, such as New Jersey. This point was made during the 2025 Exam Chairs meeting as well. Only Texas and New York had at least 10 participants who reported performing this WA. Mean importance ratings for these states did not significantly differ from each other or from the overall sample mean ($M = 3.30$).

Figure 11. PT WA Dry Needling by State

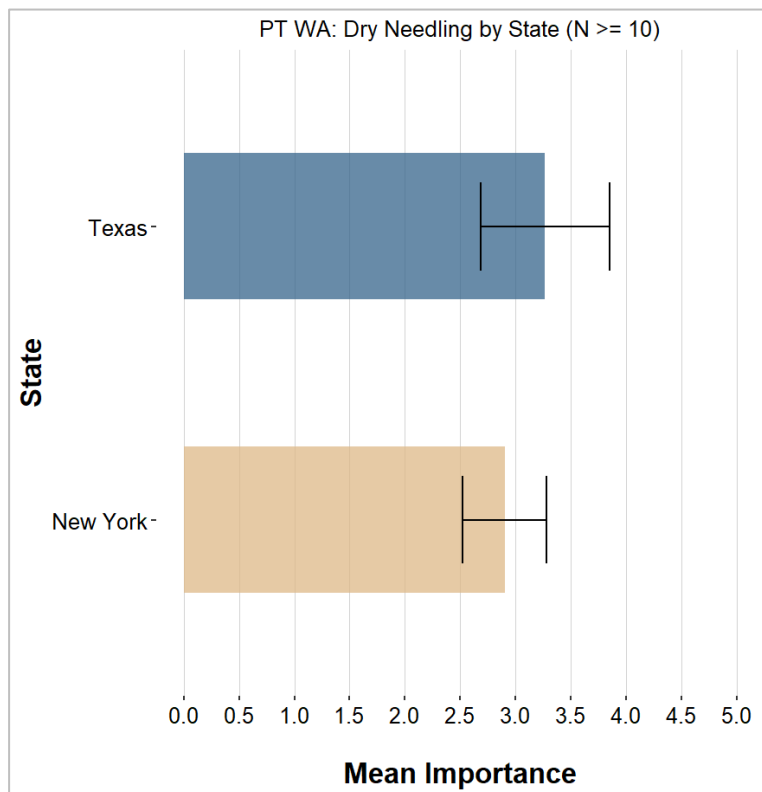
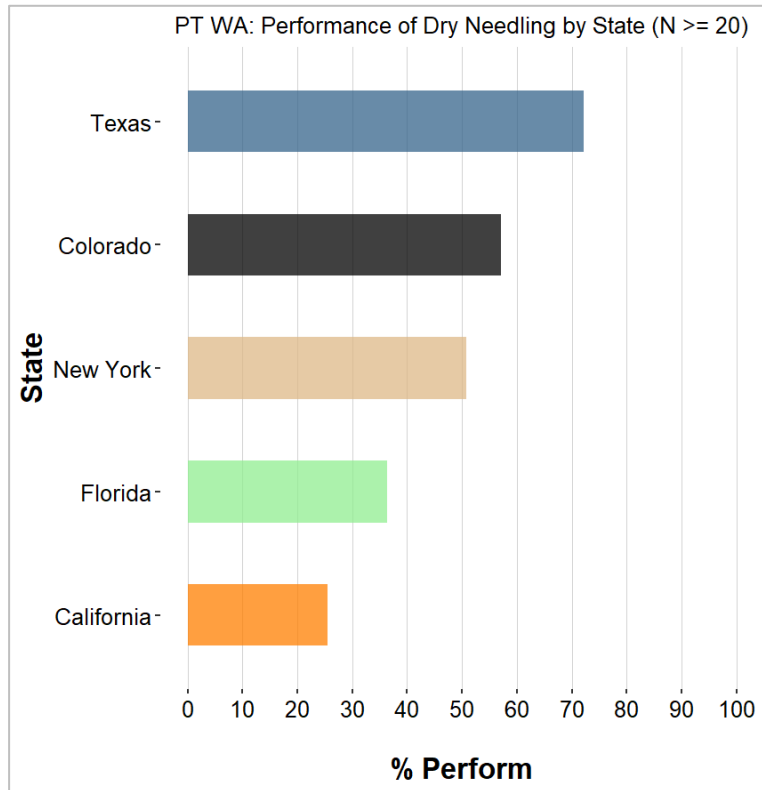


Figure 12 shows the percent performing and mean importance of the dry needling WA by setting for the PT sample. Sample sizes were much larger for settings than for states. The percent of practitioners who reported practicing dry needling was very similar across settings, ranging from 45.6% (rural) to 49.8% (urban/metropolitan). Mean importance was also very similar across settings, with all confidence intervals overlapping.

Figure 12. PT WA Dry Needling by Setting

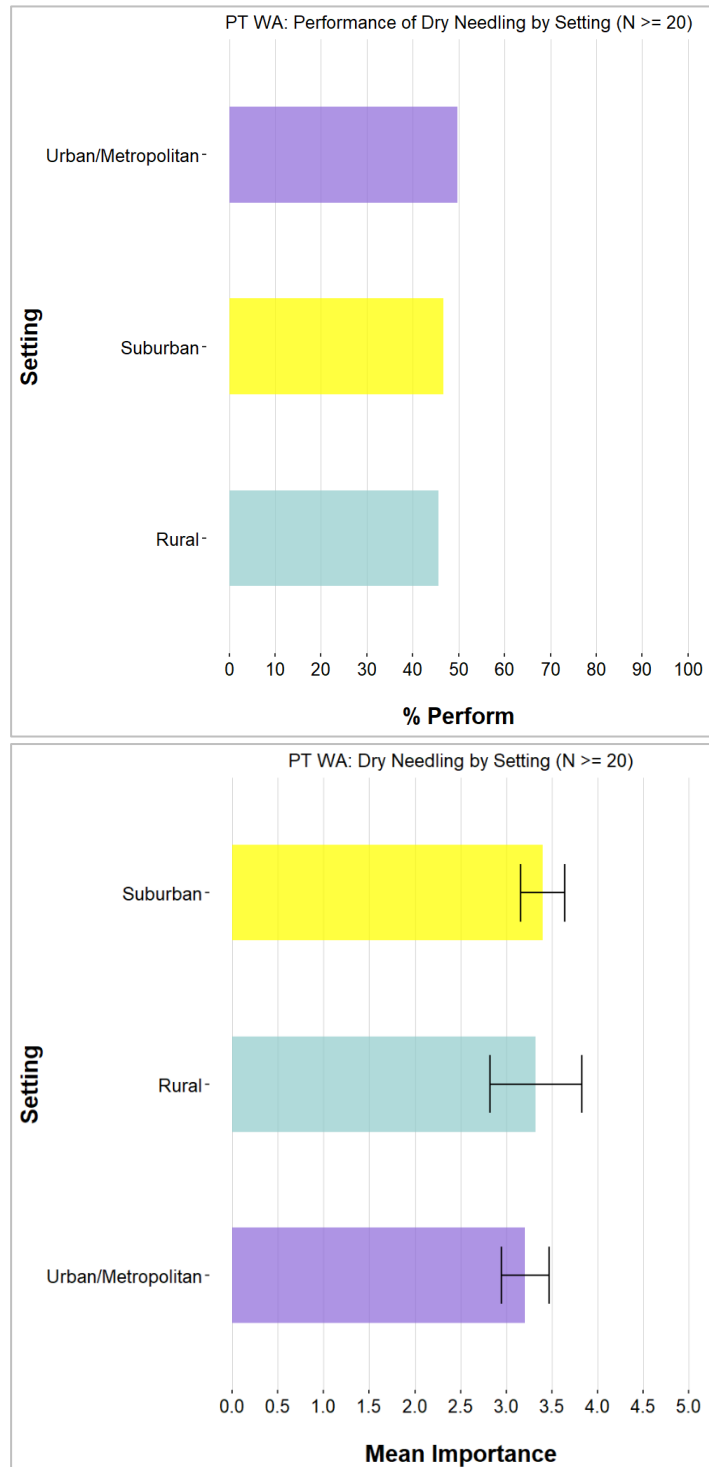


Figure 13 shows the mean importance ratings for knowledge of regenerative medicine related to the neuromuscular and nervous systems by state for the PT KSR sample. The mean importance rating for this KSR in the overall sample was 3.01. Most states were close to this mean value. The mean for Massachusetts ($M = 2.14$, 95% CI [1.74, 2.53]) was notably lower than the overall mean, and its confidence interval did not overlap with most other states. All other pairs of state confidence intervals overlapped.

Figure 13. PT KSR Regenerative Medicine (Neuromuscular and Nervous System) by State

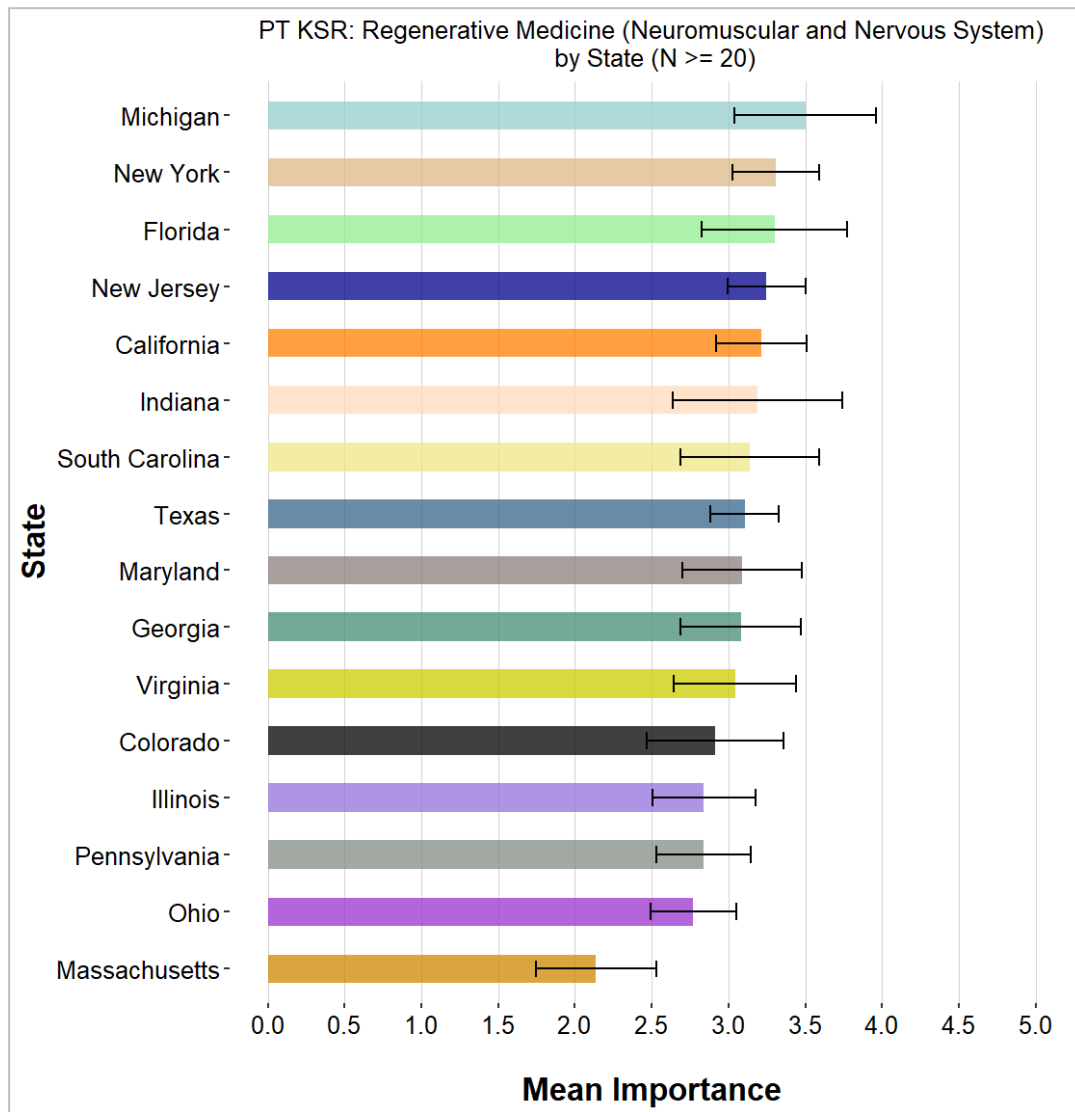
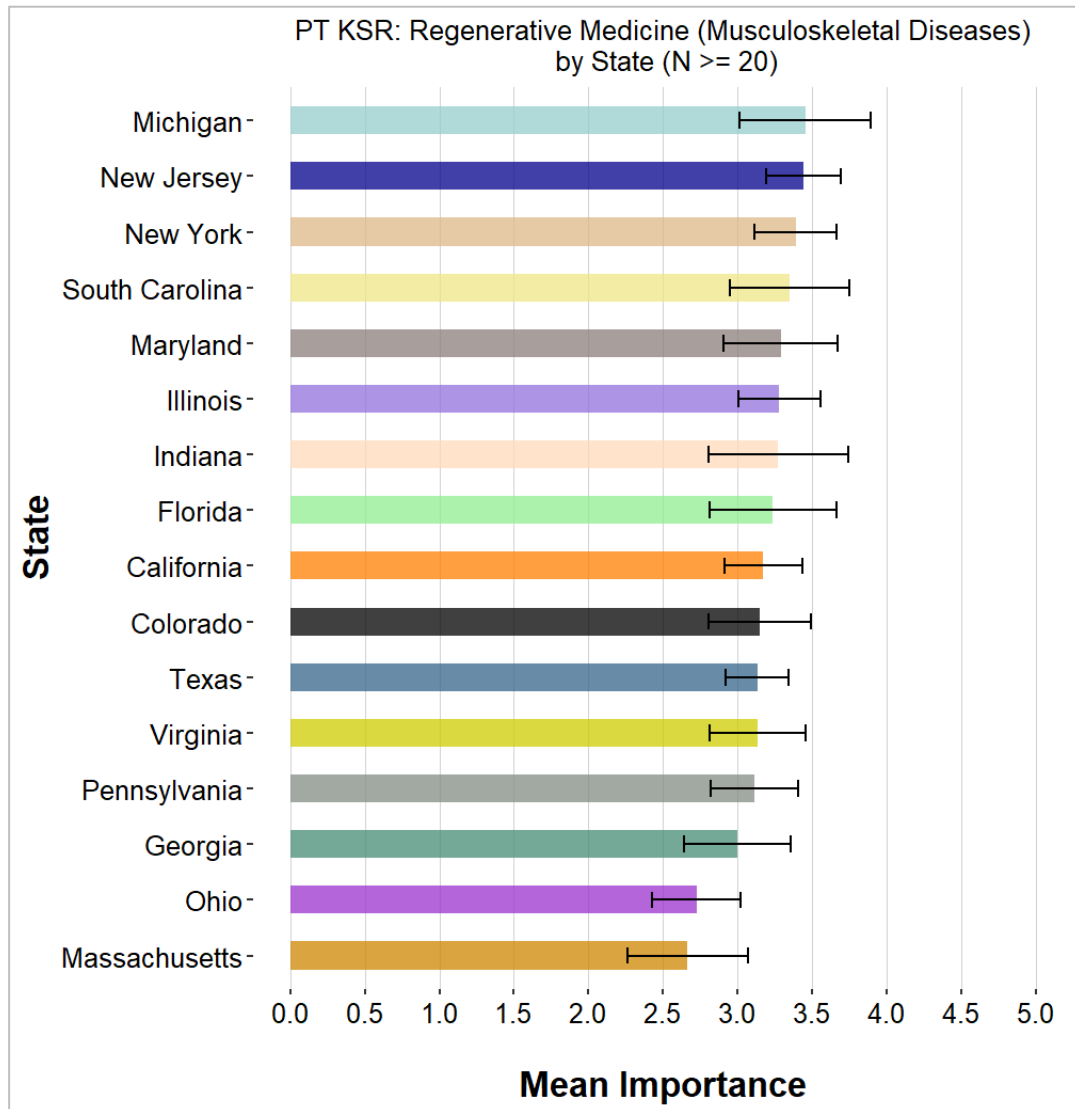


Figure 14 shows the mean importance ratings for knowledge of regenerative medicine related to musculoskeletal diseases. The mean importance rating for this KSR in the overall sample was 3.12. Most states were close to this value. Massachusetts had the lowest mean rating for this KSR as well ($M = 2.67$, 95% CI [2.26, 3.07]). Both Massachusetts ($M = 2.67$, 95% CI [2.26, 3.07]) and Ohio ($M = 2.73$, 95% CI [2.43, 3.02]) exhibited confidence intervals that did not overlap with those of New Jersey ($M = 3.44$, 95% CI [3.19, 3.70]) and New York ($M = 3.39$, 95% CI [3.12, 3.66]). All other pairs of state confidence intervals overlapped.

Figure 14. PT KSR Regenerative Medicine (Musculoskeletal Diseases) by State



Recommendations for Future Practice Analysis Survey Cycles

All results were presented during the 2025 Exam Chairs meeting or were provided to the exam chairs offline. During the meeting, we received feedback for future exam development, survey administrations, and practice analyses, which we summarize here.

- Continue to monitor the mean importance and percent performing for therapeutic modalities, as statements about these topics tended to dramatically increase in mean importance in 2025, while percent performing tended to remain low.
- Include a question asking what percentage of participants' time is spent working in a cash-based practice.
- Adjust the wording of the PTA WA "Disclose financial interest in recommended products or services to patient/client" to be more specific.
- Adjust the wording of the PTA WA "Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)" to broaden the examples listed.
- Begin writing pre-test items relevant to the PT and PTA KSRs "Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of blood-flow restriction training" per the vote held by PT and PTA exam chairs.
- Begin writing pretest items relevant to "Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)" to PTA exam level.

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Appendix A. Summary of Background Questionnaire Responses

Table A.1. Descriptive Statistics for the 2025 Background Questionnaire

Question	Count				Percent			
	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA
Q1 What is your gender?								
I prefer not to respond	23	11	7	3	1.3	1.1	0.7	0.9
Female	1326	752	702	242	73.3	73.2	71.3	72.9
Male	457	258	268	87	25.2	25.1	27.2	26.2
Transgender	0	0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Gender Non-Binary	3	5	6	0	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.0
[other]	1	2	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Q2 Are you Hispanic or Latino?								
I prefer not to respond	54	23	18	5	3.0	2.2	1.8	1.5
Yes	89	82	77	33	4.9	8.0	7.8	9.9
No	1667	923	889	294	92.1	89.8	90.3	88.6
Q3 What is your race?								
I prefer not to respond	84	41	24	16	4.6	4.0	2.4	4.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	11	8	9	0.4	1.1	0.8	2.7
Asian	285	101	205	47	15.7	9.8	20.8	14.2
Black or African American	51	63	42	24	2.8	6.1	4.3	7.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6	8	10	4	0.3	0.8	1.0	1.2
White	1378	813	723	237	76.1	79.1	73.5	71.4
[other]	26	23	18	15	1.4	2.2	1.8	4.5
Q4 What is the highest academic degree related to physical therapy that you have earned?								
Certificate	0	0	0	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Associate's	0	567	0	231	0.0	55.2	0.0	69.6
Bachelor's	116	205	60	86	6.4	19.9	6.1	25.9
Master's	242	52	42	7	13.4	5.1	4.3	2.1
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT, clinical doctorate)	1411	195	876	1	78.0	19.0	89.0	0.3
Other doctoral degree (PhD, EdD, or other)	35	4	1	1	1.9	0.4	0.1	0.3
[other]	6	5	5	4	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.2

Question	Count				Percent			
	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA
Q5 Where did you complete your entry-level physical therapy education?								
United States	1549	962	848	305	85.6	93.6	86.2	91.9
Canada	3	2	1	0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0
Egypt	7	1	3	1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3
India	68	20	48	7	3.8	1.9	4.9	2.1
Philippines	128	32	52	14	7.1	3.1	5.3	4.2
South Korea	4	0	2	1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3
United Kingdom	12	0	0	0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
[other]	39	11	30	4	2.2	1.1	3.0	1.2
Q6 In what year were you FIRST licensed as a physical therapist in the United States, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico?								
Not selected	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1955-1959	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1960-1969	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1970-1979	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
1980-1989	2	2	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
1990-1999	156	76	1	0	8.6	7.4	0.1	0.0
2000-2009	514	208	2	4	28.4	20.2	0.2	1.2
2010-2019	1007	660	6	0	55.6	64.2	0.6	0.0
2020-2025	130	82	975	328	7.2	8.0	99.1	98.8
Q7 In which one of the following United States physical therapy jurisdictions do you currently have your PRIMARY clinical work setting?								
Not selected	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alabama	10	12	9	2	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.6
Alaska	8	3	4	1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
Arizona	26	20	26	7	1.4	1.9	2.6	2.1
Arkansas	21	17	10	3	1.2	1.7	1.0	0.9
California	136	56	85	24	7.5	5.4	8.6	7.2
Colorado	55	11	36	9	3.0	1.1	3.7	2.7
Connecticut	18	11	11	4	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
District of Columbia (Washington)	4	2	5	0	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0
Delaware	13	8	9	3	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
Florida	52	59	42	24	2.9	5.7	4.3	7.2
Georgia	49	29	17	9	2.7	2.8	1.7	2.7
Guam	0	1	0	0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hawaii	7	5	3	1	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
Idaho	16	8	7	5	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.5
Illinois	82	40	34	9	4.5	3.9	3.5	2.7

Question	Count				Percent			
	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA
Indiana	49	23	20	12	2.7	2.2	2.0	3.6
Iowa	15	11	16	4	0.8	1.1	1.6	1.2
Kansas	26	9	12	9	1.4	0.9	1.2	2.7
Kentucky	28	20	15	5	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.5
Louisiana	16	16	11	5	0.9	1.6	1.1	1.5
Maine	6	5	8	5	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.5
Maryland	42	16	18	4	2.3	1.6	1.8	1.2
Massachusetts	43	19	32	6	2.4	1.8	3.3	1.8
Michigan	36	31	28	9	2.0	3.0	2.8	2.7
Minnesota	35	14	19	4	1.9	1.4	1.9	1.2
Mississippi	9	13	11	2	0.5	1.3	1.1	0.6
Missouri	28	16	14	10	1.5	1.6	1.4	3.0
Montana	11	2	9	0	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.0
Nebraska	10	9	8	4	0.6	0.9	0.8	1.2
Nevada	13	6	7	4	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.2
New Hampshire	18	9	5	3	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.9
New Jersey	130	36	30	6	7.2	3.5	3.0	1.8
New Mexico	7	6	4	5	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.5
New York	133	49	117	30	7.3	4.8	11.9	9.0
North Carolina	39	9	19	9	2.2	0.9	1.9	2.7
North Dakota	3	3	2	2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6
Northern Mariana Islands	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ohio	82	60	31	15	4.5	5.8	3.2	4.5
Oklahoma	11	10	3	4	0.6	1.0	0.3	1.2
Oregon	30	14	12	2	1.7	1.4	1.2	0.6
Pennsylvania	80	49	41	9	4.4	4.8	4.2	2.7
Puerto Rico	2	0	1	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Rhode Island	7	5	2	2	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.6
South Carolina	44	34	7	5	2.4	3.3	0.7	1.5
South Dakota	2	3	4	0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0
Tennessee	29	24	15	13	1.6	2.3	1.5	3.9
Texas	173	136	74	19	9.6	13.2	7.5	5.7
U.S. Virgin Islands	0	2	0	1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3
Utah	16	9	16	4	0.9	0.9	1.6	1.2
Vermont	3	0	2	0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Virginia	59	34	27	7	3.3	3.3	2.7	2.1
Washington	35	16	19	7	1.9	1.6	1.9	2.1

Question	Count				Percent			
	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA
West Virginia	4	8	3	1	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.3
Wisconsin	35	15	21	4	1.9	1.5	2.1	1.2
Wyoming	3	5	3	0	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0
Q8 In which of the following United States physical therapy jurisdictions are you currently licensed? (percentages may sum to more than 100%)								
Alabama	11	13	11	2	0.6	1.3	1.1	0.6
Alaska	8	4	5	2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6
Arizona	39	23	34	6	2.2	2.2	3.5	1.8
Arkansas	22	21	10	3	1.2	2.0	1.0	0.9
California	161	62	91	25	8.9	6.0	9.2	7.5
Colorado	70	13	44	9	3.9	1.3	4.5	2.7
Connecticut	32	16	18	4	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.2
District of Columbia (Washington)	14	2	6	0	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.0
Delaware	22	9	11	2	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.6
Florida	84	71	50	25	4.6	6.9	5.1	7.5
Georgia	58	32	26	9	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.7
Guam	0	1	0	0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Hawaii	14	5	5	1	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3
Idaho	19	11	9	5	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.5
Illinois	101	51	38	10	5.6	5.0	3.9	3.0
Indiana	60	31	21	14	3.3	3.0	2.1	4.2
Iowa	18	14	20	4	1.0	1.4	2.0	1.2
Kansas	31	10	11	12	1.7	1.0	1.1	3.6
Kentucky	30	26	17	5	1.7	2.5	1.7	1.5
Louisiana	17	16	18	6	0.9	1.6	1.3	1.8
Maine	12	7	10	5	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.5
Maryland	52	20	23	5	2.9	1.9	2.3	1.5
Massachusetts	66	26	37	6	3.6	2.5	3.8	1.8
Michigan	43	34	32	11	2.4	3.3	3.3	3.3
Minnesota	39	18	23	5	2.2	1.8	2.3	1.5
Mississippi	10	15	10	4	0.6	1.5	1.0	1.2
Missouri	46	21	22	12	2.5	2.0	2.2	3.6
Montana	12	2	10	0	0.7	0.2	1.0	0.0
Nebraska	13	11	12	4	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.2
Nevada	16	7	8	4	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.2
New Hampshire	26	11	5	3	1.4	1.1	0.5	0.9
New Jersey	146	45	44	7	8.1	4.4	4.5	2.1

Question	Count				Percent			
	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA
New Mexico	11	11	5	5	0.6	1.1	0.5	1.5
New York	187	64	145	35	10.3	6.2	14.7	10.5
North Carolina	43	16	21	9	2.4	1.6	2.1	2.7
North Dakota	3	4	4	3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.9
Northern Mariana Islands	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ohio	96	66	35	15	5.3	6.4	3.6	4.5
Oklahoma	12	14	3	4	0.7	1.3	0.3	1.2
Oregon	43	20	14	3	2.4	1.9	1.4	0.9
Pennsylvania	103	58	51	11	5.7	5.6	5.2	3.3
Puerto Rico	2	0	1	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Rhode Island	10	7	2	3	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.9
South Carolina	51	40	9	5	2.8	3.9	0.9	1.5
South Dakota	5	3	5	0	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0
Tennessee	37	23	19	14	2.0	2.2	1.9	4.2
Texas	189	137	83	19	10.4	13.3	8.4	5.7
U.S. Virgin Islands	0	2	0	1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3
Utah	20	11	17	4	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.2
Vermont	8	0	2	1	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3
Virginia	75	44	36	8	4.1	4.3	3.7	2.4
Washington	52	20	24	7	2.9	1.9	2.4	2.1
West Virginia	6	9	5	1	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.3
Wisconsin	43	16	31	5	2.4	1.6	3.2	1.5
Wyoming	8	4	4	0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0
Q8b In which of the following United States physical therapy jurisdictions do you currently hold a PT Compact Privilege? (percentages may sum to more than 100%)								
Alabama	2	1	7	1	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.3
Alaska	2	2	1	1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Arizona	11	3	6	0	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.0
Arkansas	4	2	3	0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0
California	8	13	5	6	0.4	1.2	0.5	1.8
Colorado	13	5	5	1	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3
Connecticut	1	2	1	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
District of Columbia (Washington)	0	1	0	0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Delaware	3	1	1	1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
Florida	6	12	8	3	0.3	1.1	0.8	0.9
Georgia	11	4	13	2	0.6	0.4	1.3	0.6
Guam	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Idaho	0	1	0	0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Illinois	12	5	4	5	0.7	0.5	0.4	1.5
Indiana	6	8	10	4	0.3	0.8	1.0	1.2
Iowa	5	1	8	1	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.3
Kansas	2	2	2	2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6
Kentucky	4	3	7	1	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.3
Louisiana	0	2	6	0	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0
Maine	0	0	2	0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Maryland	4	5	5	0	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.0
Massachusetts	2	1	6	0	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.0
Michigan	2	5	7	0	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.0
Minnesota	3	2	3	0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0
Mississippi	4	2	3	3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.9
Missouri	9	2	9	4	0.5	0.2	0.9	1.2
Montana	4	1	5	0	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.0
Nebraska	1	1	4	0	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0
Nevada	1	3	1	2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.6
New Hampshire	3	1	2	1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3
New Jersey	16	9	9	1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.3
New Mexico	0	1	3	1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3
New York	17	12	21	4	0.9	1.1	2.1	1.2
North Carolina	5	1	10	2	0.3	0.1	1.0	0.6
North Dakota	1	0	1	1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3
Northern Mariana Islands	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ohio	13	12	6	2	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.6
Oklahoma	4	3	1	0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
Oregon	2	6	8	1	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.3
Pennsylvania	7	3	3	3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.9
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rhode Island	0	1	2	1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3
South Carolina	9	9	3	3	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.9
South Dakota	0	0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Tennessee	3	5	6	4	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.2
Texas	23	21	20	5	1.3	2.0	2.0	1.5
U.S. Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Utah	3	5	5	1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3

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	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA
Vermont	0	0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Virginia	9	5	6	1	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3
Washington	6	1	6	2	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.6
West Virginia	3	3	2	0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0
Wisconsin	2	4	8	1	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.3
Wyoming	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Q9 Which best describes the location of your PRIMARY clinical work setting?								
Urban/Metropolitan	645	307	410	114	35.6	29.9	41.7	34.3
Suburban	882	469	439	145	48.7	45.6	44.6	43.7
Rural	283	252	135	73	15.6	24.5	13.7	22.0
Q10 What is your employment status as a physical therapist (physical therapist assistant)?								
Actively employed full-time as a physical therapist (physical therapist assistant)	1307	749	880	262	72.2	72.9	89.4	78.9
Actively employed part-time as a physical therapist (physical therapist assistant)	301	207	61	59	16.6	20.1	6.2	17.8
Self-employed full-time as a physical therapist (physical therapist assistant)	114	28	15	6	6.3	2.7	1.5	1.8
Self-employed part-time as a physical therapist (physical therapist assistant)	68	30	10	0	3.8	2.9	1.0	0.0
Retired	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unemployed, seeking employment as a physical therapist (physical therapist assistant)	20	14	18	5	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.5
NOT seeking employment as a physical therapist (physical therapist assistant)	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Q19 Have you ever had an extended period of time (more than three months) away from actively working as a physical therapist assistant? Includes work in clinical, administration, consultation, education, or research activities.								
No, I have never had an extended break from my work	1373	764	893	302	75.9	74.3	90.8	91.0
Yes, lasting 3 to 6 months	262	129	52	18	14.5	12.5	5.3	5.4
Yes, lasting 7 to 12 months	69	60	14	5	3.8	5.8	1.4	1.5
Yes, lasting 13 to 18 months	30	20	6	3	1.7	1.9	0.6	0.9
Yes, lasting 19 to 35 months	32	17	6	2	1.8	1.7	0.6	0.6
Yes, lasting 3 to 5 years	26	21	8	2	1.4	2.0	0.8	0.6
Yes, lasting 6 to 10 years	14	10	1	0	0.8	1.0	0.1	0.0
Yes, lasting greater than 10 years	4	7	4	0	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.0

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Q11 How many physical therapist (physical therapist assistant) positions/jobs have you held in the past 12 months?								
1	1256	681	592	199	69.9	66.7	60.8	61.4
2 to 3	500	306	354	118	27.8	30.0	36.3	36.4
4 to 5	35	32	26	6	1.9	3.1	2.7	1.9
6 to 7	3	2	2	0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
More than 7	2	0	0	1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Academic institution (post-secondary)								
0	1668	997	938	327	92.2	97.0	95.3	98.5
1 to 10	52	12	22	2	2.9	1.2	2.2	0.6
11 to 20	15	0	11	1	0.8	0.0	1.1	0.3
21 to 30	9	3	1	0	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0
31 to 40	6	2	1	0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0
41 to 50	7	3	1	0	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0
51 to 60	3	1	0	0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
61 to 70	0	0	2	0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
71 to 80	10	1	4	1	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.3
81 to 90	9	3	1	0	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0
91 to 100	31	6	3	1	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.3
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: School system (preschool/primary/secondary)								
0	1698	997	950	316	93.8	97.0	96.5	95.2
1 to 10	9	3	11	6	0.5	0.3	1.1	1.8
11 to 20	8	1	1	3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.9
21 to 30	5	4	3	0	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.0
31 to 40	3	2	0	1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3
41 to 50	4	1	5	1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3
51 to 60	3	0	0	0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
61 to 70	1	0	1	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
71 to 80	10	2	0	1	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.3
81 to 90	10	4	1	0	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.0
91 to 100	59	14	12	4	3.3	1.4	1.2	1.2

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Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Acute care hospital								
0	1432	868	764	278	79.1	84.4	77.6	83.7
1 to 10	84	29	52	11	4.6	2.8	5.3	3.3
11 to 20	21	12	25	8	1.2	1.2	2.5	2.4
21 to 30	33	14	18	3	1.8	1.4	1.8	0.9
31 to 40	7	11	8	2	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.6
41 to 50	20	12	24	4	1.1	1.2	2.4	1.2
51 to 60	5	4	6	0	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.0
61 to 70	5	3	2	1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3
71 to 80	22	10	11	4	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.2
81 to 90	14	7	9	2	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.6
91 to 100	167	58	65	19	9.2	5.6	6.6	5.7
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Health and wellness facility								
0	1774	1016	968	324	98.0	98.8	98.4	97.6
1 to 10	11	4	5	2	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6
11 to 20	4	4	3	1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
21 to 30	3	0	2	0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
31 to 40	1	0	1	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
41 to 50	4	1	3	4	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.2
51 to 60	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
61 to 70	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
71 to 80	2	1	1	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
81 to 90	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
91 to 100	11	2	1	1	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.3
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Outpatient facility (health system or hospital-based)								
0	1308	794	638	253	72.3	77.2	64.8	76.2
1 to 10	32	15	16	4	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.2
11 to 20	21	10	9	2	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.6
21 to 30	21	10	12	1	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.3
31 to 40	14	9	16	4	0.8	0.9	1.6	1.2
41 to 50	25	14	44	8	1.4	1.4	4.5	2.4
51 to 60	9	4	9	3	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.9
61 to 70	12	6	14	5	0.7	0.6	1.4	1.5
71 to 80	30	18	28	12	1.7	1.8	2.8	3.6
81 to 90	48	20	25	2	2.7	1.9	2.5	0.6
91 to 100	290	128	173	38	16.0	12.5	17.6	11.4

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Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Outpatient facility (private)								
0	1243	748	531	192	68.7	72.8	54.0	57.8
1 to 10	34	16	15	9	1.9	1.6	1.5	2.7
11 to 20	15	8	7	4	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.2
21 to 30	23	14	21	6	1.3	1.4	2.1	1.8
31 to 40	6	3	11	3	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.9
41 to 50	30	17	27	9	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.7
51 to 60	7	4	6	3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.9
61 to 70	12	5	10	3	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.9
71 to 80	39	13	28	7	2.2	1.3	2.8	2.1
81 to 90	28	17	31	5	1.5	1.7	3.2	1.5
91 to 100	373	183	297	91	20.6	17.8	30.2	27.4
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Industrial Rehabilitation								
0	1800	1024	976	331	99.4	99.6	99.2	99.7
1 to 10	4	2	1	0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0
11 to 20	2	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
21 to 30	1	0	2	0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
31 to 40	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
41 to 50	0	0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
51 to 60	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
61 to 70	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
71 to 80	1	0	1	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
81 to 90	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
91 to 100	1	1	2	1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Inpatient Rehab Facility (IRF)								
0	1675	945	882	303	92.5	91.9	89.6	91.3
1 to 10	34	22	27	7	1.9	2.1	2.7	2.1
11 to 20	13	6	13	6	0.7	0.6	1.3	1.8
21 to 30	15	10	12	3	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.9
31 to 40	3	1	3	0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0
41 to 50	17	6	11	1	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.3
51 to 60	1	2	1	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
61 to 70	2	4	5	1	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.3
71 to 80	4	2	5	1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3
81 to 90	13	3	5	2	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.6
91 to 100	33	27	20	8	1.8	2.6	2.0	2.4

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Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: US Military/Veterans Administration/Indian Health Services								
0	1789	1021	973	330	98.8	99.3	98.9	99.4
1 to 10	2	1	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
11 to 20	1	0	1	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
21 to 30	0	1	1	0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
31 to 40	0	0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
41 to 50	1	0	1	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
51 to 60	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
61 to 70	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
71 to 80	0	0	1	0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
81 to 90	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
91 to 100	17	5	6	1	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.3
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Patient's home/home care								
0	1484	779	884	283	82.0	75.8	89.8	85.2
1 to 10	65	42	44	11	3.6	4.1	4.5	3.3
11 to 20	21	9	11	10	1.2	0.9	1.1	3.0
21 to 30	20	16	15	5	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.5
31 to 40	11	0	1	0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0
41 to 50	20	16	7	4	1.1	1.6	0.7	1.2
51 to 60	5	6	2	0	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.0
61 to 70	7	5	2	1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3
71 to 80	6	12	3	0	0.3	1.2	0.3	0.0
81 to 90	17	13	0	5	0.9	1.3	0.0	1.5
91 to 100	154	130	15	13	8.5	12.6	1.5	3.9
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Research center								
0	1806	1028	982	332	99.8	100.0	99.8	100.0
1 to 10	1	0	1	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
11 to 20	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
21 to 30	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
31 to 40	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
41 to 50	1	0	1	0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
51 to 60	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
61 to 70	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
71 to 80	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
81 to 90	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
91 to 100	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)								
0	1618	741	884	248	89.4	72.1	89.8	74.7
1 to 10	42	46	21	11	2.3	4.5	2.1	3.3
11 to 20	19	20	9	10	1.0	1.9	0.9	3.0
21 to 30	12	9	4	4	0.7	0.9	0.4	1.2
31 to 40	4	9	2	2	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.6
41 to 50	18	25	10	5	1.0	2.4	1.0	1.5
51 to 60	4	5	4	1	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3
61 to 70	2	4	4	3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.9
71 to 80	11	16	6	6	0.6	1.6	0.6	1.8
81 to 90	10	15	8	7	0.6	1.5	0.8	2.1
91 to 100	70	138	32	35	3.9	13.4	3.3	10.5
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Assisted Living Facility (ALF)								
0	1749	950	960	317	96.6	92.4	97.6	95.5
1 to 10	26	28	9	6	1.4	2.7	0.9	1.8
11 to 20	3	12	3	2	0.2	1.2	0.3	0.6
21 to 30	12	13	5	2	0.7	1.3	0.5	0.6
31 to 40	4	3	2	1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
41 to 50	6	6	0	2	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.6
51 to 60	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
61 to 70	0	1	0	0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
71 to 80	2	2	1	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
81 to 90	2	3	1	0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0
91 to 100	5	10	3	2	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.6
Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Long-term Acute Care (LTAC)								
0	1787	999	976	321	98.7	97.2	99.2	96.7
1 to 10	10	10	3	5	0.6	1.0	0.3	1.5
11 to 20	1	7	5	1	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3
21 to 30	4	3	0	0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
31 to 40	3	1	0	1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3
41 to 50	0	3	0	3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.9
51 to 60	0	2	0	0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
61 to 70	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
71 to 80	1	1	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
81 to 90	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
91 to 100	3	2	0	1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3

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Q12 What percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent working in: Other								
0	1669	1003	953	325	92.2	97.6	96.8	97.9
1 to 10	25	5	6	2	1.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
11 to 20	7	3	3	0	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0
21 to 30	7	1	4	0	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.0
31 to 40	4	0	2	0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
41 to 50	11	0	4	0	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.0
51 to 60	4	1	0	0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
61 to 70	4	2	2	1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
71 to 80	5	2	3	1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
81 to 90	4	1	0	0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
91 to 100	70	10	7	3	3.9	1.0	0.7	0.9
Q13 Other than direct patient care, what are your PRINCIPAL areas of responsibility at your primary work setting?								
None	578	554	439	223	31.9	53.9	44.6	67.2
Administration/Management	602	213	196	38	33.3	20.7	19.9	11.4
Clinical Supervision	665	154	235	29	36.7	15.0	23.9	8.7
Consultation	192	50	93	6	10.6	4.9	9.5	1.8
Research	91	22	43	9	5.0	2.1	4.4	2.7
Sales/Marketing	175	52	95	16	9.7	5.1	9.7	4.8
Academic education	135	42	62	18	7.5	4.1	6.3	5.4
Clinical education	551	205	288	56	30.4	19.9	29.3	16.9
[other]	86	60	40	14	4.8	5.8	4.1	4.2
Q14 Approximately what percentage of your time over the past 12 months was spent in direct patient care?								
0%	42	19	9	4	2.3	1.8	0.9	1.2
1 to 25%	94	25	5	2	5.2	2.4	0.5	0.6
26 to 50%	77	30	16	5	4.3	2.9	1.6	1.5
51 to 75%	226	98	81	25	12.5	9.5	8.2	7.5
76 to 100%	1371	856	873	296	75.7	83.3	88.7	89.2
Approximately what percentage of time over the past 12 months did you provide physical therapy services via telehealth or virtual/digital sessions? Includes direct patient care, consultation, patient advocacy, and indirect care.								
0%	1404	885	760	290	77.6	86.1	77.2	87.3
1 to 25%	366	125	213	38	20.2	12.2	21.6	11.4
26 to 50%	22	12	8	3	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.9
51 to 75%	3	1	1	0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
76 to 100%	15	5	2	1	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.3

Question	Count				Percent			
	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA
Q15 What is the approximate percentage of your patient population by age: 18 years old and younger								
0	710	546	253	130	39.2	53.1	25.7	39.2
1 to 10	591	295	424	114	32.7	28.7	43.1	34.3
11 to 20	147	80	127	36	8.1	7.8	12.9	10.8
21 to 30	79	43	64	21	4.4	4.2	6.5	6.3
31 to 40	23	12	14	5	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.5
41 to 50	14	4	8	4	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.2
51 to 60	5	2	5	1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3
61 to 70	2	0	3	1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3
71 to 80	17	7	11	4	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.2
81 to 90	35	11	12	3	1.9	1.1	1.2	0.9
91 to 100	187	28	63	13	10.3	2.7	6.4	3.9
Q15 What is the approximate percentage of your patient population by age: 19 to 64 years old								
0	220	117	67	34	12.2	11.4	6.8	10.2
1 to 10	226	165	77	45	12.5	16.1	7.8	13.6
11 to 20	140	127	80	34	7.7	12.4	8.1	10.2
21 to 30	241	155	141	49	13.3	15.1	14.3	14.8
31 to 40	252	143	182	55	13.9	13.9	18.5	16.6
41 to 50	322	151	184	58	17.8	14.7	18.7	17.5
51 to 60	126	64	95	20	7.0	6.2	9.7	6.0
61 to 70	94	39	68	15	5.2	3.8	6.9	4.5
71 to 80	98	45	53	11	5.4	4.4	5.4	3.3
81 to 90	49	10	20	7	2.7	1.0	2.0	2.1
91 to 100	42	12	17	4	2.3	1.2	1.7	1.2
Q15 What is the approximate percentage of your patient population by age: 65 years old and older								
0	252	57	85	21	13.9	5.5	8.6	6.3
1 to 10	106	24	66	12	5.9	2.3	6.7	3.6
11 to 20	120	56	85	20	6.6	5.4	8.6	6.0
21 to 30	202	84	120	34	11.2	8.2	12.2	10.2
31 to 40	163	89	128	36	9.0	8.7	13.0	10.8
41 to 50	260	136	174	54	14.4	13.2	17.7	16.3
51 to 60	170	91	105	32	9.4	8.9	10.7	9.6
61 to 70	120	73	72	29	6.6	7.1	7.3	8.7
71 to 80	176	152	82	28	9.7	14.8	8.3	8.4
81 to 90	114	113	26	26	6.3	11.0	2.6	7.8
91 to 100	127	153	41	40	7.0	14.9	4.2	12.0
Does not apply								

Question	Count				Percent			
	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA	PT KSR	PTA KSR	PT WA	PTA WA
Q16 Are you a current member of American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)?								
Yes	493	151	340	90	27.2	14.7	34.6	27.1
No	1317	877	644	242	72.8	85.3	65.4	72.9
Q17 Have you completed or are you currently completing an Advanced Proficiency Pathway through the American Physical Therapy Association (PTA Only)?								
Yes	0	16	0	6	0.0	2.0	0.0	1.8
No	0	766	0	326	0.0	98.0	0.0	98.2
Q17a Have you completed or are you currently completing a Residency in a specialized area of Physical Therapy (PT only)?								
Yes	125	17	83	0	6.9	6.9	8.4	0.0
No	1685	229	901	0	93.1	93.1	91.6	0.0
Q17b Have you completed or are you currently completing a Fellowship in a specialized area of Physical Therapy (PT only)?								
Yes	55	2	7	0	3.0	0.8	0.7	0.0
No	1755	244	977	0	97.0	99.2	99.3	0.0
Q18 Which of these statements is true regarding your experience supervising PTAs over the past 12 months?								
I routinely supervise PTAs and have a good understanding of the knowledge and skills they need to provide safe and effective care	1013	246	588	0	56.0	100.0	59.8	0.0
I do NOT routinely supervise PTAs and/or I do NOT have a good understanding of the knowledge and skills they need to provide safe and effective care	797	0	396	0	44.0	0.0	40.2	0.0

Note. Percentages are based on the observed values divided by the total number of usable cases. Missing data are not reported so within a question, the results may not sum to 100%. For questions 12 and 15, percentages may not sum to 100% because these items used a rate all that apply format. Question 18 was not administered to PTA respondents. The 246 respondents shown for Q18 within the PTA KSR sample are PT KSR survey respondents who were reassigned based on their response to Q18.

Appendix B. Summary of Work Activity and Knowledge and Skill Requirements Survey Responses

Tables B.1-B.4: Statistics and Formatting Key

- **Sample Size (n):** Count of respondents that provided usable data
- **Mean Importance (M):** Based on responses for scale points 1 through 5
- **Standard Deviation of Importance (SD):** Based on responses for scale points 1 through 5
- **Percent Important (%_{imp}):** Sum of responses for scale points 2 through 5, divided by the total number of usable respondents

Format	Description	Example
Light red shading	Statements with mean importance rating less than 2.50 in 2024 (Importance threshold)	Diagnostic electrophysiology (EMG/NCV) using needle insertion
Light orange shading	Statements with mean importance rating between 2.50 (inclusive) and 3.00 (less than) in 2024 (Importance threshold)	Diagnostic electromyography (EMG) using surface electrodes
Red, boldface values	Statements with mean importance rating below 2.50 (Importance threshold)	0.53

Table B.1. PT Work Activity Survey Results

PT WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Information Gathering & Synthesis																				
<i>Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to</i>																				
- establish prior and current level of function/activity	430	268	445	226	451	4.80	4.78	4.84	4.81	4.84	0.56	0.50	0.42	0.45	0.42	100	100	100	100	100
- establish general health status	430	268	445	226	452	4.53	4.51	4.58	4.43	4.64	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.71	0.66	100	100	100	100	100
- identify red flags (e.g., unexplained weight change, fever, malaise) and contraindications	430	268	445	226	451	4.61	4.72	4.71	4.63	4.68	0.71	0.64	0.60	0.64	0.67	100	99	100	100	100
- identify risk factors and needs for preventative measures	430	268	445	226	447	4.33	4.43	4.40	4.22	4.41	0.86	0.76	0.80	0.84	0.86	100	100	100	100	99
- identify patient/client's, family/caregiver's goals, values, and preferences	430	268	445	226	449	4.59	4.64	4.63	4.55	4.63	0.67	0.66	0.65	0.71	0.67	100	99	100	100	100
- determine if patient/client is appropriate for PT	430	268	445	226	446	4.63	4.62	4.63	4.62	4.60	0.69	0.68	0.66	0.72	0.74	100	100	100	100	99
- determine insurance and financial resources and issues (e.g., co-pays, deductibles, insurance limitations)	430	268	445	226	450	3.35	3.44	3.52	3.25	3.58	1.13	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.20	87	89	89	85	92
- determine impact of medications on plan of care (e.g., medication reconciliation, timing of intervention delivery, adherence)	430	268	445	226	449	3.67	3.79	3.85	3.63	3.85	1.03	1.05	0.98	1.05	1.07	98	96	98	97	97
Administer standardized questionnaires (e.g., pain inventory, fall risk assessment)	430	268	445	226	450	3.72	3.82	3.78	3.67	3.85	1.16	1.16	1.12	1.19	1.11	94	94	96	92	96
Review medical records (e.g., lab values, diagnostic tests, imaging, specialty reports, narrative, consults)	430	268	445	226	452	4.17	4.20	4.20	4.06	4.21	0.91	0.98	0.90	0.99	0.92	99	98	99	97	98

PT WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gather information/discuss patient/client's current health status with interprofessional/interdisciplinary team members	430	268	445	226	446	4.09	4.14	4.10	3.97	4.15	0.97	0.98	0.95	1.04	0.96	99	98	99	96	98
Identify signs/symptoms of change in patient/client's health status that require intervention by interprofessional/interdisciplinary team members	430	268	445	226	449	4.42	4.41	4.46	4.37	4.53	0.82	0.82	0.73	0.87	0.75	100	99	100	98	99
Systems Review																				
<i>Perform screen of the</i>																				
- patient/client's current affect, cognition, communication, and learning preferences (e.g., ability to convey needs, consciousness, orientation, expected emotional/behavioral responses)	430	268	445	226	421	4.03	4.00	4.01	3.92	4.19	1.00	1.07	1.00	1.06	0.94	96	94	96	93	96
- patient/client's quality of speech, hearing, and vision (e.g., dysarthria, pitch/tone, use of hearing aids, use of corrective lenses)	430	268	445	226	424	3.24	3.38	3.31	3.06	3.46	1.15	1.23	1.21	1.24	1.14	85	85	86	77	89
- vestibular system (e.g., dizziness, vertigo)	420	261	428	217	425	3.52	3.51	3.60	3.58	3.51	1.05	1.05	1.04	1.13	1.11	92	92	93	89	92
- gastrointestinal system (e.g., difficulty swallowing, nausea, change in appetite/diet, change in bowel function)	420	261	428	217	425	3.00	3.09	3.01	2.92	3.02	1.06	1.12	1.10	1.07	1.23	84	80	85	82	80
- genitourinary system (e.g., changes in bladder function, catheter complications)	420	261	428	217	425	3.10	3.14	3.14	3.12	3.17	1.13	1.13	1.12	1.10	1.24	83	82	86	83	80
- reproductive system (e.g., sexual dysfunction, menstrual dysfunction, menopause/andropause status)	420	261	428	217	422	2.56	2.57	2.68	2.68	2.71	1.11	1.21	1.19	1.21	1.26	66	64	72	66	69

PT WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
- cardiovascular/pulmonary system (e.g., blood pressure, heart rate, respiration rate)	420	261	428	217	425	4.15	4.19	4.20	4.10	4.17	0.94	0.85	0.90	0.89	0.93	96	97	98	97	98
- lymphatic system (e.g., primary or secondary lymphedema)	420	261	428	217	424	3.02	3.07	3.08	2.87	2.97	1.10	1.15	1.20	1.13	1.20	79	80	83	76	77
- integumentary system (e.g., presence of scar formation, skin integrity, discoloration)	420	261	428	217	422	3.59	3.62	3.72	3.52	3.69	1.05	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.04	95	97	95	94	97
- musculoskeletal system (e.g., gross symmetry, strength, range of motion)	420	261	428	217	426	4.80	4.81	4.80	4.80	4.76	0.46	0.41	0.47	0.47	0.53	100	100	100	100	100
- neuromuscular system (e.g., gross coordination, motor function, balance, locomotion, gross sensory function)	420	261	428	217	424	4.74	4.74	4.72	4.69	4.70	0.52	0.50	0.54	0.53	0.56	100	100	100	100	100
Tests & Measures																				
Cardiovascular/Pulmonary																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- cardiovascular function (e.g., blood pressure, heart rate, heart sounds)	412	255	414	206	412	4.15	4.21	4.21	4.12	4.15	1.05	0.95	1.00	0.98	1.00	96	96	98	96	97
- pulmonary function (e.g., respiratory rate, breathing patterns, breath sounds, chest excursion)	412	255	414	206	410	3.71	3.82	3.75	3.47	3.44	1.19	1.16	1.22	1.19	1.16	91	89	92	87	90
- perfusion and gas exchange (e.g., oxygen saturation)	412	255	413	206	414	3.71	3.76	3.66	3.59	3.59	1.24	1.21	1.28	1.23	1.23	86	86	86	81	85
- peripheral circulation (e.g., capillary refill, blood pressure in upper versus lower extremities)	412	255	414	206	412	3.30	3.31	3.30	3.09	3.20	1.09	1.16	1.22	1.12	1.18	88	87	86	80	85
- critical limb ischemia (e.g., peripheral pulses, skin perfusion pressure)	412	255	414	206	409	3.18	3.22	3.18	2.99	3.13	1.16	1.18	1.26	1.17	1.26	82	83	82	76	80
- physiological responses to position change (e.g., orthostatic hypotension, skin color, blood pressure, heart rate)	412	255	413	206	411	4.05	4.11	4.11	3.93	4.04	1.07	0.99	1.01	1.00	1.09	95	96	96	95	94

PT WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
- aerobic capacity under maximal and submaximal conditions (e.g., endurance, exercise tolerance, metabolic equivalents, perceived exertion)	412	255	414	206	410	3.69	3.73	3.79	3.54	3.73	1.11	1.12	1.10	1.16	1.15	92	91	92	88	90
Anthropometric																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- body composition (e.g., percent body fat, lean muscle mass, body mass index [BMI])	412	255	414	206	405	2.61	2.74	2.68	2.40	2.37	1.16	1.20	1.24	1.12	1.29	71	70	72	65	52
- body dimensions (e.g., height, weight, girth, limb length, head circumference/shape)	412	255	414	206	404	2.81	2.86	2.75	2.55	2.73	1.16	1.11	1.20	1.13	1.24	80	82	78	72	70
Quantify and qualify edema (e.g., pitting, volume, circumference)	412	255	414	206	404	3.23	3.25	3.30	2.99	3.18	1.10	1.06	1.15	1.16	1.19	88	89	90	80	86
Arousal, Attention, & Cognition																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- arousal and orientation (e.g., level of consciousness, time, person, place, situation)	404	246	392	194	403	3.84	3.78	3.75	3.77	3.78	1.17	1.24	1.29	1.24	1.23	86	85	84	82	86
- attention and cognition (e.g., ability to process commands, delirium, confusion)	404	246	392	194	400	3.86	3.85	3.85	3.77	3.75	1.14	1.16	1.15	1.16	1.19	88	89	89	85	87
- communication (e.g., expressive and receptive skills, following instructions)	404	246	392	194	400	3.86	3.94	3.93	3.81	3.70	1.08	1.06	1.10	1.09	1.15	91	92	91	87	87
- recall (including memory and retention)	404	246	392	194	403	3.47	3.44	3.54	3.39	3.35	1.12	1.11	1.16	1.12	1.20	88	85	86	81	83
Nerve Integrity																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- cranial nerve integrity (e.g., facial asymmetry, oculomotor function, hearing)	404	246	392	194	402	3.40	3.35	3.41	3.20	3.55	1.15	1.16	1.16	1.18	1.15	90	89	90	82	87

PT WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
- spinal nerve integrity (e.g., dermatome, myotome)	404	246	392	194	402	4.07	4.02	4.10	3.96	4.12	1.02	1.00	0.96	1.08	1.00	96	98	97	95	96
- peripheral nerve integrity (e.g., sensation, strength)	404	246	392	194	398	4.35	4.22	4.32	4.15	4.31	0.84	0.83	0.81	1.00	0.89	99	100	98	97	97
- neural provocation (e.g., tapping, tension, stretch)	404	246	392	194	398	3.59	3.52	3.56	3.51	3.58	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.21	1.17	93	94	92	89	90
<i>Environmental & Community Integration/Reintegration (Home, Work, Job, School, Play, & Leisure)</i>																				
Assess activities of daily living (ADL) (e.g., bed mobility, transfers, household mobility, dressing, self-care, toileting, sexual relations)	395	241	387	189	399	4.61	4.57	4.58	4.41	4.58	0.72	0.78	0.74	0.92	0.73	98	98	99	96	99
Assess instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) (e.g., household chores, hobbies)	395	241	387	189	397	4.21	4.24	4.33	4.15	4.40	1.00	0.94	0.90	1.03	0.84	95	96	98	97	98
Assess ability to perform skills needed for integration or reintegration into the community, work, or school	395	241	387	189	399	4.31	4.29	4.40	4.19	4.34	0.89	0.95	0.88	0.94	0.91	96	97	98	96	97
Assess barriers (e.g., social, economic, physical, psychological, environmental, work conditions and activities) to home, community, work, or school integration/reintegration	395	241	387	189	399	4.24	4.31	4.26	4.05	4.24	0.91	0.88	0.89	0.97	0.92	98	98	98	97	98
Assess safety in home, community, work, or school environments	395	241	387	189	395	4.29	4.41	4.31	4.10	4.37	0.90	0.91	0.94	0.99	0.88	93	95	93	92	94
Assess ability to participate in activities with or without the use of devices, equipment, or technologies	395	241	387	189	397	4.40	4.43	4.44	4.30	4.52	0.85	0.84	0.81	0.86	0.75	98	98	98	97	99
<i>Ergonomics and Body Mechanics</i>																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- ergonomics and body mechanics during functional activities	391	234	374	186	395	4.26	4.21	4.30	4.09	4.17	0.96	0.97	0.94	0.96	1.03	97	97	98	99	96
- postural alignment and position (static and dynamic)	391	234	374	186	393	4.26	4.24	4.24	4.09	4.12	0.95	0.91	0.98	1.01	1.05	99	99	99	99	95

PT WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
- specific work conditions or activities	391	234	374	186	397	3.96	3.92	4.08	3.91	4.00	1.07	1.11	0.99	1.08	1.09	93	93	96	89	90
- tools, devices, equipment, and workstations related to work actions, tasks, or activities	391	234	374	186	393	3.69	3.69	3.84	3.54	3.79	1.14	1.23	1.12	1.10	1.14	89	86	91	87	87
Functional Mobility, Balance, & Vestibular																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- balance (dynamic and static) with or without the use of specialized equipment	391	234	374	186	393	4.62	4.62	4.64	4.54	4.58	0.67	0.63	0.63	0.71	0.70	99	100	100	100	99
- gait and locomotion (e.g., ambulation, wheelchair mobility) with or without the use of specialized equipment	391	234	374	186	389	4.72	4.78	4.75	4.67	4.65	0.57	0.54	0.53	0.58	0.68	99	99	99	100	99
- mobility during functional activities and transitional movements (e.g., transfers, bed mobility)	391	234	374	186	388	4.72	4.79	4.71	4.57	4.67	0.58	0.53	0.58	0.68	0.60	99	99	100	99	99
- vestibular function (e.g., peripheral dysfunction, central dysfunction, BPPV)	391	234	374	186	391	3.63	3.64	3.82	3.59	3.78	1.10	1.11	1.03	1.12	1.09	91	93	95	86	90
Integumentary Integrity																				
Assess skin characteristics (e.g., continuity of skin color, sensation, temperature, texture, turgor)	387	230	367	181	388	3.40	3.52	3.54	3.20	3.57	1.06	1.12	1.09	1.08	1.07	93	94	96	90	96
Assess wound characteristics (e.g., tissue involvement, depth, tunneling, burn classification, ulcer/injury classification)	387	230	367	181	387	3.16	3.13	3.19	2.96	3.22	1.20	1.25	1.17	1.16	1.28	74	75	77	67	72
Assess scar tissue characteristics (e.g., banding, pliability, sensation, and texture)	386	230	367	181	387	3.27	3.29	3.35	3.09	3.32	1.16	1.19	1.14	1.14	1.17	84	84	89	83	88
Assess activities, positioning, and postures that may produce or relieve trauma to the skin	386	230	367	181	387	3.74	3.96	3.80	3.54	3.86	1.16	1.12	1.17	1.20	1.09	86	89	89	80	89

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Assess devices and equipment that may produce or relieve trauma to the skin	386	230	367	181	390	3.56	3.84	3.64	3.41	3.69	1.19	1.17	1.17	1.23	1.18	83	85	86	76	83
Joint Integrity & Range of Motion																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- spinal and peripheral joint stability (e.g., ligamentous integrity, joint structure)	381	228	362	180	390	4.10	4.12	4.26	4.11	4.31	1.08	1.09	1.01	1.04	0.97	97	94	96	97	97
- spinal and peripheral joint mobility (e.g., glide, end feel)	381	228	362	180	386	4.01	3.92	4.11	3.99	4.16	1.17	1.21	1.15	1.16	1.12	95	93	93	92	94
- range of motion (e.g., passive, active, functional)	381	228	362	180	390	4.68	4.60	4.64	4.66	4.62	0.58	0.74	0.70	0.58	0.70	100	100	100	100	100
- flexibility (e.g., muscle length, soft tissue extensibility)	381	228	362	180	388	4.43	4.39	4.46	4.31	4.30	0.84	0.89	0.86	0.95	0.99	100	98	98	99	98
Motor Function																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- muscle tone (e.g., hypertonicity, hypotonicity, dystonia)	381	228	362	180	387	4.32	4.29	4.29	4.24	4.01	0.83	0.90	0.93	0.92	1.03	99	98	98	97	94
- dexterity, coordination, and agility (e.g., rapid alternating movement, finger to nose)	381	228	362	180	386	4.05	3.96	4.04	3.91	3.82	0.99	1.04	1.02	1.05	1.06	97	97	99	97	94
- ability to initiate, modify and control movement patterns and postures (e.g., catching a ball, gait)	381	228	362	180	385	4.45	4.39	4.41	4.32	4.23	0.80	0.85	0.84	0.84	0.91	99	99	99	99	98
- ability to change movement performance with practice (e.g., motor learning)	381	228	362	180	385	4.42	4.33	4.41	4.28	4.21	0.78	0.90	0.80	0.94	0.95	100	99	100	98	97
- movement quality (e.g., purpose, precision, efficiency, biomechanics, kinematics, compensatory strategies)	381	228	362	180	382	4.46	4.37	4.52	4.41	4.19	0.77	0.81	0.75	0.82	0.98	99	100	99	99	97

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Muscle Performance																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- muscle strength, power, and endurance without specialized equipment (e.g., manual muscle test, functional strength testing)	377	226	358	177	383	4.71	4.73	4.69	4.59	4.62	0.60	0.52	0.61	0.70	0.71	100	100	100	100	99
- muscle strength, power, and endurance with specialized equipment (e.g., isokinetic testing, dynamometry)	377	226	358	177	381	3.48	3.65	3.76	3.56	3.68	1.46	1.34	1.33	1.42	1.25	74	76	81	77	81
- muscle integrity using ultrasound imaging	377	226	358	177	380	2.51	2.58	2.84	2.59	2.69	1.29	1.43	1.54	1.45	1.52	39	37	46	43	39
Neuromotor Development & Sensory Integration																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- acquisition and evolution of motor skills throughout the lifespan	377	226	358	177	121	3.39	3.32	3.49	3.42	3.53	1.29	1.29	1.31	1.25	1.22	69	73	75	71	73
- sensorimotor integration (e.g., perceptual deficits, neglect)	377	226	358	177	120	3.51	3.45	3.75	3.58	3.62	1.21	1.21	1.20	1.15	1.08	76	78	85	81	85
- developmental reflexes and reactions (e.g., asymmetrical tonic neck reflex, righting reactions)	377	226	358	177	120	3.26	3.32	3.38	3.30	3.40	1.38	1.34	1.41	1.41	1.30	60	65	64	60	72
Reflex Integrity																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- deep tendon/muscle stretch reflexes (e.g., quadriceps, biceps)	377	225	357	176	382	3.71	3.67	3.64	3.53	3.51	1.17	1.15	1.21	1.22	1.22	93	95	93	91	90
- upper motor neuron integrity (e.g., Babinski reflex, Hoffman sign)	377	225	357	176	382	3.75	3.74	3.65	3.55	3.65	1.16	1.09	1.18	1.22	1.13	92	96	93	90	91
- superficial reflexes and reactions (e.g., plantar reflex, abdominal reflexes)	377	225	357	176	380	2.91	2.93	3.31	3.25	3.35	1.34	1.31	1.27	1.24	1.23	71	72	85	85	80

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Pain & Sensory Integrity																				
<i>Select and perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- pain (e.g., location, intensity, frequency, central, peripheral, psychogenic)	377	225	357	176	382	4.48	4.54	4.44	4.42	4.15	0.80	0.74	0.82	0.80	1.04	99	99	99	99	96
- deep sensation (e.g., proprioception, kinesthesia, pressure)	377	225	357	176	381	3.82	3.75	3.80	3.60	3.67	1.07	1.06	1.09	1.13	1.11	96	95	95	91	91
- superficial sensation (e.g., touch, temperature discrimination)	377	225	357	176	379	3.92	3.83	3.89	3.68	3.74	1.03	1.06	1.04	1.06	1.11	98	96	96	92	94
- visceral organ sensitivity and integrity (e.g., palpation, auscultation)	377	225	357	176	380	2.80	2.96	2.92	2.71	3.05	1.31	1.30	1.23	1.24	1.34	66	69	73	66	67
Evaluation & Diagnosis																				
<i>Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention:</i>																				
- Cardiovascular/pulmonary system	375	225	354	175	376	4.30	4.27	4.26	3.94	4.20	0.90	0.98	0.91	1.02	0.95	96	94	98	96	97
- Lymphatic system	375	225	354	175	377	2.96	3.05	3.08	2.76	2.99	1.20	1.13	1.20	1.16	1.17	76	82	81	67	78
- Arousal, attention, cognition, and communication	375	225	354	175	375	3.82	3.91	3.80	3.67	3.82	1.13	1.13	1.12	1.21	1.12	90	88	90	85	92
- Neuromuscular system	375	225	354	175	379	4.68	4.66	4.58	4.54	4.64	0.61	0.61	0.71	0.66	0.62	100	100	100	99	100
- Functional mobility, balance, and vestibular	375	225	354	175	377	4.69	4.67	4.62	4.49	4.64	0.58	0.57	0.66	0.77	0.68	100	100	100	99	99
- Musculoskeletal system	375	225	354	175	376	4.85	4.80	4.77	4.76	4.78	0.39	0.45	0.47	0.55	0.50	100	100	100	100	100
- Integumentary system	375	225	354	175	376	3.45	3.51	3.47	3.22	3.50	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.07	1.09	93	93	95	87	95
- Anthropometric	375	225	354	175	378	2.81	2.71	2.79	2.61	2.84	1.15	1.16	1.21	1.19	1.32	76	72	74	65	66
- Gastrointestinal system	375	225	354	175	379	2.73	2.80	2.92	2.62	2.80	1.12	1.12	1.19	1.12	1.20	74	78	77	69	73
- Genitourinary system	375	225	354	175	376	2.75	2.76	2.90	2.70	2.88	1.13	1.15	1.20	1.18	1.21	72	76	77	68	73
- Need for or use of assistive and adaptive devices/technologies	373	222	353	173	377	4.51	4.58	4.49	4.47	4.46	0.76	0.80	0.84	0.78	0.79	98	96	98	96	99
- Need for or use of orthotic, protective, and supportive devices/technologies	373	222	353	173	379	4.14	4.24	4.18	4.04	4.28	0.95	0.93	0.95	1.00	0.90	96	99	97	93	95

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- Need for or use of prosthetic devices/technologies	373	222	353	173	377	3.77	3.81	3.81	3.74	4.01	1.13	1.16	1.17	1.19	1.11	85	88	83	77	85
- Barriers to home, community, work, or school integration/reintegration	373	222	353	173	380	4.19	4.43	4.26	4.09	4.25	0.96	0.86	0.95	1.02	0.92	96	95	96	94	97
- Ergonomics and body mechanics	373	222	353	173	380	4.16	4.16	4.25	3.99	4.11	0.99	0.92	0.95	1.05	0.99	98	99	98	97	97
- Pain and sensory integrity	373	222	353	173	378	4.27	4.30	4.28	4.05	4.13	0.84	0.86	0.86	0.98	0.94	100	99	99	98	97
- ADLs/IADLs and home management	373	222	353	173	380	4.49	4.58	4.46	4.44	4.53	0.82	0.71	0.83	0.78	0.73	98	97	99	98	99
- Imaging, lab values, and medications	373	222	353	173	378	3.71	3.76	3.71	3.50	3.66	1.05	1.14	1.08	1.10	1.07	97	92	94	92	95
- Electrodiagnostic test results (e.g., electromyography, nerve conduction velocity)		222	353	173	380		2.89	3.14	2.95	3.13		1.26	1.17	1.10	1.14		66	79	72	73
Evaluate the patient/client's ability to assume or resume home, community, work, school, and/or leisure activities	373	221	352	173	378	4.60	4.72	4.63	4.56	4.41	0.67	0.64	0.67	0.79	0.87	99	98	99	97	97
Develop physical therapy diagnosis by integrating system and non-system data	373	221	352	173	379	4.37	4.46	4.45	4.37	4.36	0.93	0.86	0.87	0.94	0.91	97	98	98	98	97
Development of Prognosis, Plan of Care, & Goals																				
Establish PT prognosis based on information gathered during the examination process	373	221	347	173	376	4.64	4.64	4.63	4.55	4.65	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.64	99	100	100	100	100
Develop plan of care based on data gathered during the examination process, incorporating information from the patient/client, caregiver, family members, and other professionals	373	221	347	173	375	4.80	4.79	4.80	4.76	4.81	0.54	0.51	0.47	0.49	0.47	100	100	100	100	100
Revise treatment intervention plan based on treatment outcomes, change in patient/client's health status, and ongoing evaluation	373	221	347	173	375	4.80	4.79	4.81	4.77	4.82	0.52	0.48	0.47	0.47	0.43	100	100	100	100	100

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Develop objective and measurable goals based on information gathered during the examination process, in collaboration with the patient/client, caregiver, family members, and/or other professionals	373	221	347	173	373	4.68	4.75	4.69	4.63	4.71	0.68	0.56	0.65	0.61	0.58	100	100	99	99	100
Select interventions based on information gathered during the examination process, incorporating information from the patient/client, caregiver, family members, and other professionals	373	221	347	173	374	4.82	4.81	4.77	4.71	4.79	0.45	0.46	0.53	0.54	0.46	100	100	100	100	100
Modify plan of care based on patient/client's resources (e.g., financial, transportation, time, insurance benefits, available technologies)	373	221	347	173	373	4.51	4.57	4.62	4.40	4.62	0.79	0.80	0.70	0.94	0.67	99	100	98	98	99
Procedural Interventions																				
Therapeutic Exercise/Therapeutic Activities																				
<i>Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in</i>																				
- aerobic capacity/endurance conditioning	466	282	481	255	524	4.01	4.07	4.00	3.92	4.08	0.97	0.92	1.02	1.04	0.97	98	97	95	96	98
- balance, coordination, and agility activities	466	282	481	255	523	4.61	4.60	4.61	4.62	4.60	0.62	0.61	0.66	0.63	0.66	100	100	100	100	99
- body mechanics and postural stabilization techniques	466	282	481	255	525	4.46	4.40	4.45	4.47	4.46	0.85	0.79	0.84	0.80	0.78	99	99	99	100	100
- flexibility techniques	466	282	481	255	526	3.78	3.59	3.80	3.75	3.81	1.08	1.13	1.08	1.06	1.06	97	96	95	98	98
- neuromotor techniques (e.g., movement pattern training, neuromuscular education or re-education)	466	282	481	255	520	4.27	4.32	4.38	4.37	4.32	0.91	0.82	0.80	0.86	0.86	98	100	99	99	99
- relaxation techniques	466	282	481	255	525	3.50	3.46	3.57	3.46	3.48	1.11	1.12	1.10	1.14	1.16	96	96	95	95	96
- strength, power, and endurance exercises	466	282	481	255	524	4.52	4.50	4.54	4.51	4.58	0.70	0.70	0.73	0.71	0.72	100	100	99	100	99

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- genitourinary management (e.g., pelvic floor exercises, bladder strategies)	466	282	481	255	524	2.83	2.94	2.91	2.97	3.26	1.31	1.25	1.30	1.25	1.32	52	52	52	58	60
- gastrointestinal management (e.g., bowel strategies, positioning to avoid reflux)	466	282	481	255	524	2.71	2.77	2.75	2.76	3.14	1.30	1.20	1.34	1.23	1.32	49	54	46	55	59
- manual/mechanical airway clearance techniques (e.g., assistive devices, assistive cough, incentive spirometer, flutter valve, percussion, vibration)	466	282	481	255	523	2.90	2.92	2.83	2.83	3.20	1.33	1.28	1.29	1.31	1.31	46	48	46	45	55
- techniques to maximize ventilation and perfusion (e.g., positioning, active cycle breathing, autogenic drainage, paced breathing, pursed lip breathing)	466	282	481	255	522	3.08	3.07	2.96	3.02	3.27	1.30	1.22	1.28	1.23	1.25	63	60	57	57	65
- mechanical repositioning for vestibular dysfunction	466	282	481	255	522	3.14	3.18	3.19	3.28	3.54	1.26	1.22	1.25	1.23	1.19	67	66	67	69	79
- habituation/adaptation exercises for vestibular dysfunction	466	282	481	255	523	3.14	3.25	3.19	3.20	3.52	1.26	1.21	1.27	1.23	1.19	70	68	69	74	79
- postural drainage	466	282	481	255	524	2.54	2.48	2.46	2.48	2.98	1.32	1.24	1.33	1.29	1.38	37	39	37	38	46
Functional Training																				
Recommend barrier accommodations or modifications (e.g., ramps, grab bars, raised toilet, environmental control units)	466	282	481	255	506	3.63	3.80	3.70	3.72	3.88	1.27	1.20	1.26	1.27	1.18	84	79	79	82	85
<i>Perform and/or train patient/client in</i>																				
- the use of environmental modifications (e.g., ramps, grab bars, raised toilet, environmental control units)	453	269	461	247	505	3.72	3.81	3.78	3.76	4.01	1.22	1.23	1.25	1.32	1.14	86	84	82	82	90
- activities of daily living (ADL) (e.g., bed mobility, transfers, household mobility, dressing, self-care, toileting, sexual relations)	453	269	461	247	507	4.14	4.21	4.16	4.17	4.24	1.05	1.05	1.08	1.08	1.04	95	94	94	94	96

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- community and leisure integration or reintegration (e.g., work/school/play)	453	269	461	247	505	3.90	3.93	3.97	3.99	4.05	1.10	1.04	1.07	1.01	1.04	93	93	92	94	93
- instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) (e.g., household chores, hobbies)	453	269	461	247	502	3.94	4.05	4.13	4.05	4.12	1.10	1.04	0.97	1.02	0.99	94	94	93	96	96
- mobility techniques	453	269	461	247	503	4.34	4.25	4.20	4.31	4.38	0.84	0.92	0.96	0.86	0.87	98	97	96	99	99
- gross motor developmental progression	453	269	461	247	503	3.43	3.49	3.53	3.42	3.69	1.37	1.32	1.33	1.36	1.29	71	73	68	69	75
- fall prevention and fall recovery strategies	453	269	461	247	503	4.41	4.43	4.40	4.45	4.54	0.87	0.85	0.93	0.84	0.77	97	95	96	98	99
- behavior modification and strategies that enhance functioning (e.g., energy conservation, pacing, pre-activity planning, reminder schedules)	453	269	461	247	506	3.76	3.82	3.80	3.74	4.01	1.12	1.10	1.14	1.17	1.03	94	93	91	91	96
Perform continuous hemodynamic monitoring and safe handling of a patient who has a mechanical circulatory device			461	247	507			3.31	3.26	3.47			1.46	1.43	1.40			46	48	50
Manual Therapy Techniques																				
Perform manual lymphatic drainage	446	267	453	241	495	2.59	2.64	2.67	2.66	2.98	1.26	1.29	1.35	1.36	1.26	33	36	36	42	43
Perform dry needling	446	267	453	241	491	2.88	2.96	3.22	3.17	3.30	1.48	1.39	1.43	1.44	1.31	31	32	39	39	43
Perform spinal and peripheral manual traction	446	267	453	241	491	3.25	3.11	3.31	3.18	3.21	1.25	1.24	1.22	1.32	1.18	70	66	74	71	78
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in soft tissue mobilization (e.g., connective tissue massage, therapeutic massage, foam rolling)	446	267	452	241	496	3.50	3.34	3.46	3.40	3.66	1.24	1.23	1.23	1.27	1.22	87	83	84	82	93
Perform instrument-assisted soft tissue mobilization	446	267	452	241	490	3.15	3.11	3.39	3.24	3.38	1.28	1.32	1.25	1.30	1.25	70	66	73	73	79
Perform peripheral joint range of motion	446	267	452	241	491	4.11	4.02	4.12	4.13	4.04	0.99	1.04	1.01	1.10	1.07	95	93	95	93	95

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Perform peripheral mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	441	263	443	239	495	2.98	2.88	3.07	2.96	3.05	1.32	1.36	1.35	1.31	1.36	64	56	65	67	64
Perform peripheral mobilization (non-thrust)	441	263	443	239	494	3.83	3.61	3.78	3.83	3.67	1.18	1.25	1.19	1.22	1.21	83	75	81	81	86
Perform spinal mobilization (non-thrust)	441	263	443	239	491	3.75	3.51	3.71	3.71	3.55	1.20	1.25	1.22	1.23	1.27	80	73	79	81	82
Perform cervical spinal manipulation (thrust)	441	263	443	239	493	2.79	2.59	2.84	2.79	2.93	1.40	1.40	1.43	1.34	1.39	50	45	56	60	53
Perform thoracic and lumbar spinal manipulation (thrust)	441	263	443	239	488	3.23	3.10	3.13	3.06	3.05	1.32	1.37	1.35	1.35	1.34	66	61	69	66	64
Apply taping for neuromuscular reeducation	433	261	438	234	493	2.88	2.72	2.85	2.82	2.92	1.20	1.19	1.23	1.12	1.20	76	71	72	79	75
Apply taping for edema management	433	261	438	234	496	2.47	2.22	2.58	2.45	2.83	1.18	1.11	1.20	1.13	1.23	36	32	51	55	54
Apply taping for pain management	433	261	438	234	493	2.83	2.54	2.78	2.77	2.94	1.19	1.19	1.18	1.16	1.19	73	62	68	73	74
Equipment & Devices																				
<i>Fabricate, apply, and/or adjust</i>																				
- adaptive devices (e.g., seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	433	261	438	234	478	3.03	3.08	3.30	3.22	3.68	1.32	1.30	1.34	1.32	1.24	52	53	57	66	61
- protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets, protective taping)	433	261	438	234	478	3.21	3.16	3.29	3.16	3.55	1.29	1.27	1.25	1.30	1.23	64	65	65	70	68
- supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars, serial casts, short-stretch bandages)	433	261	438	234	479	3.09	3.20	3.13	3.02	3.40	1.30	1.26	1.24	1.27	1.27	63	62	61	71	68
- adjust orthotic devices (e.g., braces, shoe inserts, splints)	433	261	438	234	479	3.37	3.45	3.39	3.32	3.66	1.23	1.26	1.18	1.24	1.20	74	75	75	79	79
<i>Apply and/or adjust</i>																				
- assistive devices/technologies (e.g., canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, tilt tables, standing frames)	428	261	431	231	475	4.35	4.41	4.27	4.43	4.37	0.95	0.88	1.02	0.86	0.95	97	95	96	98	96

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
- prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses, microprocessor-controlled prosthetic devices)	428	261	431	231	479	3.19	3.22	3.32	3.25	3.50	1.36	1.22	1.28	1.30	1.25	59	61	58	65	53
- mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	428	261	431	231	476	3.15	3.29	3.27	3.10	3.53	1.40	1.35	1.34	1.43	1.28	51	50	52	53	53
- prescribed oxygen during interventions	428	261	431	231	477	3.40	3.71	3.61	3.52	3.81	1.36	1.31	1.34	1.37	1.25	53	55	50	52	59
<i>Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of</i>																				
- adaptive devices (e.g., seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	420	255	423	225	477	3.22	3.35	3.54	3.36	3.93	1.36	1.47	1.37	1.40	1.23	56	52	60	58	64
- assistive devices/technologies (e.g., canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, tilt tables, standing frames)	420	255	423	225	479	4.25	4.41	4.27	4.29	4.43	1.04	0.92	1.03	0.98	0.89	95	91	93	96	94
- orthotic devices (e.g., braces, shoe inserts, splints)	420	255	423	225	476	3.67	3.81	3.78	3.69	3.93	1.21	1.17	1.16	1.17	1.14	88	86	87	89	88
- prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses, microprocessor-controlled prosthetic devices)	420	255	423	225	480	3.30	3.24	3.32	3.26	3.65	1.33	1.35	1.40	1.36	1.28	59	54	55	53	52
- protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets, protective taping)	420	255	423	225	480	3.45	3.43	3.44	3.34	3.69	1.22	1.28	1.28	1.36	1.25	69	67	67	68	71
- supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars, serial casts, short-stretch bandages)	420	255	423	225	479	3.28	3.38	3.29	3.25	3.59	1.25	1.25	1.26	1.29	1.27	70	68	70	71	71

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
- mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	420	255	423	225	479	3.15	3.07	3.03	2.97	3.50	1.37	1.38	1.37	1.37	1.32	49	50	48	52	52
Integumentary Repair & Protection Techniques																				
<i>Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in</i>																				
- nonselective debridement (e.g., removal of nonselective areas of devitalized tissue)	410	254	413	223	458	2.64	2.37	2.31	2.75	2.92	1.44	1.44	1.29	1.40	1.26	18	14	15	17	21
- selective enzymatic or autolytic debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)	410	254	413	223	457	2.68	2.39	2.29	2.81	2.91	1.48	1.44	1.34	1.35	1.24	17	13	14	16	21
- application of topical agents (e.g., cleansers, creams, moisturizers, ointments, sealants) and dressings (e.g., hydrogels, wound coverings)	410	254	413	223	457	2.66	2.69	2.56	2.74	2.97	1.30	1.28	1.26	1.25	1.18	31	28	26	30	39
- desensitization techniques (e.g., brushing, tapping, use of textures)	410	254	413	223	461	3.05	2.95	2.91	3.00	3.24	1.17	1.13	1.07	1.09	1.14	70	67	69	66	74
- hyperbaric therapy	410	254	413	223	459	2.15	2.07	2.04	2.45	2.66	1.27	1.29	1.15	1.25	1.29	13	11	12	15	17
- negative pressure wound therapy (e.g., vacuum-assisted wound closure)	410	254	413	223	457	2.49	2.43	2.24	2.68	2.86	1.43	1.29	1.17	1.31	1.32	16	19	16	18	21
Perform sharp debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)	410	254	413	223	456	2.55	2.24	2.14	2.61	2.81	1.46	1.38	1.30	1.32	1.33	16	13	12	15	18
Recommend topical agents (e.g., pharmacological to physician, over-the-counter to patient) and advanced wound dressings (e.g., negative pressure wound therapy, wound coverings)	410	254	413	223	460	2.66	2.63	2.40	2.68	2.88	1.31	1.40	1.27	1.24	1.31	27	21	22	25	28

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Therapeutic Modalities																				
<i>Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in</i>																				
- biofeedback therapy (e.g., relaxation techniques, muscle reeducation, EMG)	406	253	413	221	456	3.15	3.10	3.11	3.02	3.35	1.28	1.18	1.22	1.31	1.23	70	68	73	67	74
- iontophoresis	406	253	413	221	457	2.18	2.22	2.15	2.13	2.45	1.19	1.23	1.24	1.23	1.27	37	32	29	31	27
- phonophoresis	404	253	409	220	453	1.87	1.84	1.86	1.87	2.40	1.15	1.18	1.18	1.21	1.31	19	16	16	17	21
- electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	406	253	413	221	454	3.18	3.08	3.12	3.30	3.37	1.27	1.25	1.28	1.25	1.15	80	76	78	80	84
- cryotherapy (e.g., cold pack, ice massage, vapocoolant spray)	406	253	413	221	455	3.27	3.10	3.22	3.23	3.32	1.23	1.22	1.27	1.33	1.21	83	81	82	79	86
- hydrotherapy using contrast baths/pools	406	253	413	221	454	2.28	2.20	2.31	2.39	2.67	1.32	1.32	1.43	1.46	1.33	28	26	23	25	30
- hydrotherapy (e.g., aquatic exercise, underwater treadmill)	406	253	413	221	457	2.93	2.89	2.86	2.70	3.08	1.37	1.49	1.49	1.34	1.24	39	34	31	36	41
- phototherapy (laser light)	406	253	413	221	453	1.96	2.16	2.14	2.09	2.40	1.23	1.36	1.36	1.35	1.33	21	20	19	21	21
- monochromatic infrared agent procedures (e.g., light emitting diodes [LEDs])	404	253	409	220	455	1.77	1.73	1.89	1.85	2.34	1.10	1.08	1.23	1.22	1.30	14	12	14	15	20
- ultrasound procedures	404	253	409	220	452	2.33	2.25	2.21	2.21	2.19	1.31	1.31	1.25	1.32	1.20	45	37	39	36	35
- diathermy	404	253	409	220	451	1.65	1.78	1.71	1.77	2.05	0.98	1.17	1.12	1.19	1.23	16	14	13	15	15
- dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	404	253	409	220	451	1.88	1.85	1.90	1.83	2.33	1.18	1.15	1.15	1.17	1.26	20	17	18	19	22
- hot pack thermotherapy	404	253	409	220	456	3.01	2.93	2.95	2.98	3.07	1.25	1.25	1.31	1.33	1.22	76	65	71	72	77
- paraffin bath thermotherapy	404	253	409	220	456	2.20	2.10	2.34	2.22	2.58	1.29	1.24	1.34	1.39	1.31	30	24	27	26	26
- shockwave therapy	404	253	409	220	448	1.83	1.64	1.95	1.84	2.54	1.17	1.03	1.28	1.27	1.40	16	11	15	15	20

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- blood-flow restriction training		253	409	220	455		2.75	3.06	3.02	3.14		1.27	1.32	1.24	1.19		38	49	48	56
- cupping		253	409	220	456		2.51	2.76	2.83	2.93		1.17	1.24	1.18	1.17		41	52	58	59
Mechanical Modalities																				
Apply and/or train patient/client/caregiver in																				
- intermittent pneumatic compression (e.g., sequential compression devices)	403	253	404	219	453	2.67	2.68	2.79	2.66	3.03	1.24	1.23	1.31	1.26	1.23	40	36	44	43	47
- assisted movement devices (e.g., dynamic splint, continuous passive motion devices)	403	253	404	219	451	2.58	2.46	2.64	2.62	2.71	1.22	1.18	1.21	1.33	1.25	48	46	43	39	43
- mechanical spinal traction	403	253	404	219	451	2.72	2.60	2.66	2.81	2.83	1.25	1.28	1.20	1.36	1.20	52	42	50	46	53
Non-procedural Interventions																				
Communication																				
Discuss physical therapy evaluation findings, interventions, goals, prognosis, discharge planning, and plan of care with																				
- physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and/or support staff	401	253	401	218	454	4.70	4.73	4.70	4.78	4.80	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.59	0.58	99	99	98	100	99
- interprofessional/interdisciplinary team members	401	253	401	218	454	4.53	4.60	4.47	4.61	4.70	0.80	0.79	0.86	0.73	0.63	98	97	96	100	99
- patient/client/caregiver	401	253	401	218	453	4.84	4.82	4.82	4.84	4.89	0.44	0.49	0.50	0.42	0.36	100	100	99	100	100
Provide written, oral, and electronic information to the patient/client and/or caregiver	401	253	401	218	451	4.68	4.65	4.69	4.71	4.80	0.65	0.67	0.64	0.60	0.54	100	99	99	100	99
Documentation																				
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- examination results	401	253	399	217	447	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.78	4.81	0.48	0.43	0.47	0.52	0.48	100	100	99	100	99
- evaluation to include diagnosis, goals, and prognosis	401	253	399	217	448	4.82	4.83	4.81	4.77	4.78	0.48	0.46	0.48	0.51	0.51	100	99	100	100	100
- intervention(s) and patient/client response(s) to intervention	401	253	399	217	450	4.85	4.84	4.83	4.83	4.79	0.44	0.39	0.44	0.44	0.53	100	100	100	100	99
- patient/client/caregiver education	401	253	399	217	448	4.82	4.79	4.79	4.76	4.70	0.46	0.49	0.49	0.59	0.65	100	100	100	100	99

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- outcomes (e.g., discharge summary, reassessments)	401	253	399	217	447	4.73	4.71	4.68	4.69	4.71	0.56	0.62	0.65	0.67	0.62	100	100	99	100	99
- communication with the interdisciplinary/interprofessional team related to the patient/client's care	401	253	399	217	453	4.57	4.63	4.55	4.51	4.46	0.78	0.71	0.79	0.83	0.84	99	98	99	97	98
- rationale for billing and reimbursement	401	253	399	217	453	4.37	4.42	4.44	4.37	4.46	0.96	0.91	0.91	0.96	0.90	95	97	97	96	96
- disclosure and consent (e.g., disclosure of medical information, consent for treatment)	401	253	399	217	450	4.48	4.48	4.49	4.43	4.52	0.87	0.85	0.90	0.92	0.86	96	96	96	96	96
- letter of medical necessity (e.g., wheelchair, assistive equipment, disability parking placard)	401	253	399	217	453	3.80	3.98	3.88	3.88	4.19	1.26	1.15	1.27	1.22	1.12	80	81	78	78	78
- intervention/plan of care for specialized services and settings (e.g., individual education plan, individual family service plan, vocational transition plan)	401	253	399	217	450	4.08	4.30	4.27	4.11	4.25	1.23	1.03	1.15	1.14	1.20	72	72	73	71	70
Assign billing codes for physical therapy evaluation and treatment provided	401	253	401	218	452	4.50	4.45	4.55	4.53	4.55	0.92	0.92	0.88	0.90	0.86	94	96	96	96	97
Education																				
<i>Educate patient/client and/or caregiver about</i>																				
- the patient/client's current condition and health status (e.g., nature of the condition, prognosis, potential benefits of physical therapy interventions, potential treatment outcomes)	400	249	394	216	451	4.85	4.82	4.82	4.81	4.82	0.41	0.44	0.48	0.46	0.50	100	100	99	100	99
- the role of the physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant in patient/client management	400	249	394	216	451	4.77	4.74	4.74	4.68	4.73	0.52	0.52	0.58	0.62	0.63	100	99	99	100	99

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- lifestyle and behavioral changes to promote wellness (e.g., nutrition, physical activity, tobacco cessation)	400	249	394	216	451	4.42	4.43	4.48	4.43	4.44	0.84	0.82	0.82	0.85	0.88	99	99	98	100	99
- the role of physical therapy in transitional planning (e.g., hospice, palliative care, setting changes)	400	249	394	216	449	4.08	4.09	4.07	4.03	4.11	1.16	1.15	1.17	1.20	1.15	79	83	78	80	77
Educate the healthcare team about																				
- the role of the physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant in patient/client management	400	249	394	216	451	4.36	4.43	4.43	4.35	4.34	0.95	0.89	0.90	0.98	1.00	96	97	93	94	91
- safe patient handling (e.g., injury prevention, ergonomics, use of equipment)	400	249	394	216	449	4.40	4.41	4.44	4.41	4.47	0.97	0.94	0.91	0.97	0.89	93	94	92	92	90
Educate community groups on lifestyle and behavior changes to promote wellness (e.g., nutrition, physical activity, tobacco cessation)	399	248	392	216	449	3.66	3.58	3.59	3.78	4.09	1.22	1.22	1.23	1.24	1.16	72	71	73	76	78
Participate in the clinical education of students	399	248	392	216	451	4.01	3.90	3.98	3.94	4.23	1.07	1.04	1.09	1.11	1.02	79	78	83	84	81
Patient/client & Staff Safety																				
Emergency Procedures																				
Implement emergency procedures (e.g., CPR, AED, calling a code)	399	248	392	216	452	3.99	4.04	4.04	4.21	4.51	1.16	1.15	1.14	1.08	0.88	87	90	90	92	80
Perform first aid	399	248	392	216	450	3.80	3.81	3.77	3.97	4.24	1.24	1.20	1.23	1.22	1.02	87	85	89	92	84
Implement disaster response procedures	399	248	392	216	451	3.66	3.53	3.59	3.70	4.11	1.27	1.25	1.33	1.29	1.10	72	75	74	79	74
Environmental Safety																				
Perform risk assessment of the physical environment (e.g., barrier-free environment, outlets, windows, floors, lighting)	373	221	347	173	372	4.14	4.23	4.12	3.93	4.07	1.00	1.05	1.05	1.12	0.99	89	90	93	88	88

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Prepare and maintain a safe working environment for performing interventions (e.g., unobstructed walkways, equipment availability)	373	221	347	173	373	4.42	4.50	4.47	4.28	4.42	0.84	0.87	0.85	0.89	0.82	96	95	97	93	96
Perform regular equipment inspections and/or maintenance (e.g., modalities, assistive devices)	373	221	347	173	376	4.08	4.06	4.10	3.95	4.06	1.05	1.08	1.01	1.02	1.04	84	83	86	81	90
Infection Control																				
Perform and/or train patient/client and/or caregiver on appropriate infection control practices (e.g., universal precautions, hand hygiene, isolation, airborne precautions, equipment cleaning)	373	221	347	173	375	4.08	4.13	4.06	3.92	4.32	1.10	1.12	1.14	1.19	0.98	90	88	90	82	93
Research & Evidence-Based Practice																				
Search the literature for current best evidence	373	221	345	173	372	4.08	4.13	4.03	3.98	4.14	0.89	0.89	0.91	0.92	0.93	99	99	98	99	98
Evaluate the quality of published data	373	221	345	173	373	3.87	3.92	3.87	3.80	4.01	0.99	0.98	0.95	1.03	1.05	96	98	96	94	95
Integrate current best evidence, clinical experience, and patient values in clinical practice (e.g., clinical prediction rules, patient preference, clinical practice guidelines)	373	221	345	173	372	4.35	4.36	4.32	4.30	4.37	0.79	0.81	0.85	0.77	0.82	100	99	98	99	99
Design, direct, and/or participate in research activities	373	221	345	173	373	2.91	2.96	2.93	2.76	3.24	1.25	1.35	1.26	1.25	1.31	69	65	70	60	65
Compare intervention outcomes with normative data	373	221	345	173	373	3.58	3.66	3.55	3.49	3.77	1.10	1.08	1.11	1.11	1.13	87	87	88	83	87
Professional Responsibilities																				
Supervise physical therapist assistant(s) and support personnel (licensed/unlicensed)	398	246	388	211	448	4.41	4.55	4.44	4.33	4.43	0.99	0.83	0.91	0.96	0.89	82	81	84	87	83
Assign tasks to other personnel (licensed/unlicensed) to assist with patient/client care	398	246	388	211	449	4.08	4.22	4.18	4.12	4.30	1.10	1.05	1.06	1.02	0.99	88	87	89	90	87

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Discuss ongoing patient care with the interprofessional/interdisciplinary team members	398	246	388	211	447	4.45	4.58	4.49	4.39	4.49	0.85	0.79	0.82	0.90	0.83	98	98	97	98	97
Refer patient/client to specialists or other healthcare providers when necessary	398	246	388	211	446	4.56	4.54	4.50	4.33	4.50	0.71	0.83	0.78	0.92	0.80	100	97	98	99	98
Disclose financial interest in recommended products or services to the patient/client	398	246	388	211	447	3.69	3.61	3.53	3.49	3.96	1.36	1.38	1.46	1.41	1.24	63	61	61	70	65
Provide notice and information about alternative care when the physical therapist terminates provider relationship with the patient/client	398	246	388	211	446	4.00	4.07	4.09	4.06	4.09	1.11	1.13	1.04	1.12	1.08	89	83	90	91	85
Document transfer of patient/client care to another physical therapist (therapist of record)	398	246	388	211	447	3.92	3.92	3.88	3.82	4.01	1.27	1.34	1.23	1.31	1.16	82	79	84	88	77
Report healthcare providers that are suspected to not perform their professional responsibilities with reasonable skill and safety to the appropriate authorities	398	246	388	211	448	4.15	4.24	4.25	4.17	4.34	1.09	1.05	0.98	1.16	0.93	92	91	93	91	65
Report suspected cases of abuse to the appropriate authority	398	246	388	211	449	4.49	4.49	4.46	4.41	4.60	0.89	0.89	0.89	1.00	0.80	97	96	96	95	70
Report suspected illegal or unethical acts performed by healthcare providers to the relevant authority	397	244	385	211	449	4.35	4.49	4.51	4.37	4.53	1.02	0.89	0.86	1.04	0.82	97	96	97	95	66
Advocate for public access to physical therapy and other healthcare services	397	244	385	211	448	4.19	4.25	4.25	4.11	4.35	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.11	0.96	95	94	95	93	81
Determine own need for professional development	397	244	385	211	446	4.59	4.68	4.52	4.56	4.58	0.72	0.61	0.78	0.77	0.73	100	99	99	100	98

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Participate in learning and/or development activities (e.g., journal clubs, self-directed reading, continuing competence activities) to maintain the currency of knowledge, skills, and abilities	397	244	385	211	448	4.42	4.51	4.38	4.43	4.44	0.89	0.80	0.86	0.88	0.86	99	98	99	99	95
Practice within the federal and jurisdiction regulations and professional standards	397	244	385	211	448	4.72	4.73	4.68	4.74	4.74	0.67	0.70	0.67	0.60	0.63	99	97	99	100	97
Participate in professional organizations	397	244	385	211	447	3.73	3.71	3.60	3.59	3.69	1.22	1.19	1.23	1.27	1.28	95	92	92	90	87
Perform community based screenings (e.g., fall risk, posture, musculoskeletal, flexibility, sports-specific)	397	244	385	211	447	3.69	3.65	3.73	3.77	3.94	1.16	1.18	1.24	1.23	1.17	84	79	82	83	76
Participate in performance improvement and quality reporting activities (e.g., Physician Quality Reporting System, standardized outcomes measurement, application of health informatics)	397	244	385	211	448	3.77	3.81	3.82	3.91	3.98	1.17	1.17	1.25	1.19	1.15	89	82	85	86	79

Table B.2. PTA Work Activity Survey Results

PTA WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Information Gathering & Synthesis																				
<i>Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to</i>																				
- review prior and current level of function/activity	244	98	190	81	153	4.59	4.63	4.54	4.61	4.42	0.80	0.72	0.77	0.70	0.91	97	94	97	99	97
- establish general health status	244	98	190	81	152	4.35	4.34	4.39	4.30	4.34	0.88	0.79	0.86	0.87	0.89	97	95	96	96	97
- identify red flags (e.g., unexplained weight change, fever, malaise) and contraindications	244	98	190	81	154	4.59	4.47	4.39	4.37	4.37	0.78	0.85	0.92	0.90	0.96	98	96	96	99	97
- identify patient/client's, family/caregiver's goals, values, and preferences	244	98	190	81	152	4.22	4.33	4.37	4.28	4.41	0.87	0.84	0.83	0.83	0.87	97	95	97	99	97
- determine impact of medications on plan of care (e.g., medication reconciliation, timing of intervention delivery, adherence)	244	98	190	81	151	3.83	3.80	3.86	3.73	3.98	1.12	1.06	1.09	1.18	1.14	91	92	92	94	93
Administer standardized questionnaires (e.g., pain inventory, fall risk assessment)	244	98	190	81	153	3.88	3.95	3.64	3.79	3.99	1.07	0.94	1.13	1.10	0.98	94	93	89	93	94
Review medical records (e.g., lab values, diagnostic tests, imaging, specialty reports, narrative, consults, physical therapy documentation) prior to carrying out the PT plan of care	244	98	190	81	153	4.14	4.13	4.09	3.91	4.31	0.99	1.00	1.05	1.18	0.96	97	97	92	95	99
Gather information/discuss patient/client's current health status with interprofessional/interdisciplinary team members	244	98	190	81	153	4.15	3.98	4.02	4.08	4.40	0.97	1.06	1.05	1.12	0.80	98	94	96	91	95
Identify signs/symptoms of change in patient/client's health status that require intervention by physical therapist	244	98	190	81	152	4.56	4.55	4.46	4.51	4.68	0.69	0.69	0.83	0.81	0.59	100	100	99	99	100

PTA WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Identify signs/symptoms of change in patient/client's health status that require intervention by interprofessional/interdisciplinary team members	244	98	190	81	153	4.47	4.32	4.31	4.39	4.55	0.73	0.92	0.89	0.88	0.71	98	97	98	98	99
Systems Review																				
Check patient/client's current affect, cognition, communication, and learning preferences (e.g., ability to convey needs, consciousness, orientation, expected emotional/behavioral responses)	244	98	190	81	148	4.22	4.16	4.20	4.11	4.41	0.96	1.00	1.03	0.94	0.85	97	98	96	100	98
<i>Recognize changes in status of the</i>																				
- patient/client's quality of speech, hearing, and vision (e.g., dysarthria, pitch/tone, use of hearing aids, use of corrective lenses)	231	95	176	79	147	3.88	3.85	4.01	3.73	4.36	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.13	0.93	92	92	88	94	95
- vestibular system (e.g., dizziness, vertigo)	231	95	176	79	145	4.10	3.89	4.07	3.86	4.32	1.00	1.03	0.96	1.05	0.88	95	95	92	96	96
- gastrointestinal system (e.g., difficulty swallowing, nausea, change in appetite/diet, change in bowel function)	231	95	176	79	145	3.51	3.40	3.50	3.24	3.82	1.17	1.19	1.20	1.22	1.07	87	83	83	84	92
- genitourinary system (e.g., changes in bladder function, catheter complications)	231	95	176	79	146	3.51	3.44	3.44	3.28	3.86	1.20	1.21	1.22	1.22	1.10	82	80	80	80	90
- reproductive system (e.g., sexual dysfunction, menstrual dysfunction, menopause/andropause status)	231	95	176	79	146	2.88	2.66	2.80	2.56	3.19	1.38	1.25	1.35	1.24	1.26	64	63	62	59	68
- cardiovascular/pulmonary system (e.g., blood pressure, heart rate, respiration rate)	231	95	176	79	147	4.35	4.19	4.27	4.42	4.55	0.89	0.86	0.95	0.71	0.76	99	99	96	99	98
- lymphatic system (e.g., primary or secondary lymphedema)	231	95	176	79	146	3.64	3.52	3.56	3.41	3.89	1.17	1.18	1.16	1.31	1.07	84	82	85	84	88

PTA WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
- integumentary system (e.g., presence of scar formation, skin integrity, discoloration)	231	95	176	79	146	4.01	4.07	3.93	3.83	4.21	0.97	0.89	1.07	1.08	0.91	97	97	95	96	99
- musculoskeletal system (e.g., gross symmetry, strength, range of motion)	231	95	176	79	147	4.70	4.68	4.67	4.76	4.68	0.57	0.59	0.70	0.54	0.60	100	100	98	100	100
- neuromuscular system (e.g., gross coordination, motor function, balance, locomotion, gross sensory function)	231	95	176	79	146	4.65	4.66	4.63	4.67	4.66	0.64	0.59	0.72	0.61	0.59	100	100	98	100	100
Tests & Measures																				
Cardiovascular/Pulmonary																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- cardiovascular function (e.g., blood pressure, heart rate, heart sounds)	225	92	170	74	143	4.11	4.16	4.20	4.46	4.19	1.11	1.03	1.07	0.89	0.95	95	95	94	99	97
- pulmonary function (e.g., respiratory rate, breathing patterns, breath sounds, chest excursion)	225	92	170	74	144	3.91	4.00	4.01	4.07	3.78	1.21	0.96	1.08	1.02	1.14	92	91	90	96	92
- perfusion and gas exchange (e.g., oxygen saturation)	225	92	170	74	145	4.06	4.02	3.93	4.02	3.95	1.13	1.05	1.15	1.12	1.11	90	88	88	85	88
- peripheral circulation (e.g., capillary refill, blood pressure in upper versus lower extremities)	225	92	170	74	144	3.41	3.61	3.56	3.21	3.53	1.29	1.10	1.19	1.21	1.12	82	80	78	78	79
- critical limb ischemia (e.g., peripheral pulses, skin perfusion pressure)	225	92	170	74	141	3.33	3.49	3.52	3.13	3.43	1.31	1.18	1.21	1.19	1.15	79	76	75	80	77
- physiological responses to position change (e.g., orthostatic hypotension, skin color, blood pressure, heart rate)	225	92	170	74	143	4.19	4.30	4.22	4.33	4.22	0.94	0.84	1.00	0.97	0.98	95	94	93	97	94
- aerobic capacity under maximal and submaximal conditions (e.g., endurance, exercise tolerance, metabolic equivalents, perceived exertion)	225	92	170	74	144	3.96	3.97	3.95	3.97	3.65	1.09	1.04	1.09	1.04	1.16	91	96	89	89	89

PTA WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Anthropometric																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- body composition (e.g., percent body fat, lean muscle mass, body mass index (BMI))	225	92	170	74	144	2.73	2.60	2.84	2.31	2.60	1.27	1.15	1.21	1.16	1.22	70	65	66	58	56
- body dimensions (e.g., height, weight, girth, limb length)	225	92	170	74	144	2.83	2.65	2.83	2.69	2.94	1.21	1.12	1.11	1.18	1.28	76	70	72	76	71
Quantify and qualify edema (e.g., pitting, volume, circumference)	225	92	170	74	144	3.42	3.47	3.53	3.32	3.53	1.22	1.03	1.09	1.19	1.11	88	92	84	86	88
Arousal, Attention, & Cognition																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- arousal and orientation (e.g., level of consciousness, time, person, place, situation)	215	87	163	73	142	3.84	3.80	3.80	3.83	3.92	1.19	1.19	1.24	1.18	1.07	84	85	84	84	84
- attention and cognition (e.g., ability to process commands, delirium, confusion)	215	87	163	73	142	3.92	3.85	3.95	3.97	3.88	1.13	1.07	1.09	1.10	1.09	90	92	90	86	85
- communication (e.g., expressive and receptive skills, following instructions)	215	87	163	73	142	3.94	4.02	4.10	4.07	3.96	1.10	0.99	1.01	0.91	1.11	93	94	92	92	85
- recall (including memory and retention)	215	87	163	73	141	3.63	3.62	3.64	3.45	3.63	1.16	1.02	1.15	1.15	1.09	89	91	88	84	81
Nerve Integrity																				
<i>Perform test and measures of</i>																				
- cranial nerve integrity (e.g., facial asymmetry, oculomotor function, hearing)	215	87	163	73	140	3.31	3.25	3.39	3.25	3.37	1.20	1.06	1.24	1.23	1.24	79	85	77	78	68
- spinal nerve integrity (e.g., dermatome, myotome)	215	87	163	73	140	3.52	3.53	3.61	3.53	3.55	1.18	1.08	1.19	1.21	1.20	84	89	80	88	76
- peripheral nerve integrity (e.g., sensation, strength)	215	87	163	73	140	3.88	3.84	3.91	3.73	3.81	1.04	0.96	1.15	1.10	1.08	90	94	87	90	84

PTA WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
- neural provocation (e.g., tapping, tension, stretch)	215	87	163	73	138	3.54	3.36	3.54	3.38	3.47	1.11	1.06	1.22	1.21	1.21	87	89	82	82	79
Environmental & Community Integration/Reintegration (Home, Work, Job, School, Play, & Leisure)																				
Collect data on patient/client's ability to perform activities of daily living (ADL) (e.g., bed mobility, transfers, household mobility, dressing, self-care, toileting, sexual relations)	212	87	156	71	137	4.50	4.45	4.57	4.56	4.42	0.78	0.94	0.79	0.77	0.90	97	98	95	99	97
Collect data on patient/client's ability to perform instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) (e.g., household chores, hobbies)	212	87	156	71	137	4.27	4.36	4.33	4.31	4.29	0.90	0.88	0.95	0.94	0.93	95	98	94	97	99
Collect data on patient/client's ability to perform skills needed for integration or reintegration into the community, work, or school	212	87	156	71	136	4.24	4.26	4.35	4.28	4.29	0.91	0.95	0.88	0.91	1.00	96	98	97	97	95
Collect data on barriers (e.g., social, economic, physical, psychological, environmental, work conditions and activities, learning, health literacy) to home, community, work, or school integration/reintegration	212	87	156	71	137	4.02	3.93	4.08	3.85	4.06	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.12	1.02	93	97	94	92	91
Collect data on safety in home, community, work, or school environments	212	87	156	71	137	4.14	4.13	4.19	4.12	4.25	0.99	0.96	1.00	0.92	0.92	95	93	96	96	94
Collect data on patient/client's ability to participate in activities with or without the use of devices, equipment, or technologies	212	87	156	71	137	4.29	4.30	4.32	4.39	4.39	0.90	0.94	0.94	0.84	0.86	98	95	95	99	97
Ergonomics and Body Mechanics																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- ergonomics and body mechanics during functional activities	210	86	155	70	136	4.42	4.38	4.44	4.59	4.24	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.72	0.90	98	100	98	97	99
- postural alignment and position (static and dynamic)	210	86	155	70	136	4.49	4.44	4.42	4.54	4.27	0.72	0.73	0.83	0.77	0.88	99	100	99	100	99

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	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Functional Mobility, Balance, & Vestibular																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
- balance (dynamic and static) with or without the use of specialized equipment	210	86	155	70	135	4.67	4.60	4.62	4.74	4.52	0.54	0.66	0.65	0.58	0.70	99	99	99	100	99
- gait and locomotion (e.g., ambulation, wheelchair mobility) with or without the use of specialized equipment	210	86	155	70	136	4.72	4.60	4.70	4.83	4.59	0.52	0.71	0.57	0.42	0.70	99	99	99	100	98
- mobility during functional activities and transitional movements (e.g., transfers, bed mobility)	210	86	155	70	135	4.60	4.53	4.58	4.81	4.48	0.69	0.81	0.73	0.43	0.81	98	99	97	100	98
- vestibular function (e.g., peripheral dysfunction, central dysfunction)	210	86	155	70	136	3.82	3.77	3.90	3.90	3.85	1.15	1.01	1.07	1.14	1.05	89	90	91	91	86
Integumentary Integrity																				
Observe skin characteristics (e.g., continuity of skin color, sensation, temperature, texture, turgor)	206	85	151	66	136	3.85	3.83	3.81	3.80	3.83	1.09	1.09	1.16	1.13	1.10	95	94	93	95	97
Collect data on wound characteristics (e.g., tissue involvement, depth, tunneling, burn classification, ulcer/injury classification)	206	85	151	66	136	3.30	3.40	3.47	3.21	3.57	1.31	1.27	1.29	1.30	1.25	69	78	72	67	75
Observe scar tissue characteristics (e.g., banding, pliability, sensation, and texture)	206	85	151	66	134	3.44	3.53	3.50	3.57	3.56	1.19	1.22	1.20	1.26	1.18	83	88	82	82	86
Collect data on patient/client's activities, positioning, and postures that produce or relieve trauma to the skin	206	85	151	66	135	3.95	3.91	3.94	3.79	3.88	1.16	1.18	1.19	1.11	1.24	86	89	85	86	86
Identify devices and equipment that produce or relieve trauma to the patient/client's skin	206	85	151	66	135	3.86	3.85	3.86	3.79	3.90	1.18	1.26	1.16	1.16	1.16	85	84	82	82	87

PTA WAs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Joint Integrity & Range of Motion																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
– spinal joint stability (e.g., ligamentous integrity, joint structure)	205	84	148	65	137	3.87	3.92	3.93	4.00	3.83	1.15	1.10	1.16	1.11	1.10	84	82	80	86	80
– peripheral joint stability (e.g., ligamentous integrity, joint structure)	205	84	148	65	137	3.86	3.92	3.98	3.95	3.83	1.12	1.09	1.15	1.03	1.11	87	88	85	92	85
– spinal joint mobility (e.g., glide, end feel)	205	84	148	65	137	3.80	3.74	3.82	3.79	3.80	1.16	1.15	1.15	1.32	1.24	82	81	78	82	79
– peripheral joint mobility (e.g., glide, end feel)	205	84	148	65	136	3.93	3.77	3.94	3.94	3.90	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.23	1.13	87	88	83	91	88
– range of motion (e.g., passive, active, functional)	205	84	148	65	135	4.56	4.48	4.49	4.72	4.48	0.73	0.79	0.79	0.57	0.78	99	98	97	100	99
– flexibility (e.g., muscle length, soft tissue extensibility)	205	84	148	65	136	4.37	4.40	4.35	4.52	4.26	0.78	0.78	0.93	0.79	0.89	97	98	97	100	96
Motor Function																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
– muscle tone (e.g., hypertonicity, hypotonicity, dystonia)	202	83	147	65	134	4.00	4.02	4.01	4.23	4.02	0.98	0.96	1.08	1.01	1.09	96	98	89	92	90
– dexterity, coordination, and agility (e.g., rapid alternating movement, finger to nose)	202	83	147	65	135	3.77	3.76	3.86	3.77	3.74	1.07	1.09	1.11	1.39	1.17	89	94	88	85	88
– ability to initiate, modify and control movement patterns and postures (e.g., catching a ball, gait)	202	83	147	65	135	4.28	4.28	4.32	4.40	4.22	0.87	0.81	0.93	0.93	0.94	97	98	95	98	95
– ability to change movement performance with practice (e.g., motor learning)	202	83	147	64	132	4.19	4.21	4.22	4.33	4.10	0.91	0.89	0.98	0.89	1.05	96	98	93	100	92
– movement quality (e.g., purpose, precision, efficiency, biomechanics, kinematics)	202	83	147	64	135	4.26	4.19	4.29	4.42	4.14	0.88	0.92	0.91	0.81	1.05	96	98	96	100	91

PTA WAs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Muscle Performance																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
– muscle strength, power, and endurance without specialized equipment (e.g., manual muscle test, functional strength testing)	202	83	147	64	134	4.41	4.43	4.37	4.53	4.29	0.79	0.79	0.91	0.80	0.91	98	99	95	98	98
– muscle strength, power, and endurance with specialized equipment (e.g., isokinetic testing, dynamometry)	202	83	147	64	134	3.89	3.87	3.88	3.87	3.79	1.26	1.27	1.30	1.26	1.22	81	84	80	81	81
Neuromotor Development & Sensory Integration																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
– acquisition and evolution of motor skills throughout the lifespan	202	83	147	65	134	3.55	3.57	3.58	3.76	3.43	1.25	1.21	1.23	1.15	1.18	80	87	78	82	71
– sensorimotor integration (e.g., perceptual deficits, neglect)	202	82	147	65	135	3.60	3.53	3.72	3.88	3.64	1.13	1.25	1.18	1.12	1.09	84	84	85	89	77
– developmental reflexes and reactions (e.g., asymmetrical tonic neck reflex, righting reactions)	202	83	147	65	134	3.53	3.23	3.48	3.48	3.39	1.25	1.31	1.32	1.37	1.21	73	76	71	78	70
Reflex Integrity																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
– deep tendon/muscle stretch reflexes (e.g., quadriceps, biceps)	201	81	144	64	136	3.53	3.38	3.53	3.67	3.50	1.16	1.29	1.25	1.24	1.16	85	78	82	84	76
– upper motor neuron integrity (e.g., Babinski reflex, Hoffman sign)	201	81	144	64	134	3.29	3.07	3.19	3.25	3.32	1.23	1.21	1.31	1.31	1.23	71	75	71	73	66
– superficial reflexes and reactions (e.g., cremasteric reflex, abdominal reflexes)	201	81	144	64	135	3.10	2.81	3.28	3.37	3.34	1.29	1.20	1.33	1.26	1.26	67	70	74	77	68

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<i>Pain & Sensory Integrity</i>																				
<i>Perform tests and measures of</i>																				
– pain (e.g., location, intensity, frequency, central, peripheral, psychogenic)	201	81	144	64	134	4.30	4.15	4.24	4.37	4.05	0.97	1.02	1.00	0.98	1.13	94	96	92	95	91
– deep sensation (e.g., proprioception, kinesthesia, pressure)	201	81	144	64	134	3.72	3.73	3.73	3.70	3.60	1.11	1.17	1.24	1.29	1.16	86	89	82	88	88
– superficial sensation (e.g., touch, temperature discrimination)	201	81	144	64	135	3.77	3.70	3.61	3.79	3.68	1.07	1.15	1.25	1.24	1.12	87	90	81	92	88
<i>Plan of Care & Goals</i>																				
Modify and/or progress within the plan of care based on patient/client's resources (e.g., financial, transportation, time, insurance benefits, available technologies)	199	80	143	64	134	4.38	4.43	4.44	4.49	4.49	0.87	0.95	0.92	0.77	0.81	95	94	92	95	96
<i>Procedural Interventions</i>																				
<i>Therapeutic Exercise/Therapeutic Activities</i>																				
<i>Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in</i>																				
– aerobic capacity/endurance conditioning	220	123	235	106	171	4.15	4.22	3.97	3.85	4.10	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.19	0.98	95	97	96	94	95
– balance, coordination, and agility activities	220	123	235	106	172	4.67	4.72	4.64	4.58	4.65	0.61	0.56	0.58	0.69	0.66	100	99	100	98	99
– body mechanics and postural stabilization techniques	220	123	235	106	172	4.68	4.59	4.57	4.60	4.61	0.61	0.72	0.71	0.80	0.72	100	100	99	97	99
– flexibility techniques	220	123	235	106	170	4.01	4.02	3.84	4.01	3.92	1.03	0.96	1.03	1.03	1.05	97	98	97	97	98
– neuromotor techniques (e.g., movement pattern training, neuromuscular education or re-education)	220	123	235	106	170	4.26	4.30	4.15	4.26	4.22	0.86	0.90	0.97	0.91	0.87	99	99	98	97	99
– relaxation techniques	220	123	235	106	172	3.53	3.61	3.41	3.34	3.46	1.20	1.13	1.18	1.26	1.15	95	94	93	90	97
– strength, power, and endurance exercises	220	123	234	106	170	4.42	4.41	4.35	4.34	4.43	0.80	0.81	0.90	0.96	0.85	99	99	99	97	99

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– genitourinary management (e.g., pelvic floor exercises, bladder strategies)	220	123	235	106	173	2.68	3.17	2.75	2.90	3.19	1.25	1.37	1.33	1.24	1.27	53	52	46	53	70
– gastrointestinal management (e.g., bowel strategies, positioning to avoid reflux)	220	123	235	106	173	2.57	2.76	2.68	2.78	3.02	1.25	1.39	1.31	1.17	1.30	50	49	42	47	57
– manual/mechanical airway clearance techniques (e.g., assistive devices, assistive cough, incentive spirometer, flutter valve, percussion, vibration)	220	123	235	106	172	2.88	2.92	2.73	2.61	3.15	1.35	1.50	1.39	1.34	1.32	52	46	40	41	57
– techniques to maximize ventilation and perfusion (e.g., positioning, active cycle breathing, autogenic drainage, paced breathing, pursed-lip breathing)	220	123	235	106	171	3.18	3.46	2.92	3.08	3.23	1.28	1.38	1.31	1.34	1.29	69	67	56	54	74
– mechanical repositioning for vestibular dysfunction	220	123	235	106	172	2.90	2.98	2.95	2.86	3.28	1.24	1.29	1.31	1.13	1.29	59	57	50	55	68
– habituation/adaptation exercises for vestibular dysfunction	220	123	235	106	170	2.98	2.98	3.00	3.00	3.30	1.18	1.28	1.32	1.17	1.25	64	59	56	62	69
– postural drainage	220	123	235	106	173	2.59	2.80	2.35	2.55	2.76	1.24	1.39	1.30	1.29	1.39	45	43	33	35	45
Functional Training																				
<i>Perform and/or train patient/client in</i>																				
– the use of environmental modifications (e.g., ramps, grab bars, raised toilet, environmental control units)	217	118	224	100	169	3.92	4.00	3.86	3.80	4.17	1.24	1.19	1.29	1.30	1.11	83	88	82	83	91
– activities of daily living (ADL) (e.g., bed mobility, transfers, household mobility, dressing, self-care, toileting, sexual relations)	217	118	225	100	165	4.20	4.28	4.06	4.18	4.25	1.11	1.04	1.21	1.12	1.08	92	93	92	95	96
– community and leisure integration or reintegration (e.g., work/school/play)	217	118	225	100	165	3.87	3.68	3.76	3.89	3.90	1.14	1.21	1.15	1.03	1.04	88	85	86	91	92

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– Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) (e.g., household chores, hobbies)	217	118	224	100	166	4.08	3.73	3.88	4.13	4.10	1.03	1.11	1.12	0.95	1.02	93	92	90	95	97
– mobility techniques	217	118	225	100	165	4.34	4.30	4.27	4.19	4.46	0.85	0.91	0.84	0.97	0.78	98	98	98	97	99
– gross motor developmental progression	217	118	225	100	167	3.70	3.73	3.67	3.55	3.83	1.17	1.15	1.18	1.16	1.15	86	87	82	85	90
– fall prevention and fall recovery strategies	217	118	225	100	166	4.47	4.45	4.31	4.34	4.66	0.80	0.89	0.99	0.83	0.67	98	98	98	99	98
– behavior modification and strategies that enhance functioning (e.g., energy conservation, pacing, pre-activity planning, reminder schedules)	217	118	225	100	166	3.80	3.87	3.75	3.74	4.08	1.07	1.15	1.22	1.10	1.00	90	92	86	91	96
Manual Therapy Techniques																				
Perform manual lymphatic drainage	210	112	218	96	165	2.63	2.60	2.74	2.80	3.00	1.26	1.45	1.37	1.42	1.31	41	36	34	35	41
Perform spinal manual traction	209	112	217	96	165	3.36	3.24	3.27	3.42	3.20	1.22	1.30	1.27	1.30	1.33	63	60	65	66	65
Perform peripheral manual traction	209	112	217	96	164	3.15	3.10	3.25	3.10	3.27	1.29	1.36	1.29	1.24	1.32	62	53	61	67	63
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in soft tissue mobilization (e.g., connective tissue massage, therapeutic massage, foam rolling)	209	112	217	96	166	3.71	3.64	3.76	3.59	3.79	1.24	1.34	1.16	1.26	1.19	82	84	89	86	92
Perform instrument-assisted soft tissue mobilization	209	112	217	96	166	3.64	3.36	3.46	3.35	3.54	1.19	1.47	1.29	1.31	1.29	77	67	78	73	78
Perform peripheral joint range of motion	209	112	217	96	164	4.22	4.03	4.15	4.10	4.15	0.95	1.16	1.03	1.12	1.01	90	90	91	91	95
Perform peripheral mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	209	112	217	96	167	2.95	3.04	2.98	2.63	3.14	1.36	1.55	1.28	1.37	1.48	43	32	40	38	34
Perform peripheral mobilization (non-thrust)	209	112	217	96	165	3.64	3.61	3.57	3.49	3.41	1.24	1.39	1.27	1.18	1.33	70	59	72	74	62
Perform spinal mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	209	112	217	96	165	2.65	2.86	2.98	2.59	3.00	1.34	1.58	1.32	1.40	1.49	36	28	33	34	32
Perform spinal mobilization (non-thrust)	209	112	217	96	167	3.33	3.29	3.38	3.41	3.35	1.36	1.38	1.29	1.28	1.35	57	52	60	68	56

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<i>Apply taping for</i>																				
– neuromuscular reeducation	206	108	216	96	166	3.95	3.79	3.77	3.86	3.35	1.19	1.30	1.34	1.32	1.22	82	81	78	80	72
– lymphatic drainage	206	108	216	96	165	3.01	2.80	2.67	2.92	3.06	1.35	1.39	1.41	1.45	1.36	45	41	37	42	41
– pain management	206	108	216	96	166	4.05	3.73	3.77	3.75	3.21	1.03	1.32	1.25	1.33	1.20	85	81	79	80	72
Equipment & Devices																				
<i>Apply and/or adjust</i>																				
– adaptive devices (e.g., seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	200	106	208	95	160	3.68	3.55	3.82	3.73	3.93	1.32	1.46	1.30	1.30	1.28	71	59	74	72	71
– protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets)	200	106	208	95	158	3.69	3.70	3.69	3.60	3.97	1.21	1.18	1.29	1.26	1.14	85	79	79	84	87
– supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars)	200	106	208	95	160	3.57	3.33	3.67	3.58	3.88	1.29	1.31	1.25	1.32	1.18	84	76	82	84	86
– orthotic devices (e.g., braces, shoe inserts, splints)	200	106	208	95	157	3.82	3.69	3.70	3.89	4.01	1.16	1.22	1.26	1.09	1.09	93	86	87	94	88
<i>Apply and/or adjust</i>																				
– assistive devices/technologies (e.g., canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, tilt tables, standing frames)	200	106	208	95	159	4.48	4.39	4.44	4.56	4.60	0.84	1.00	0.93	0.74	0.71	98	97	97	98	99
– prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses)	200	106	208	95	160	3.50	3.60	3.39	3.49	3.55	1.29	1.44	1.36	1.30	1.34	74	68	70	73	71
– mechanical neuromuscular reeducation devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	200	106	208	95	158	3.16	3.34	3.17	3.21	3.23	1.48	1.57	1.46	1.52	1.41	52	47	51	49	49
– prescribed oxygen during interventions	200	106	208	95	159	3.77	3.84	3.60	3.73	4.03	1.33	1.37	1.41	1.31	1.17	68	66	56	62	70

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<i>Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of</i>																				
– adaptive devices (e.g., seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	197	103	202	90	159	3.58	3.40	3.74	3.60	3.88	1.34	1.50	1.32	1.50	1.31	68	56	70	66	69
– assistive devices/technologies (e.g., canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, tilt tables, standing frames)	197	103	202	90	157	4.45	4.40	4.42	4.56	4.60	0.90	0.97	0.94	0.83	0.74	98	98	97	98	99
– orthotic devices (e.g., braces, shoe inserts, splints)	197	103	202	90	160	3.93	3.88	3.86	3.99	3.99	1.13	1.17	1.20	1.09	1.09	91	85	86	94	91
– prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses)	197	103	202	90	158	3.74	3.59	3.60	3.54	3.70	1.29	1.46	1.34	1.37	1.30	70	61	68	67	67
– protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets)	197	103	202	90	160	3.62	3.68	3.76	3.75	3.79	1.36	1.33	1.22	1.28	1.25	74	74	77	78	79
– supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars)	197	103	202	90	157	3.64	3.44	3.66	3.69	3.77	1.33	1.33	1.21	1.17	1.20	80	70	79	84	82
– mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	197	103	202	90	160	3.26	3.28	3.28	3.25	3.25	1.45	1.60	1.52	1.53	1.47	53	46	46	50	47
<i>Integumentary Repair & Protection Techniques</i>																				
<i>Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in</i>																				
– nonselective debridement (e.g., removal of nonselective areas of devitalized tissue)	193	103	198	88	158	2.73	2.38	2.74	2.83	2.90	1.33	1.32	1.20	1.27	1.36	25	18	27	23	23
– selective enzymatic or autolytic debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)	193	103	198	88	156	2.65	2.30	2.74	2.67	2.88	1.34	1.27	1.25	1.24	1.35	24	17	24	23	24
– application of topical agents (e.g., cleansers, creams, moisturizers, ointments, sealants) and dressings (e.g., hydrogels, wound coverings)	193	103	198	88	158	2.99	2.63	2.89	2.86	2.97	1.25	1.23	1.27	1.25	1.33	42	31	37	36	41

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– desensitization techniques (e.g., brushing, tapping, use of textures)	193	103	198	88	158	3.02	2.75	2.98	3.09	3.09	1.17	1.28	1.18	1.26	1.22	60	52	64	67	67
– hyperbaric therapy	193	103	198	88	156	2.32	2.13	2.56	2.48	2.54	1.22	1.25	1.25	1.20	1.43	20	17	21	20	17
– negative pressure wound therapy (e.g., vacuum-assisted wound closure)	193	103	198	88	156	2.67	2.37	2.68	2.43	2.98	1.30	1.33	1.38	1.20	1.36	25	18	22	25	27
Perform sharp debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)	193	103	198	88	156	2.44	2.19	2.55	2.41	2.78	1.22	1.30	1.31	1.33	1.44	21	16	19	17	19
Therapeutic Modalities																				
<i>Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in</i>																				
– biofeedback therapy (e.g., relaxation techniques, muscle reeducation, EMG)	191	103	194	88	154	3.36	3.37	3.23	3.36	3.37	1.27	1.37	1.30	1.35	1.26	71	67	70	69	66
– iontophoresis	191	103	194	88	155	2.68	2.79	2.58	2.70	2.74	1.45	1.35	1.39	1.37	1.34	44	52	36	42	31
– phonophoresis	189	102	193	87	153	2.78	2.08	2.52	2.29	2.96	1.49	1.24	1.48	1.27	1.37	29	20	22	22	25
– electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	191	103	194	88	156	3.98	3.77	3.76	4.06	3.69	1.14	1.29	1.19	1.05	1.20	89	85	82	89	81
– cryotherapy (e.g., cold pack, ice massage, vapocoolant spray)	191	103	194	88	153	3.86	3.77	3.75	3.86	3.76	1.23	1.28	1.19	1.13	1.19	87	85	90	92	91
– hydrotherapy using contrast baths/pools	191	103	194	88	153	2.84	2.63	2.61	2.70	2.83	1.50	1.47	1.45	1.55	1.33	37	30	34	32	32
– hydrotherapy (e.g., aquatic exercise, underwater treadmill)	191	103	194	88	154	3.36	3.30	2.94	3.28	3.15	1.41	1.52	1.42	1.52	1.40	43	36	36	35	40
– phototherapy (laser light)	191	103	194	88	154	2.62	2.23	2.36	2.32	2.70	1.43	1.33	1.37	1.30	1.49	30	23	24	23	20

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– monochromatic infrared agent procedures (e.g., light emitting diodes [LEDs])	189	102	193	87	155	2.44	1.97	2.15	2.15	2.62	1.30	1.09	1.19	1.17	1.46	23	17	20	18	15
– ultrasound procedures	189	102	193	87	155	3.36	3.00	3.06	3.22	3.01	1.33	1.33	1.43	1.27	1.42	68	63	62	69	54
– diathermy	189	102	193	87	154	2.54	2.26	2.15	2.52	2.66	1.32	1.21	1.28	1.39	1.45	31	27	19	24	23
– dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	189	102	193	87	154	2.63	2.20	2.41	2.72	2.56	1.38	1.30	1.30	1.50	1.32	32	22	25	28	25
– hot pack thermotherapy	189	102	193	87	154	3.82	3.49	3.71	3.82	3.67	1.17	1.45	1.24	1.14	1.27	85	74	80	89	84
– paraffin bath thermotherapy	189	102	193	87	155	2.95	2.69	2.82	3.30	2.94	1.36	1.38	1.44	1.39	1.32	46	35	35	43	39
– shockwave therapy	189	102	193	87	154	2.54	1.94	2.37	2.42	2.82	1.42	1.10	1.33	1.28	1.37	22	18	20	17	19
– blood-flow restriction training		102	193	87	153		2.85	2.81	3.29	3.18		1.40	1.34	1.45	1.34		36	36	32	44
– cupping		102	193	87	152		3.02	3.17	3.13	3.07		1.47	1.34	1.19	1.33		42	49	54	50
Mechanical Modalities																				
<i>Apply and/or train patient/client/caregiver in</i>																				
– intermittent pneumatic compression (e.g., sequential compression devices)	189	102	191	87	150	3.21	2.73	2.88	3.31	3.07	1.25	1.39	1.44	1.44	1.28	41	33	38	44	42
– assisted movement devices (e.g., continuous passive motion devices)	189	102	191	87	152	3.38	3.08	2.91	3.04	3.00	1.25	1.40	1.33	1.40	1.37	50	42	40	43	41
– mechanical spinal traction	189	102	191	87	152	3.74	3.28	3.41	3.36	3.15	1.13	1.44	1.37	1.21	1.39	56	49	47	56	48
Non-procedural Interventions																				
Communication																				
<i>Discuss physical therapy evaluation findings, interventions, goals, prognosis, discharge planning, and plan of care with</i>																				
– the supervising physical therapist	189	102	190	87	152	4.77	4.80	4.72	4.87	4.76	0.64	0.62	0.69	0.40	0.65	97	97	98	97	98
– interprofessional/interdisciplinary team members	189	102	189	87	153	4.49	4.44	4.38	4.61	4.55	0.83	0.93	0.97	0.85	0.86	94	92	94	94	93
– patient/client/caregiver	189	102	189	87	152	4.66	4.66	4.73	4.86	4.73	0.70	0.70	0.62	0.41	0.61	99	99	98	100	99
Provide written, oral, and electronic information to the patient/client and/or caregiver	189	102	189	87	153	4.59	4.51	4.57	4.61	4.63	0.73	0.84	0.80	0.78	0.72	98	96	98	100	97

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Documentation																				
<i>Document</i>																				
– data collection results	189	101	187	87	145	4.55	4.56	4.52	4.45	4.57	0.85	0.84	0.87	0.99	0.81	95	95	96	93	97
– intervention(s) and patient/client response(s) to intervention	189	101	187	87	152	4.79	4.81	4.75	4.83	4.71	0.49	0.54	0.56	0.47	0.70	100	99	99	99	99
– patient/client/caregiver education	189	101	187	87	150	4.71	4.66	4.66	4.74	4.58	0.54	0.65	0.73	0.56	0.75	100	99	99	100	99
– communication with the interdisciplinary/interprofessional team related to the patient/client's care	189	101	187	87	152	4.51	4.44	4.45	4.47	4.34	0.76	0.94	0.88	0.94	0.92	95	94	98	97	96
– rationale for billing and reimbursement	189	101	187	87	151	4.55	4.40	4.35	4.39	4.40	0.79	1.01	0.99	0.93	0.94	93	90	94	98	91
– disclosure and consent (e.g., disclosure of medical information, consent for treatment)	189	101	187	87	150	4.49	4.34	4.42	4.36	4.34	0.89	1.00	0.90	1.02	0.98	90	90	90	97	90
Assign billing codes for physical therapy treatment provided	189	101	187	87	151	4.46	4.41	4.44	4.52	4.45	0.88	0.97	0.97	0.90	0.96	86	83	88	90	85
Education																				
<i>Educate patient/client and/or caregiver about</i>																				
– the patient/client's current condition and health status (e.g., nature of the condition, potential benefits of physical therapy interventions, potential treatment outcomes)	188	100	185	87	149	4.65	4.64	4.69	4.76	4.66	0.68	0.75	0.63	0.59	0.67	100	97	99	100	99
– the role of the physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant in patient/client management	188	100	185	87	150	4.53	4.55	4.57	4.63	4.60	0.76	0.78	0.80	0.76	0.72	100	100	98	100	99
– lifestyle and behavioral changes to promote wellness (e.g., nutrition, physical activity, tobacco cessation)	188	100	185	87	151	4.47	4.38	4.41	4.36	4.35	0.85	0.97	0.88	0.92	0.90	95	98	97	99	99
– the role of physical therapy in transitional planning (e.g., hospice, palliative care, setting changes)	188	100	185	87	150	4.09	4.15	3.99	3.99	4.20	1.20	1.15	1.21	1.32	1.08	80	82	82	83	82

PTA WAs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<i>Educate the healthcare team about</i>																				
– the role of the physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant in patient/client management	188	100	185	87	150	4.22	4.33	4.23	4.20	4.24	1.06	0.94	1.03	1.11	1.04	92	90	91	98	90
– safe patient handling (e.g., injury prevention, ergonomics, use of equipment)	188	100	185	87	151	4.43	4.44	4.43	4.65	4.41	0.85	0.96	0.96	0.63	0.96	96	92	90	99	90
Educate community groups on lifestyle and behavioral changes to promote wellness (e.g., nutrition, physical activity, tobacco cessation)	188	100	185	86	150	3.85	3.60	3.84	3.91	4.11	1.20	1.27	1.18	1.14	1.20	67	69	70	78	75
Participate in the clinical education of students	188	100	185	86	150	3.67	3.85	3.74	4.11	4.15	1.31	1.28	1.27	1.05	1.09	61	58	66	74	73
Patient/client & Staff Safety																				
Emergency Procedures																				
Implement emergency procedures (e.g., CPR, AED, calling a code)	188	100	185	86	149	3.99	4.09	4.19	4.17	4.51	1.25	1.29	1.07	1.24	0.84	81	77	85	86	68
Perform first aid	188	100	185	86	147	3.87	3.99	3.93	3.87	4.09	1.29	1.27	1.23	1.39	1.12	82	80	88	88	77
Implement disaster response procedures	188	100	185	86	148	3.70	3.90	3.82	4.00	4.31	1.30	1.28	1.27	1.35	0.98	72	67	74	80	62
Environmental Safety																				
Perform risk assessment of the physical environment (e.g., barrier-free environment, outlets, windows, floors, lighting)	188	100	185	86	149	4.03	4.05	4.05	3.99	4.24	1.20	1.13	1.14	1.35	1.01	75	72	77	76	83
Prepare and maintain a safe working environment for performing interventions (e.g., unobstructed walkways, equipment availability)	188	100	185	86	150	4.36	4.34	4.47	4.48	4.52	0.98	1.00	0.86	0.88	0.86	91	89	95	93	95
Perform regular equipment inspections and/or maintenance (e.g., modalities, assistive devices)	188	100	185	86	148	4.13	4.01	4.20	4.14	4.25	1.11	1.14	1.05	1.19	1.05	78	79	83	81	91

PTA WAs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<i>Infection Control</i>																				
Perform and/or train patient/client and/or caregiver on appropriate infection control practices (e.g., universal precautions, hand hygiene, isolation, airborne precautions, equipment cleaning)	199	80	143	64	133	4.06	3.96	4.05	3.98	4.19	1.15	1.21	1.15	1.13	1.07	86	83	85	80	87
<i>Research & Evidence-Based Practice</i>																				
Search the literature for current best evidence	199	80	143	64	134	3.82	3.74	3.89	3.71	3.96	1.01	1.15	1.14	1.12	1.09	89	94	86	84	90
Evaluate the quality of published data	199	80	143	64	135	3.63	3.42	3.81	3.52	3.80	1.17	1.25	1.28	1.28	1.13	80	86	74	77	84
Integrate current best evidence, clinical experience, and patient values in clinical practice (e.g., clinical prediction rules, patient preference, clinical practice guidelines)	199	80	143	64	132	4.04	4.03	3.98	4.25	4.21	0.96	0.95	1.24	0.99	1.01	91	96	87	92	92
Design and/or direct research activities	199	80	143	64	134	3.07	2.65	2.97	2.79	3.13	1.30	1.42	1.42	1.34	1.32	52	50	50	53	57
Participate in research activities	199	80	143	64	135	2.86	2.62	2.92	2.66	2.98	1.29	1.24	1.44	1.28	1.29	53	58	48	52	58
Compare intervention outcomes with normative data	199	80	143	64	133	3.29	2.87	3.38	3.23	3.44	1.30	1.25	1.37	1.41	1.22	61	65	60	59	65
<i>Professional Responsibilities</i>																				
Supervise support personnel (e.g., physical therapy aide/technician)	199	80	143	64	133	3.71	3.67	3.83	4.00	4.05	1.15	1.28	1.32	1.31	1.11	70	78	68	63	74
Assign tasks to other personnel (e.g., physical therapy aide/technician) to assist with patient/client care	199	80	143	64	134	3.61	3.54	3.71	3.82	3.78	1.17	1.23	1.32	1.24	1.19	73	83	70	73	77
Disclose financial interest in recommended products or services to patient/client	197	80	143	63	134	3.18	3.11	2.84	3.68	3.14	1.20	1.37	1.33	1.14	1.37	57	59	43	68	55
Communicate with the physical therapist when the expectations of the PTA are beyond their knowledge, skills, and abilities	197	80	143	63	134	4.58	4.64	4.61	4.75	4.58	0.72	0.75	0.77	0.57	0.70	100	100	97	100	97

PTA WAs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Report healthcare providers that are suspected to not perform their professional responsibilities with reasonable skill and safety to the appropriate authorities	197	80	143	63	133	4.37	4.51	4.31	4.56	4.41	0.94	0.84	1.01	0.65	0.87	92	95	97	94	80
Report suspected cases of abuse to the appropriate authority	197	80	143	63	135	4.65	4.65	4.66	4.79	4.63	0.67	0.77	0.71	0.52	0.66	98	98	97	98	83
Report suspected illegal or unethical acts performed by healthcare providers to the relevant authority	197	80	143	63	136	4.58	4.63	4.61	4.78	4.60	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.52	0.70	97	98	97	95	79
Advocate for public access to physical therapy and other healthcare services	195	80	142	62	135	4.16	4.09	4.12	4.17	4.28	1.06	0.98	1.12	1.15	0.97	84	93	82	79	86
Determine own need for professional development	195	80	142	62	135	4.43	4.38	4.43	4.45	4.54	0.83	0.76	0.87	0.77	0.67	97	98	94	97	96
Participate in learning and/or development activities (e.g., journal clubs, self-directed reading, continuing competence activities) to maintain the currency of knowledge, skills, and abilities	195	80	142	62	135	4.21	4.30	4.20	4.18	4.32	1.05	0.84	0.98	1.12	0.92	92	98	94	94	93
Practice within the federal and jurisdiction regulations and professional standards	195	80	142	62	135	4.72	4.73	4.76	4.77	4.67	0.62	0.55	0.57	0.56	0.71	97	100	96	100	98
Participate in professional organizations	195	80	142	62	135	3.48	3.45	3.52	3.34	3.65	1.18	1.16	1.30	1.40	1.14	86	94	84	81	83
Participate in performance improvement and quality reporting activities (e.g., Physician Quality Reporting System, standardized outcomes measurement, application of health informatics)	195	80	142	62	136	3.75	3.69	3.64	3.66	4.01	1.10	1.10	1.34	1.29	0.98	84	88	77	79	76

Table B.3. PT Knowledge and Skill Requirements Survey Results

PT KSRs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
CARDIOVASCULAR/PULMONARY SYSTEM																				
<i>Physical Therapy Examination</i>																				
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	972	431	796	525	911	4.07	4.08	4.07	4.03	4.06	0.93	0.97	0.92	0.95	0.92	99	99	99	100	99
Anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system as related to tests/measures	972	431	796	525	911	4.00	4.02	4.01	4.02	4.08	0.95	0.98	0.93	0.96	0.91	99	100	99	99	100
Movement analysis as related to the cardiovascular/pulmonary system (e.g., rib cage excursion, breathing pattern)	972	431	796	525	910	3.86	3.93	3.91	3.96	4.00	0.95	1.01	0.97	0.94	0.94	99	99	99	99	99
<i>Foundation for Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis</i>																				
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions of the cardiovascular/pulmonary systems	972	431	796	525	906	4.00	4.05	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.90	0.93	0.92	0.96	0.91	100	99	99	100	100
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	972	430	796	525	914	4.02	4.08	4.03	4.06	4.07	0.89	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.90	99	99	99	100	99
Non-pharmacological medical management of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures, cardiopulmonary mechanical devices)	972	431	796	525	926	3.51	3.48	3.52	3.42	3.54	0.99	0.97	0.96	1.02	0.96	99	99	99	98	99

PT KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Function, implications, contraindications and related precautions of mechanical circulatory devices (e.g. extracorporeal membrane oxygenation [ECMO], intraaortic balloon pump [IABP], ventricular assist devices [VAD])			796	525	921			3.54	3.51	3.54			1.17	1.18	1.15			96	97	96
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the cardiovascular/pulmonary system on physical therapy management	972	431	796	525	913	3.69	3.67	3.71	3.72	3.74	0.94	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.94	99	99	99	100	99
Interventions																				
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	972	431	796	525	888	4.13	4.16	4.15	4.15	4.24	0.89	0.90	0.89	0.91	0.87	100	100	99	99	100
Anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	972	431	796	525	891	4.13	4.15	4.19	4.19	4.21	0.90	0.87	0.87	0.90	0.86	100	99	99	99	100
Adverse effects or complications on the cardiovascular/pulmonary system from physical therapy interventions used on the cardiovascular/pulmonary system	972	431	796	525	895	4.43	4.41	4.34	4.38	4.36	0.76	0.82	0.80	0.76	0.80	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the cardiovascular/pulmonary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	897	4.49	4.42	4.43	4.49	4.30	0.75	0.81	0.76	0.76	0.83	100	100	100	100	100

PT KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
LYMPHATIC SYSTEM																				
<i>Physical Therapy Examination</i>																				
Lymphatic system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	928	409	751	501	885	2.96	3.04	3.01	3.02	3.03	0.96	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.03	95	96	95	97	95
Anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system as related to tests/measures	928	409	751	501	884	3.08	3.12	3.11	3.19	3.18	0.98	0.99	1.03	1.01	1.05	97	97	96	99	96
Movement analysis as related to the lymphatic system (e.g., compensatory movement, extremity range of motion)	928	409	751	501	878	3.23	3.29	3.28	3.39	3.31	1.00	1.04	1.06	1.06	1.06	97	96	97	98	97
<i>Foundations for Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis</i>																				
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions of the lymphatic system	928	409	751	502	879	3.21	3.23	3.26	3.33	3.22	0.98	1.03	1.02	1.05	1.04	97	97	98	98	97
Lymphatic system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	928	409	751	501	879	3.17	3.23	3.23	3.30	3.23	0.97	1.01	1.00	0.99	1.03	97	96	97	99	97
Non-pharmacological medical management of the lymphatic system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	928	409	751	501	882	2.94	2.98	2.99	2.97	3.01	0.96	1.00	1.00	0.97	1.04	95	94	96	97	95
<i>Interventions</i>																				
Lymphatic system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	928	409	751	501	877	3.31	3.37	3.35	3.43	3.40	1.02	1.08	1.08	1.05	1.09	97	96	97	98	97

PT KSRs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system as related to interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	928	409	751	501	875	3.30	3.31	3.35	3.43	3.39	1.02	1.01	1.06	1.05	1.07	97	97	97	98	98
Adverse effects or complications on the lymphatic system from physical therapy interventions used on the lymphatic system	928	409	751	501	871	3.54	3.58	3.52	3.57	3.53	1.07	1.09	1.07	1.02	1.07	98	97	98	99	98
Adverse effects or complications on the lymphatic system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	875	3.96	3.96	3.98	3.97	3.53	1.09	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.08	99	99	99	99	98
MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM																				
<i>Physical Therapy Examination</i>																				
Musculoskeletal system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	1,020	469	899	526	879	4.70	4.68	4.71	4.74	4.71	0.56	0.58	0.58	0.57	0.56	100	100	100	100	100
Anatomy and physiology of the musculoskeletal system as related to tests/measures	1,020	469	899	526	868	4.69	4.68	4.71	4.74	4.75	0.56	0.57	0.54	0.55	0.52	100	100	100	100	100
Movement analysis as related to the musculoskeletal system	1,020	469	899	526	871	4.67	4.66	4.68	4.72	4.70	0.55	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	100	100	100	100	100
Joint biomechanics and their applications	1,020	469	899	526	859	4.49	4.46	4.49	4.49	4.56	0.69	0.71	0.73	0.75	0.67	100	100	100	100	100
Physical therapy ultrasound imaging of the musculoskeletal system	1,020	469	899	526	873	2.70	2.71	2.62	2.57	2.67	1.08	1.09	1.11	1.18	1.11	87	87	84	80	85
<i>Foundations for Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis</i>																				
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions of the musculoskeletal system	979	453	861	496	870	4.53	4.52	4.56	4.55	4.64	0.67	0.68	0.64	0.67	0.63	100	100	100	100	100
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions of the connective tissue	979	453	861	496	864	4.31	4.24	4.32	4.28	4.43	0.78	0.83	0.77	0.82	0.72	100	100	100	100	100

PT KSRs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Musculoskeletal system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	979	453	861	496	863	4.46	4.51	4.53	4.56	4.57	0.69	0.66	0.66	0.70	0.64	100	100	100	100	100
Connective tissue diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	979	453	861	496	867	4.25	4.23	4.30	4.28	4.37	0.80	0.80	0.79	0.83	0.75	100	100	100	100	100
Non-pharmacological medical management of the musculoskeletal system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	979	453	861	496	871	3.80	3.77	3.78	3.83	3.84	0.89	0.88	0.87	0.92	0.86	99	100	100	100	100
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the musculoskeletal system on physical therapy management	979	453	861	496	866	3.65	3.67	3.66	3.72	3.65	0.89	0.86	0.92	0.92	0.92	100	100	100	100	100
The impact of regenerative medicine (e.g., platelet rich plasma, stem cells) on physical therapy prognosis and interventions related to musculoskeletal diseases/conditions	979	453	861	496	869	3.14	3.07	3.15	3.07	3.12	0.94	0.94	1.02	1.01	1.00	97	97	96	96	97
Interventions																				
Musculoskeletal system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	1,020	469	899	526	847	4.64	4.66	4.66	4.70	4.73	0.61	0.57	0.61	0.60	0.54	100	100	100	100	100

PT KSRs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Anatomy and physiology of the musculoskeletal system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	1,020	469	899	526	843	4.71	4.69	4.71	4.75	4.76	0.52	0.56	0.52	0.56	0.50	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the musculoskeletal system from physical therapy interventions used on the musculoskeletal system	1,020	469	899	526	843	4.66	4.64	4.64	4.66	4.70	0.59	0.59	0.60	0.63	0.55	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the musculoskeletal system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	846	4.78	4.76	4.74	4.78	4.62	0.49	0.53	0.54	0.47	0.61	100	100	100	100	100
NEUROMUSCULAR & NERVOUS SYSTEM																				
Physical Therapy Examination																				
Neuromuscular and nervous systems tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	933	433	835	473	826	4.60	4.54	4.57	4.70	4.58	0.63	0.67	0.66	0.55	0.65	100	100	100	100	100
Anatomy and physiology of the neuromuscular and nervous systems as related to tests/measures	933	433	835	473	823	4.56	4.51	4.53	4.65	4.55	0.65	0.68	0.67	0.62	0.66	100	100	100	100	100
Movement analysis as related to the neuromuscular and nervous systems	933	433	835	473	815	4.58	4.52	4.57	4.64	4.56	0.64	0.68	0.67	0.67	0.67	100	100	100	100	100
Diagnostic electromyography (EMG) using surface electrodes	933	433	835	473	821	2.59	2.61	2.57	2.54	2.65	1.04	1.01	1.11	1.09	1.04	86	86	83	83	89
Diagnostic electrophysiology (EMG/NCV) using needle insertion	933	433	835	473	827	2.45	2.43	2.41	2.38	2.52	1.06	1.04	1.11	1.08	1.06	82	82	78	78	85

PT KSRs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Foundations for Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis																				
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions of the nervous system (CNS, PNS, ANS)	933	433	835	473	815	4.24	4.23	4.25	4.35	4.42	0.85	0.84	0.88	0.80	0.77	100	100	100	100	100
Neuromuscular and nervous system (CNS, PNS, ANS) diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	933	433	835	473	811	4.30	4.32	4.37	4.44	4.45	0.81	0.82	0.79	0.74	0.74	100	100	100	100	100
Non-pharmacological medical management of the neuromuscular and nervous systems (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	933	433	835	473	813	3.69	3.62	3.73	3.78	3.79	0.94	0.91	0.93	0.95	0.90	99	99	100	99	100
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the neuromuscular and nervous systems on physical therapy management	933	433	835	473	811	3.67	3.67	3.68	3.80	3.71	0.94	0.87	0.95	0.92	0.91	100	100	99	100	99
The impact of regenerative medicine (e.g., platelet rich plasma, stem cells) on physical therapy prognosis and interventions related to the neuromuscular and nervous systems	933	433	835	473	814	3.01	2.89	2.99	2.99	3.01	1.04	1.01	1.10	1.09	1.07	94	93	92	92	94
Interventions																				
Neuromuscular and nervous systems physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	899	419	799	446	793	4.60	4.54	4.59	4.70	4.64	0.62	0.70	0.65	0.57	0.59	100	100	100	100	100

PT KSRs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Anatomy and physiology of the neuromuscular and nervous systems as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	899	419	799	446	794	4.60	4.54	4.58	4.67	4.65	0.61	0.67	0.62	0.58	0.59	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the neuromuscular and nervous systems from physical therapy interventions used on the neuromuscular and nervous systems	899	419	799	446	794	4.51	4.51	4.52	4.60	4.57	0.68	0.68	0.67	0.62	0.65	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the neuromuscular and nervous systems from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	793	4.77	4.74	4.71	4.76	4.51	0.48	0.54	0.57	0.49	0.70	100	100	100	100	100
Motor control as related to neuromuscular and nervous systems physical therapy interventions	899	419	799	446	794	4.52	4.47	4.52	4.60	4.54	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.66	0.66	100	100	100	100	100
Motor learning as related to the neuromuscular and nervous systems physical therapy interventions	899	419	799	446	793	4.49	4.43	4.48	4.55	4.53	0.69	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.69	100	100	100	100	100
INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM																				
<i>Physical Therapy Examination</i>																				
Integumentary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	867	394	699	461	868	3.38	3.39	3.40	3.36	3.53	0.98	1.00	1.05	1.01	1.01	98	98	98	98	98
Anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system as related to tests/measures	867	394	699	461	869	3.47	3.44	3.49	3.48	3.56	0.99	0.98	1.03	1.01	0.99	98	100	98	98	99
Movement analysis as related to the integumentary system (e.g., friction, shear, pressure, and scar mobility)	867	394	699	461	864	3.86	3.90	3.86	3.93	3.97	0.95	0.93	0.99	0.94	0.95	99	100	99	99	100

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<i>Foundations for Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis</i>																				
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions of the integumentary system	867	394	698	461	861	3.50	3.47	3.49	3.44	3.49	0.98	0.99	1.01	1.00	1.02	98	99	99	98	98
Integumentary system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	867	394	698	461	860	3.51	3.52	3.52	3.48	3.55	0.96	0.98	1.02	1.00	0.99	99	99	99	98	99
Non-pharmacological medical management of the integumentary system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	867	394	698	461	863	3.23	3.19	3.22	3.19	3.27	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.04	1.01	97	98	98	97	97
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the integumentary system on physical therapy management	867	394	698	461	860	3.26	3.27	3.32	3.26	3.29	1.03	1.00	1.07	1.01	1.06	97	97	98	98	97
<i>Interventions</i>																				
Integumentary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	867	394	698	461	863	3.58	3.63	3.62	3.63	3.68	0.99	1.00	1.05	1.03	1.02	98	99	98	99	99
Anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	867	394	698	461	857	3.67	3.63	3.67	3.71	3.71	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.03	1.01	98	99	99	98	99
Adverse effects or complications on the integumentary system from physical therapy and medical/surgical interventions on the integumentary system	867	394	698	461	855	3.85	3.84	3.78	3.82	3.80	0.98	0.98	1.02	1.03	1.00	99	99	99	99	99
Adverse effects or complications on the integumentary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	858	4.17	4.08	4.14	4.16	3.81	0.92	0.96	0.95	0.97	1.00	100	99	99	99	99

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METABOLIC & ENDOCRINE SYSTEMS																				
<i>Foundations for Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis</i>																				
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions of the metabolic and endocrine systems	887	412	768	438	791	3.63	3.65	3.59	3.69	3.72	0.97	0.98	0.94	0.94	0.96	98	99	99	99	99
Metabolic and endocrine system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	887	412	768	438	785	3.63	3.64	3.59	3.71	3.69	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.96	99	99	99	99	99
Non-pharmacological medical management of the metabolic and endocrine systems (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	887	412	768	438	788	3.31	3.28	3.28	3.34	3.29	0.98	0.96	0.97	1.04	0.97	98	97	99	96	98
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the metabolic and endocrine systems on physical therapy management	887	412	768	438	788	3.37	3.31	3.32	3.44	3.35	0.99	0.96	1.00	1.02	0.97	98	98	98	98	98
<i>Interventions</i>																				
Metabolic and endocrine systems physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	887	412	768	438	784	3.60	3.66	3.59	3.71	3.78	1.01	0.99	1.00	1.04	0.96	98	99	99	99	99
Anatomy and physiology of the metabolic and endocrine systems as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	887	412	768	438	784	3.61	3.69	3.58	3.71	3.75	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.04	0.95	99	98	99	99	99
Adverse effects or complications on the metabolic and endocrine systems from physical therapy interventions used on the metabolic and endocrine systems	887	412	768	438	780	3.77	3.83	3.72	3.86	3.75	0.99	0.98	1.01	0.96	0.96	99	99	99	99	99

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Adverse effects or complications on the metabolic and endocrine systems from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	775	3.99	3.92	4.00	3.96	3.71	1.02	1.03	1.04	1.03	0.97	99	99	100	99	99
GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM																				
<i>Physical Therapy Examination</i>																				
Gastrointestinal system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence (e.g., bowel dysfunction impact questionnaires, Murphy test, Rovsing test, McBurney point sign)	870	403	746	433	783	3.00	3.04	3.00	3.04	3.05	1.08	1.00	1.00	1.06	1.07	93	95	94	94	93
Anatomy and physiology of the gastrointestinal system as related to tests/measures	870	403	746	433	778	3.06	3.08	3.07	3.19	3.11	1.07	0.97	1.01	1.06	1.05	94	96	95	97	94
Movement analysis as related to the gastrointestinal system (e.g., effects of muscular tension or trigger points, positioning for bowel movement)	870	403	746	433	779	3.12	3.09	3.05	3.19	3.11	1.10	1.00	1.08	1.11	1.07	95	95	93	95	95
<i>Foundations for Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis</i>																				
Gastrointestinal system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	870	403	746	433	780	3.11	3.13	3.07	3.25	3.23	1.07	1.00	1.06	1.08	1.03	95	96	94	97	97
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions of the gastrointestinal system	870	403	746	433	781	3.17	3.18	3.12	3.26	3.25	1.08	1.03	1.04	1.09	1.06	95	96	95	95	97
Non-pharmacological medical management of the gastrointestinal system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	870	403	746	433	777	2.88	2.93	2.84	2.93	2.91	1.02	0.93	0.99	0.99	1.01	94	96	92	94	93

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the gastrointestinal system on physical therapy management	870	403	746	433	778	3.03	3.06	2.94	3.13	3.01	1.04	0.98	1.01	1.05	1.01	95	97	93	95	95
Interventions																				
Gastrointestinal system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence (e.g., positioning for reflux prevention, bowel programs)	870	403	746	433	775	3.16	3.19	3.09	3.27	3.30	1.08	1.03	1.06	1.09	1.06	96	96	94	95	97
Anatomy and physiology of the gastrointestinal system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	870	403	746	433	776	3.23	3.31	3.22	3.36	3.35	1.11	1.07	1.09	1.10	1.07	95	96	95	96	97
Adverse effects or complications on the gastrointestinal system from physical therapy interventions used on the gastrointestinal system	870	403	746	433	770	3.37	3.44	3.28	3.42	3.32	1.13	1.07	1.08	1.11	1.05	96	97	96	97	97
Adverse effects or complications on the gastrointestinal system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	771	3.82	3.72	3.81	3.79	3.30	1.09	1.10	1.11	1.09	1.07	99	98	99	99	96
GENITOURINARY SYSTEM																				
Physical Therapy Examination																				
Genitourinary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	859	395	727	426	773	3.06	3.09	2.95	3.19	3.12	1.06	1.06	1.03	1.12	1.10	94	94	93	94	94
Anatomy and physiology of the genitourinary system as related to tests/measures	858	395	727	426	773	3.11	3.14	3.03	3.27	3.18	1.08	1.05	1.05	1.12	1.09	94	95	94	95	96
Physical therapy ultrasound imaging of the genitourinary system	858	395	727	426	774	2.44	2.47	2.33	2.33	2.46	1.04	1.04	1.01	1.07	1.04	81	81	78	76	82

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Foundations for Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis																				
Genitourinary system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	858	395	727	426	771	3.02	3.08	2.96	3.15	3.23	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.11	1.06	93	95	92	94	97
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions of the genitourinary system	858	395	727	426	770	3.10	3.18	3.01	3.17	3.20	1.06	1.09	1.06	1.13	1.06	95	95	94	93	96
Non-pharmacological medical management of the genitourinary system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	858	395	727	426	769	2.81	2.84	2.75	2.83	2.86	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.07	1.04	92	93	90	90	93
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the genitourinary system on physical therapy management	858	395	727	426	769	2.91	2.92	2.83	3.04	2.95	1.05	0.99	1.04	1.11	1.04	93	94	91	93	94
Interventions																				
Genitourinary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence (e.g., bladder programs, biofeedback, pelvic floor retraining)	858	395	727	426	769	3.17	3.22	3.09	3.27	3.34	1.10	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.09	94	95	94	94	96
Anatomy and physiology of the genitourinary system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	858	395	727	426	768	3.21	3.29	3.16	3.32	3.36	1.10	1.07	1.08	1.13	1.08	95	97	95	94	97
Adverse effects or complications on the genitourinary system from physical therapy interventions used on the genitourinary system	858	395	727	426	764	3.30	3.35	3.19	3.34	3.32	1.13	1.13	1.11	1.13	1.07	95	96	95	95	96

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Adverse effects or complications on the genitourinary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	767	3.78	3.73	3.79	3.81	3.31	1.15	1.11	1.15	1.12	1.07	98	98	98	98	96
SYSTEM INTERACTIONS																				
<i>Foundations for Evaluation, Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis</i>																				
Differential diagnoses related to diseases/conditions where the primary impact is on more than one system	844	381	672	445	852	4.25	4.22	4.27	4.27	4.33	0.76	0.83	0.78	0.78	0.76	100	100	100	100	100
Diseases/conditions where the primary impact is on more than one system (e.g., cancer, multi-trauma, sarcoidosis, autoimmune disorders, pregnancy) to establish and carry out plan of care, including prognosis	843	381	672	445	849	4.24	4.19	4.26	4.29	4.33	0.76	0.85	0.79	0.78	0.77	100	100	100	100	100
The impact of co-morbidities/co-existing conditions on patient/client management (e.g., diabetes and hypertension; obesity and arthritis; dementia and hip fracture)	843	381	672	445	850	4.46	4.39	4.46	4.45	4.50	0.68	0.74	0.70	0.72	0.69	100	100	100	100	100
Psychological and psychiatric conditions that impact patient/client management (e.g., grief, depression, schizophrenia)	843	381	672	445	849	4.08	4.14	4.11	4.11	4.13	0.84	0.86	0.84	0.85	0.85	100	100	100	100	100
Dimensions of pain (acute or persistent) that impact patient/client management (e.g., psychological, social, physiological, neurological, mechanical)	843	381	672	445	854	4.31	4.41	4.39	4.37	4.37	0.72	0.74	0.77	0.73	0.76	100	100	100	100	100
Non-pharmacological medical management of multiple systems (e.g., diagnostic imaging and other medical tests, surgical procedures)	843	381	672	445	849	3.91	3.93	3.97	3.84	3.97	0.88	0.93	0.90	0.89	0.88	100	100	100	100	100

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The impact of pharmacology used to treat multiple systems, including polypharmacy, on physical therapy management	843	381	672	445	849	3.86	3.89	3.95	3.84	3.92	0.91	0.96	0.93	0.91	0.91	100	99	100	100	100
EQUIPMENT, DEVICES, & TECHNOLOGIES																				
<i>Applications and adjustments, indications, contraindications, and precautions of:</i>																				
– assistive and adaptive devices/technologies (e.g., walkers, wheelchairs, adaptive seating systems and positioning devices, mechanical lifts)	854	391	719	424	769	4.65	4.63	4.58	4.72	4.59	0.66	0.66	0.68	0.61	0.68	100	100	100	100	100
– prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses, microprocessor-controlled prosthetic devices)	854	391	719	424	767	4.12	4.10	4.00	4.07	4.03	0.99	0.97	1.00	0.98	0.99	99	100	99	100	100
– protective, supportive, and orthotic devices/technologies (e.g., braces, helmets, taping, compression garments, serial casts, shoe inserts, splints)	854	391	719	424	766	4.22	4.26	4.15	4.22	4.15	0.90	0.84	0.92	0.86	0.90	100	100	100	100	100
THERAPEUTIC MODALITIES																				
<i>Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of:</i>																				
– cryotherapy (e.g., cold pack, ice massage, vapocoolant spray)	839	380	666	440	854	3.68	3.62	3.56	3.62	4.03	1.16	1.19	1.18	1.12	1.08	97	96	96	97	98
– hot pack thermotherapy	839	380	666	440	844	3.68	3.62	3.49	3.55	4.05	1.16	1.19	1.20	1.16	1.09	97	96	95	96	98
– dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	839	380	666	440	846	3.68	3.62	2.59	2.48	3.35	1.16	1.19	1.28	1.20	1.38	97	96	77	75	88
– iontophoresis	839	380	666	440	846	2.99	2.96	2.64	2.52	3.09	1.24	1.26	1.25	1.14	1.35	88	88	79	80	86

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– electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	839	380	666	440	853	3.77	3.75	3.50	3.55	4.08	1.07	1.13	1.13	1.11	1.03	98	98	96	98	98
– laser light therapy	839	380	666	440	847	2.65	2.66	2.45	2.42	3.02	1.23	1.28	1.24	1.15	1.37	80	80	73	75	85
– LED light therapy	839	380	666	440	848	2.47	2.52	2.35	2.30	2.93	1.21	1.25	1.22	1.08	1.36	75	77	70	73	83
– phonophoresis	839	380	666	440	849	2.61	2.59	2.36	2.24	2.94	1.27	1.29	1.22	1.13	1.40	78	78	71	68	82
– ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	839	380	666	440	846	3.15	3.00	2.82	2.75	3.43	1.31	1.34	1.31	1.27	1.38	87	86	81	83	89
– mechanical modalities (e.g., mechanical motion devices, traction devices)	838	380	665	436	849	3.63	3.61	3.53	3.55	3.72	1.12	1.18	1.15	1.15	1.21	97	97	95	96	95
– biofeedback	838	380	665	436	849	3.37	3.43	3.33	3.34	3.62	1.07	1.14	1.09	1.09	1.13	96	95	94	95	97
– diathermy	838	380	665	436	849	2.40	2.34	2.31	2.14	2.78	1.27	1.29	1.22	1.18	1.48	70	68	69	61	74
– intermittent pneumatic compression (e.g., sequential compression devices)	838	380	665	436	847	3.04	3.12	3.08	2.99	3.49	1.16	1.19	1.12	1.11	1.21	91	92	93	93	95
– shockwave therapy	838	380	665	436	844	2.24	2.31	2.28	2.20	2.80	1.15	1.21	1.19	1.14	1.38	69	72	69	67	79
– blood-flow restriction training		380	665	436	840		2.97	2.85	2.95	3.41		1.28	1.20	1.16	1.27		87	86	90	92
– cupping		380	665	436	846		2.71	2.69	2.64	3.17		1.20	1.20	1.14	1.28		85	82	83	89
SAFETY & PROTECTION																				
Factors influencing safety and injury prevention (e.g., safe patient handling, fall prevention, equipment maintenance, environmental safety)	854	391	719	424	764	4.73	4.74	4.71	4.75	4.86	0.59	0.59	0.60	0.56	0.42	100	100	100	100	100
The function and implications and related precautions of intravenous lines, tubes, catheters, monitoring devices, and mechanical ventilators/oxygen delivery devices	854	391	719	424	769	4.26	4.24	4.28	4.31	4.55	0.92	0.89	0.94	0.84	0.74	99	100	99	100	100

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Emergency preparedness (e.g., CPR, first aid, disaster response)	854	391	719	424	767	4.51	4.46	4.51	4.50	4.66	0.79	0.80	0.78	0.77	0.65	100	100	100	100	100
Infection control procedures (e.g., standard/universal precautions, isolation techniques, sterile technique)	854	391	719	424	767	4.62	4.57	4.56	4.65	4.69	0.71	0.74	0.73	0.65	0.62	100	100	100	100	100
Signs/symptoms of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse and neglect	854	391	719	424	763	4.45	4.40	4.43	4.41	4.55	0.79	0.78	0.79	0.81	0.72	100	100	100	100	100
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES																				
Standards of documentation	851	390	716	422	764	4.64	4.61	4.58	4.67	4.70	0.62	0.65	0.71	0.61	0.58	100	100	100	100	100
Standards of professional ethics	851	390	716	422	764	4.74	4.74	4.77	4.82	4.82	0.54	0.56	0.54	0.46	0.45	100	100	100	100	100
Standards of billing, coding, and reimbursement	851	390	716	422	760	4.35	4.32	4.36	4.41	4.43	0.84	0.84	0.89	0.84	0.82	100	100	99	100	100
Patient/client rights (e.g., ADA, IDEA, HIPAA, patient bill of rights)	851	390	716	422	764	4.59	4.61	4.60	4.68	4.65	0.69	0.66	0.71	0.62	0.65	100	100	100	100	100
Obligations for reporting illegal, unethical, or unprofessional behaviors (e.g., fraud, abuse, neglect)	851	390	716	422	761	4.64	4.59	4.61	4.66	4.67	0.65	0.67	0.68	0.62	0.65	100	100	100	100	100
State and federal laws, rules, regulations, and industry standards set by state and accrediting bodies (e.g., state licensing entities, Joint Commission, CARF, CMS)	851	390	716	422	767	4.48	4.42	4.43	4.48	4.49	0.75	0.80	0.85	0.79	0.77	100	100	99	100	100
Risk management and quality assurance (e.g., policies and procedures, incident reports, peer chart review)	851	389	713	421	760	3.88	3.88	3.79	3.94	4.22	0.94	0.98	1.05	0.97	0.90	99	99	98	99	100
Human resource legal issues (e.g., OSHA, sexual harassment)	851	389	713	421	769	3.87	3.92	3.88	3.96	4.19	0.99	0.96	1.04	1.03	0.96	99	99	98	99	99
The roles and responsibilities of the PT, PTA, other healthcare professionals, and support staff	851	389	713	421	763	4.45	4.48	4.43	4.53	4.63	0.74	0.74	0.81	0.71	0.63	100	100	100	100	100

PT KSRs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cultural factors and/or characteristics that affect patient/client management (e.g., language differences, disability, ethnicity, customs, demographics, religion, health literacy)	851	389	713	421	764	4.23	4.26	4.21	4.30	4.36	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.90	0.83	99	100	99	99	100
Socioeconomic factors that affect patient/client management (e.g., social determinants of health)	851	389	713	421	763	4.16	4.20	4.14	4.20	4.28	0.89	0.88	0.92	0.94	0.88	99	100	99	100	100
Applications and utilization of health information technology (e.g., electronic medical records)	851	389	713	421	759	4.07	4.03	4.00	4.10	4.25	0.93	0.93	0.99	0.99	0.90	100	100	99	99	100
The provision and utilization of telehealth (i.e., the use of telecommunication technologies to provide health care information and services)	851	389	713	421	765	3.45	3.39	3.30	3.24	3.46	1.09	1.06	1.15	1.18	1.17	97	97	95	94	96
TEACHING & LEARNING THEORIES																				
Teaching and learning theories and techniques	836	378	660	435	842	3.92	3.97	3.93	3.96	3.70	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.95	1.05	99	99	99	99	98
Health behavior change models (e.g., social cognitive theory, health belief model)	836	378	660	435	843	3.66	3.82	3.75	3.80	3.62	1.07	1.00	1.00	0.99	1.08	98	98	98	99	97
Communication methods and techniques (e.g., motivational interviewing, health information brochures/handouts, feedback techniques)	836	378	660	435	845	4.10	4.11	4.16	4.22	3.89	0.96	0.95	0.92	0.90	1.04	99	99	99	100	98
RESEARCH & EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE																				
Techniques for accessing evidence (e.g., peer-reviewed publications, scientific proceedings, guidelines, clinical prediction rules)	836	378	660	435	841	4.03	4.11	4.04	4.11	4.09	0.95	0.92	0.95	0.90	0.93	99	99	99	99	99
Research methodology and interpretation (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, levels of evidence)	836	378	660	435	835	3.75	3.79	3.76	3.80	3.89	1.02	1.02	1.03	0.98	0.98	98	98	98	99	99

PT KSRs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Measurement science (e.g., reliability, validity)	836	378	660	435	835	3.82	3.86	3.80	3.81	3.90	0.99	1.03	1.00	0.96	0.97	98	98	98	99	99
Statistics (e.g., t-test, chi-square, correlation coefficient, ANOVA, likelihood ratio, effect size, confidence interval)	836	378	660	435	835	3.00	2.98	3.04	2.96	3.11	1.10	1.15	1.11	1.10	1.14	92	90	91	92	93
Data collection techniques (e.g., surveys, direct observation)	836	378	660	435	840	3.26	3.30	3.27	3.21	3.45	1.09	1.11	1.10	1.03	1.07	95	94	95	96	97
SKILLS																				
Active listening - Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times	833	377	658	434	840	4.80	4.75	4.74	4.82	4.76	0.51	0.56	0.56	0.45	0.54	100	100	100	100	100
Speaking - Talking to others to convey information effectively	833	377	658	434	831	4.77	4.75	4.73	4.81	4.74	0.52	0.55	0.57	0.47	0.54	100	100	100	100	100
Reading comprehension - Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents	833	377	658	434	836	4.60	4.52	4.61	4.60	4.57	0.66	0.80	0.64	0.67	0.69	100	99	100	100	100
Critical thinking - Using logic and clinical reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems	833	377	658	434	840	4.81	4.77	4.80	4.84	4.80	0.47	0.55	0.50	0.41	0.48	100	100	100	100	100
Social perceptiveness - Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do	833	377	658	434	840	4.69	4.68	4.68	4.72	4.67	0.58	0.61	0.59	0.55	0.60	100	100	100	100	100
Time management - Managing one's own time and the time of others	833	377	658	434	839	4.67	4.67	4.69	4.69	4.66	0.62	0.63	0.58	0.57	0.63	100	100	100	100	100
Coordination - Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions	830	377	658	433	834	4.52	4.46	4.49	4.57	4.56	0.70	0.75	0.72	0.62	0.69	100	99	100	100	100

PT KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Writing - Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience	830	377	658	433	834	4.48	4.39	4.48	4.43	4.45	0.71	0.77	0.70	0.70	0.75	100	100	100	100	100
Active learning - Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem solving and decision-making	830	377	658	433	833	4.61	4.50	4.60	4.58	4.61	0.61	0.74	0.65	0.62	0.65	100	100	100	100	100
Persuasion - Persuading others to change their minds or behavior	830	377	658	433	833	3.96	3.90	3.93	3.89	4.00	0.94	1.02	0.97	0.98	0.98	99	98	99	99	99
Negotiation - Bringing others together and trying to reconcile differences	830	377	658	433	833	4.05	4.00	4.05	4.04	4.06	0.91	1.02	0.92	0.94	0.95	99	98	99	99	99
Service orientation - Actively looking for ways to help people	830	377	658	433	834	4.30	4.29	4.29	4.27	4.29	0.85	0.94	0.84	0.86	0.89	99	99	100	100	99

Table B.4. PTA Knowledge and Skill Requirements Survey Results

PTA KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
CARDIOVASCULAR/PULMONARY SYSTEM																				
Physical Therapy Data Collection																				
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	463	304	452	244	505	4.03	3.94	4.08	3.80	4.10	0.98	1.01	0.97	1.09	0.91	99	99	99	98	100
Anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system as related to tests/measures	463	304	452	244	502	3.97	3.94	3.98	3.76	4.06	0.97	1.00	1.02	1.04	0.93	100	99	99	98	100
Movement analysis as related to the cardiovascular/pulmonary system (e.g., rib cage excursion, breathing pattern)	463	304	452	244	501	3.89	3.85	3.93	3.82	4.00	0.95	0.95	0.98	1.00	0.93	99	99	99	100	100
Diseases/Conditions that Impact Effective Treatment																				
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	463	304	452	244	504	4.04	3.96	4.07	4.04	4.19	0.91	0.93	0.89	0.93	0.82	100	100	100	100	100
Non-pharmacological medical management of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	463	304	452	244	508	3.34	3.34	3.33	3.17	3.49	0.99	1.01	1.05	1.10	0.93	98	97	97	95	100
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the cardiovascular/pulmonary system on physical therapy management	463	304	452	244	501	3.49	3.47	3.50	3.46	3.63	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.04	0.97	98	98	98	98	100
Interventions																				
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	463	304	452	244	500	4.16	4.11	4.10	4.08	4.33	0.86	0.93	0.92	0.91	0.75	99	100	100	100	100

PTA KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	463	304	452	244	501	4.17	4.08	4.15	4.14	4.28	0.85	0.91	0.86	0.91	0.80	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the cardiovascular/pulmonary system from physical therapy interventions used on the cardiovascular/pulmonary system	463	304	452	244	501	4.41	4.36	4.35	4.36	4.45	0.80	0.82	0.81	0.79	0.73	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the cardiovascular/pulmonary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	426	286	394	228	494	4.39	4.30	4.25	4.26	4.40	0.78	0.83	0.84	0.81	0.74	100	100	99	100	100
LYMPHATIC SYSTEM																				
<i>Physical Therapy Data Collection</i>																				
Lymphatic system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	435	299	416	237	495	3.15	3.07	3.12	2.90	3.22	1.03	1.03	1.01	0.98	0.96	96	95	96	94	98
Anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system as related to tests/measures	435	299	416	237	495	3.25	3.16	3.21	3.02	3.27	1.02	0.99	1.01	1.01	0.97	98	98	97	95	98
Movement analysis as related to the lymphatic system (e.g., compensatory movement, extremity range of motion)	435	299	416	237	494	3.49	3.46	3.51	3.35	3.54	1.01	0.99	1.07	1.04	1.02	97	98	98	96	98
<i>Diseases/Conditions that Impact Effective Treatment</i>																				
Lymphatic system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	435	299	416	237	493	3.46	3.40	3.42	3.29	3.51	0.96	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.98	98	99	98	97	99
Non-pharmacological medical management of the lymphatic system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	435	298	416	237	490	3.09	2.98	3.03	2.83	3.12	1.00	0.98	1.02	1.02	0.98	96	96	96	93	97

PTA KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Interventions																				
Lymphatic system interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	435	299	416	237	494	3.50	3.37	3.45	3.34	3.52	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.05	0.98	98	98	98	97	99
Anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system as related to interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	435	299	416	237	489	3.54	3.43	3.49	3.35	3.56	1.00	1.04	1.04	1.01	0.98	98	97	97	97	99
Adverse effects or complications on the lymphatic system from physical therapy interventions used on the lymphatic system	435	299	416	237	489	3.77	3.72	3.64	3.57	3.70	1.04	1.04	1.06	1.07	1.02	98	99	98	98	99
Adverse effects or complications on the lymphatic system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	426	286	394	228	485	3.72	3.71	3.65	3.64	3.68	1.07	1.04	1.05	1.08	1.03	98	99	98	97	99
MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM																				
Physical Therapy Data Collection																				
Musculoskeletal system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	521	306	480	283	505	4.43	4.31	4.48	4.45	4.58	0.76	0.80	0.75	0.79	0.67	100	100	100	100	100
Anatomy and physiology of the musculoskeletal system as related to tests/measures	521	306	480	283	504	4.51	4.40	4.57	4.57	4.62	0.72	0.71	0.67	0.72	0.63	100	100	100	100	100
Movement analysis as related to the musculoskeletal system	521	306	480	283	499	4.45	4.38	4.53	4.54	4.61	0.71	0.72	0.68	0.67	0.61	100	100	100	100	100
Joint biomechanics and their applications	521	306	480	283	498	4.34	4.31	4.45	4.49	4.56	0.78	0.77	0.74	0.70	0.67	100	100	100	100	100
Diseases/Conditions that Impact Effective Treatment																				
Musculoskeletal system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	499	291	457	267	507	4.28	4.20	4.30	4.31	4.38	0.77	0.80	0.76	0.76	0.72	100	100	100	100	100

PTA KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Connective tissue diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	499	291	457	267	503	4.11	4.04	4.17	4.16	4.26	0.83	0.87	0.81	0.81	0.78	100	100	100	100	100
Non-pharmacological medical management of the musculoskeletal system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	499	291	457	267	510	3.57	3.57	3.65	3.59	3.68	0.90	0.94	0.91	0.93	0.93	99	99	100	99	99
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the musculoskeletal system on physical therapy management	499	291	457	267	502	3.50	3.48	3.59	3.49	3.61	0.90	0.95	0.93	0.93	0.96	99	100	100	99	99
Interventions																				
Musculoskeletal system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	521	306	480	283	492	4.59	4.48	4.60	4.64	4.64	0.62	0.67	0.64	0.61	0.59	100	100	100	100	100
Anatomy and physiology of the musculoskeletal system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	521	306	480	283	495	4.58	4.48	4.63	4.66	4.69	0.62	0.67	0.61	0.59	0.53	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the musculoskeletal system from physical therapy interventions used on the musculoskeletal system	521	306	480	283	488	4.60	4.51	4.56	4.59	4.64	0.60	0.67	0.66	0.66	0.57	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the musculoskeletal system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	426	286	394	228	490	4.47	4.42	4.36	4.37	4.55	0.74	0.75	0.80	0.81	0.65	100	100	99	99	100

PTA KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
NEUROMUSCULAR & NERVOUS SYSTEM																				
<i>Physical Therapy Data Collection</i>																				
Neuromuscular and nervous systems tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	499	291	457	267	487	4.03	3.99	4.09	4.00	4.30	0.88	0.89	0.88	0.92	0.78	99	100	100	100	100
Anatomy and physiology of the neuromuscular and nervous systems as related to tests/measures	499	291	457	267	485	4.10	4.09	4.18	4.10	4.27	0.85	0.83	0.85	0.87	0.80	100	100	100	100	100
Movement analysis as related to the neuromuscular and nervous systems	499	291	457	267	489	4.21	4.23	4.27	4.33	4.36	0.80	0.80	0.78	0.76	0.75	100	100	100	100	100
<i>Diseases/Conditions that Impact Effective Treatment</i>																				
Neuromuscular & nervous systems (CNS, PNS, ANS) diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	499	291	457	267	485	3.98	3.97	4.09	4.09	4.12	0.87	0.92	0.85	0.90	0.82	99	100	100	99	100
Non-pharmacological medical management of the neuromuscular and nervous systems (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	499	291	457	267	483	3.55	3.51	3.63	3.58	3.72	0.91	0.92	0.92	0.96	0.95	99	99	100	99	99
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the neuromuscular and nervous systems on physical therapy management	499	291	457	267	484	3.52	3.54	3.63	3.58	3.70	0.94	0.96	0.91	0.90	0.94	99	99	100	100	100

PTA KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Interventions																				
Neuromuscular and nervous systems physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	474	275	420	254	481	4.33	4.26	4.37	4.33	4.45	0.77	0.81	0.74	0.74	0.70	100	100	100	100	100
Anatomy and physiology of the neuromuscular and nervous systems as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	474	275	420	254	478	4.31	4.29	4.38	4.37	4.44	0.79	0.74	0.73	0.73	0.70	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the neuromuscular and nervous systems from physical therapy interventions used on the neuromuscular and nervous systems	474	275	420	254	478	4.34	4.28	4.30	4.30	4.42	0.75	0.76	0.74	0.78	0.73	100	100	100	100	100
Adverse effects or complications on the neuromuscular and nervous systems from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	426	286	394	228	480	4.50	4.40	4.36	4.33	4.34	0.71	0.77	0.79	0.84	0.77	100	100	99	99	100
Motor control as related to neuromuscular and nervous systems physical therapy interventions	474	275	420	254	475	4.32	4.24	4.34	4.34	4.44	0.76	0.75	0.74	0.75	0.68	100	100	100	100	100
Motor learning as related to the neuromuscular and nervous systems physical therapy interventions	474	275	420	254	477	4.26	4.20	4.31	4.31	4.38	0.79	0.74	0.75	0.78	0.72	100	100	100	100	100

PTA KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM																				
<i>Physical Therapy Data Collection</i>																				
Integumentary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	414	278	381	226	482	3.46	3.44	3.40	3.14	3.61	0.98	1.01	1.05	1.04	0.98	99	99	97	95	99
Anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system as related to tests/measures	414	278	381	226	482	3.52	3.52	3.48	3.24	3.68	0.99	1.01	1.02	1.07	0.97	99	99	98	96	99
Movement analysis as related to the integumentary system (e.g., friction, shear, pressure, and scar mobility)	414	278	381	226	479	3.94	3.95	3.93	3.96	4.06	0.92	0.94	0.96	0.96	0.89	99	100	99	99	100
<i>Diseases/Conditions that Impact Effective Treatment</i>																				
Integumentary system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	414	278	381	226	481	3.71	3.73	3.68	3.55	3.84	0.98	0.91	1.00	1.01	0.93	99	100	98	98	100
Non-pharmacological medical management of the integumentary system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	414	278	381	226	478	3.31	3.25	3.25	3.01	3.42	1.02	1.00	1.04	1.03	1.00	97	98	96	94	98
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the integumentary system on physical therapy management	414	278	381	226	474	3.32	3.31	3.25	3.14	3.47	1.02	1.04	1.06	1.08	1.06	97	98	97	95	97
<i>Interventions</i>																				
Integumentary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	414	278	381	226	474	3.74	3.74	3.66	3.53	3.91	0.98	0.96	1.02	1.08	0.94	99	100	98	96	100
Anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	414	278	381	226	476	3.80	3.76	3.74	3.60	3.90	0.97	0.96	1.03	1.06	0.92	100	100	98	96	100

PTA KSRs	Importance																			
	n					M					SD					%Imp				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Adverse effects or complications on the integumentary system from physical therapy and medical/surgical interventions used on the integumentary system	414	278	381	226	475	3.94	3.92	3.86	3.72	3.99	0.96	0.92	1.02	1.06	0.93	100	100	99	97	100
Adverse effects or complications on the integumentary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	426	286	394	228	473	4.11	4.03	3.99	3.80	3.96	0.89	0.93	0.96	0.99	0.96	100	99	99	99	100
METABOLIC & ENDOCRINE SYSTEMS																				
<i>Diseases/Conditions that Impact Effective Treatment</i>																				
Metabolic and endocrine system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	464	268	411	245	472	3.39	3.39	3.45	3.44	3.51	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.92	0.96	99	97	99	99	99
Non-pharmacological medical management of the metabolic and endocrine systems (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	464	268	411	245	470	3.17	3.20	3.26	3.20	3.31	0.92	0.93	0.98	0.95	0.98	97	96	97	98	99
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the metabolic and endocrine systems on physical therapy management	464	268	411	245	469	3.20	3.23	3.27	3.17	3.36	0.94	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.98	97	97	98	98	99
<i>Interventions</i>																				
Metabolic and endocrine systems physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	464	268	411	245	465	3.47	3.44	3.47	3.43	3.70	0.98	1.01	0.98	0.98	0.97	99	97	98	99	99
Anatomy and physiology of the metabolic and endocrine systems as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	464	268	411	245	473	3.47	3.50	3.53	3.51	3.66	0.97	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.00	98	97	99	99	99

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Adverse effects or complications on the metabolic and endocrine systems from physical therapy interventions used on the metabolic and endocrine systems	464	268	411	245	467	3.67	3.63	3.60	3.61	3.69	0.97	1.02	1.00	0.98	0.99	99	98	99	99	99
Adverse effects or complications on the metabolic and endocrine systems from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	426	286	394	228	471	3.87	3.71	3.73	3.56	3.68	0.99	1.03	1.04	1.03	0.98	99	98	98	97	99
GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM																				
<i>Physical Therapy Data Collection</i>																				
Gastrointestinal system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence (e.g., bowel dysfunction impact questionnaires, Murphy test, Rovsing test, McBurney point sign)	451	266	405	240	467	2.84	2.89	2.87	2.82	3.03	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.03	0.99	90	91	92	91	95
Anatomy and physiology of the gastrointestinal system as related to tests/measures	451	266	405	240	466	2.92	2.97	2.96	2.95	3.11	1.06	0.99	1.00	1.06	0.99	92	93	94	93	96
Movement analysis as related to the gastrointestinal system (e.g., effects of muscular tension or trigger points, positioning for bowel movement)	451	266	405	240	467	3.03	3.02	3.08	3.04	3.15	1.05	1.02	1.03	1.06	1.02	92	93	95	95	96
<i>Diseases/Conditions that Impact Effective Treatment</i>																				
Gastrointestinal system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	451	266	405	240	466	3.04	2.98	3.04	3.08	3.23	1.04	0.99	1.01	1.03	1.00	93	93	95	94	97
Non-pharmacological medical management of the gastrointestinal system (e.g., surgical procedures, diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests)	451	266	405	240	466	2.86	2.85	2.93	2.86	3.08	1.02	0.95	0.98	1.05	0.98	92	93	95	93	96

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The impact of pharmacology used to treat the gastrointestinal system on physical therapy management	451	266	405	240	469	2.93	2.98	2.97	2.91	3.11	1.04	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.00	92	93	94	93	96
Interventions																				
Gastrointestinal system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence (e.g., positioning for reflux prevention, bowel programs)	451	266	405	240	466	3.12	3.14	3.12	3.13	3.29	1.05	1.04	1.04	1.06	1.02	94	94	96	95	97
Anatomy and physiology of the gastrointestinal system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	451	266	405	240	470	3.20	3.21	3.19	3.21	3.33	1.04	1.04	1.03	1.11	1.04	95	96	96	94	97
Adverse effects or complications on the gastrointestinal system from physical therapy interventions used on the gastrointestinal system	451	266	405	240	464	3.35	3.33	3.24	3.29	3.37	1.07	1.08	1.03	1.12	1.03	96	96	97	95	97
Adverse effects or complications on the gastrointestinal system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	426	286	394	228	461	3.70	3.61	3.59	3.33	3.38	1.07	1.06	1.08	1.12	1.05	98	98	98	96	97
GENITOURINARY SYSTEM																				
Physical Therapy Data Collection																				
Genitourinary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	438	263	399	235	463	2.83	2.84	2.86	2.90	2.96	1.04	0.96	1.03	1.01	1.06	90	94	92	91	93
Anatomy and physiology of the genitourinary system as related to tests/measures	438	263	399	235	453	2.88	2.86	2.91	2.99	2.98	1.05	1.00	1.04	1.07	1.03	90	93	93	92	93

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<i>Diseases/Conditions that Impact Effective Treatment</i>																				
Genitourinary system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	438	263	399	235	459	2.95	2.95	2.94	3.07	3.07	1.04	1.01	1.03	1.05	1.06	92	94	93	94	94
Non-pharmacological medical management of the genitourinary system (e.g., surgical procedures, diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests)	438	263	399	235	461	2.79	2.80	2.83	2.86	2.92	1.01	0.95	1.01	1.04	1.03	90	93	92	91	93
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the genitourinary system on physical therapy management	438	263	399	235	455	2.87	2.88	2.84	2.88	2.97	1.03	0.98	0.98	1.06	1.05	92	93	92	90	93
<i>Interventions</i>																				
Genitourinary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence (e.g., bladder programs, biofeedback, pelvic floor retraining)	438	263	399	235	459	3.08	3.09	3.10	3.18	3.23	1.06	1.03	1.07	1.10	1.10	93	96	95	93	95
Anatomy and physiology of the genitourinary system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	438	263	399	235	464	3.12	3.10	3.10	3.18	3.24	1.07	1.05	1.09	1.09	1.06	93	95	94	94	96
Adverse effects or complications on the genitourinary system from physical therapy interventions used on the genitourinary system	438	263	399	235	463	3.25	3.19	3.11	3.21	3.26	1.11	1.09	1.08	1.13	1.10	95	96	95	93	95
Adverse effects or complications on the genitourinary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	426	286	394	228	457	3.65	3.53	3.52	3.27	3.23	1.11	1.10	1.13	1.15	1.10	98	97	97	94	95

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SYSTEM INTERACTIONS																				
<i>Diseases/Conditions that Impact Effective Treatment</i>																				
Diseases/conditions where the primary impact is on more than one system (e.g., cancer, multi-trauma, sarcoidosis, autoimmune disorders, pregnancy) to carry out the established plan of care	402	270	374	223	470	4.22	4.16	4.22	4.09	4.28	0.77	0.80	0.80	0.91	0.82	100	100	99	100	100
The impact of co-morbidities/co-existing conditions on patient/client management (e.g., diabetes and hypertension; obesity and arthritis; dementia and hip fracture)	402	270	374	223	471	4.49	4.34	4.40	4.33	4.45	0.67	0.74	0.73	0.78	0.74	100	100	100	100	100
Psychological and psychiatric conditions that impact patient/client management (e.g., grief, depression, schizophrenia)	402	270	374	223	471	4.14	4.00	4.05	4.03	4.15	0.81	0.86	0.87	0.88	0.87	100	100	99	100	100
Dimensions of pain (acute or persistent) that impact patient/client management (e.g., psychological, social, physiological, neurological, mechanical)	402	270	374	223	468	4.30	4.22	4.24	4.26	4.33	0.75	0.76	0.84	0.83	0.78	100	100	99	100	100
Non-pharmacological medical management of multiple systems (e.g., diagnostic imaging and other medical tests, surgical procedures)	402	270	374	223	469	3.76	3.68	3.70	3.58	3.84	0.94	0.97	0.96	1.06	0.93	99	99	99	97	100
The impact of pharmacology used to treat multiple systems, including polypharmacy, on physical therapy management	402	270	374	223	467	3.71	3.71	3.70	3.56	3.81	0.98	0.93	0.97	1.07	1.01	99	100	99	98	99

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EQUIPMENT, DEVICES, & TECHNOLOGIES																				
<i>Applications and adjustments, indications, contraindications, and precautions of:</i>																				
– assistive and adaptive devices/technologies (e.g., walkers, wheelchairs, adaptive seating systems and positioning devices, mechanical lifts)	434	262	395	235	457	4.69	4.62	4.67	4.71	4.72	0.59	0.61	0.61	0.57	0.58	100	100	100	100	100
– prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses)	434	262	395	235	458	4.21	4.25	4.33	4.34	4.16	0.90	0.87	0.84	0.89	0.93	100	100	100	100	100
– protective, supportive, and orthotic devices/technologies (e.g., braces, helmets, compression garments, shoe inserts, splints)	434	262	395	235	460	4.25	4.28	4.33	4.38	4.32	0.88	0.81	0.81	0.82	0.91	100	100	100	100	99
THERAPEUTIC MODALITIES																				
<i>Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of:</i>																				
– cryotherapy (e.g., cold pack, ice massage, vapocoolant spray)	395	269	372	221	469	4.12	4.04	3.89	3.85	4.39	1.03	1.05	1.07	1.12	0.90	99	99	97	99	99
– hot pack thermotherapy	395	269	372	221	468	4.12	4.04	3.87	3.87	4.39	1.03	1.05	1.09	1.11	0.89	99	99	97	99	99
– dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	395	269	372	221	468	4.12	4.04	2.82	2.65	3.79	1.03	1.05	1.29	1.34	1.31	99	99	82	77	93
– paraffin bath thermotherapy			372	221	465			2.73	2.65	3.60			1.27	1.22	1.32			80	82	93
– iontophoresis	395	269	372	221	464	3.25	3.10	2.86	2.76	3.53	1.28	1.28	1.26	1.26	1.33	90	90	85	82	92
– electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	395	269	372	221	469	4.17	4.07	3.87	3.95	4.33	1.01	1.06	1.12	1.05	0.91	99	99	97	98	99
– laser light therapy	395	269	372	221	469	2.85	2.75	2.63	2.58	3.45	1.31	1.26	1.28	1.25	1.40	82	81	78	78	88
– LED light therapy	395	269	372	221	466	2.68	2.55	2.51	2.42	3.39	1.27	1.22	1.20	1.21	1.39	79	78	77	76	88

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– phonophoresis	395	269	372	221	465	2.90	2.77	2.63	2.37	3.45	1.33	1.32	1.27	1.25	1.37	83	80	78	71	90
– ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	395	269	372	221	468	3.66	3.59	3.44	3.33	3.97	1.23	1.25	1.27	1.26	1.20	93	94	92	93	95
– mechanical modalities (e.g., mechanical motion devices, traction devices)	395	269	372	221	469	3.73	3.72	3.58	3.52	4.05	1.11	1.16	1.20	1.20	1.11	97	95	95	94	97
– biofeedback	395	269	372	221	466	3.41	3.25	3.23	3.11	3.68	1.17	1.16	1.17	1.20	1.19	93	93	91	91	95
– diathermy	395	269	372	221	467	2.80	2.68	2.58	2.44	3.41	1.38	1.34	1.32	1.36	1.43	78	76	73	66	87
– intermittent pneumatic compression (e.g., sequential compression devices)	395	269	372	221	467	3.30	3.25	3.16	3.10	3.71	1.23	1.22	1.16	1.14	1.18	91	91	93	92	96
– blood-flow restriction training		269	372	221	469		2.95	2.95	2.90	3.68		1.26	1.25	1.28	1.22		86	86	83	94
– cupping		269	372	221	468		2.68	2.74	2.77	3.49		1.21	1.22	1.23	1.30		82	82	85	91
SAFETY & PROTECTION																				
Factors influencing safety and injury prevention (e.g., safe patient handling, fall prevention, equipment maintenance, environmental safety)	434	262	395	235	460	4.72	4.64	4.71	4.77	4.85	0.58	0.62	0.59	0.54	0.42	100	100	100	100	100
The function and implications and related precautions of intravenous lines, tubes, catheters, monitoring devices, and mechanical ventilators/oxygen delivery devices	434	262	395	235	457	4.27	4.28	4.26	4.39	4.41	0.88	0.85	0.95	0.80	0.89	100	100	100	100	99
Emergency preparedness (e.g., CPR, first aid, disaster response)	434	262	395	235	457	4.49	4.41	4.47	4.51	4.64	0.75	0.82	0.83	0.82	0.68	100	100	100	100	100
Infection control procedures (e.g., standard/universal precautions, isolation techniques, sterile technique)	434	262	395	235	456	4.65	4.58	4.55	4.63	4.70	0.64	0.67	0.74	0.69	0.58	100	100	100	100	100
Signs/symptoms of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse and neglect	434	262	395	235	458	4.37	4.37	4.36	4.40	4.44	0.85	0.79	0.84	0.82	0.81	100	100	100	100	100

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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES																				
Standards of documentation	431	262	394	234	453	4.60	4.58	4.59	4.66	4.71	0.61	0.64	0.64	0.58	0.57	100	100	100	100	100
Standards of professional ethics	431	262	394	234	457	4.72	4.67	4.70	4.74	4.78	0.57	0.60	0.56	0.53	0.51	100	100	100	100	100
Standards of billing, coding, and reimbursement	431	262	394	234	458	4.16	4.09	4.33	4.19	4.28	0.93	0.93	0.84	0.94	0.92	100	100	100	98	100
Patient/client rights (e.g., ADA, IDEA, HIPAA, patient bill of rights)	431	262	394	234	456	4.64	4.58	4.63	4.58	4.58	0.65	0.69	0.63	0.68	0.72	100	100	100	100	100
Obligations for reporting illegal, unethical, or unprofessional behaviors (e.g., fraud, abuse, neglect)	431	262	394	234	457	4.67	4.60	4.63	4.63	4.63	0.57	0.72	0.64	0.66	0.67	100	100	100	100	100
State and federal laws, rules, regulations, and industry standards set by state and accrediting bodies (e.g., state licensing entities, Joint Commission, CARF, CMS)	431	262	394	234	455	4.54	4.44	4.47	4.38	4.51	0.70	0.82	0.75	0.82	0.77	100	100	100	100	100
Risk management and quality assurance (e.g., policies and procedures, incident reports, peer chart review)	431	262	394	234	457	4.16	4.19	4.16	4.02	4.20	0.90	0.92	0.92	0.96	0.92	100	99	99	98	100
Human resource legal issues (e.g., OSHA, sexual harassment)	431	262	394	234	454	4.19	4.10	4.12	4.08	4.19	0.89	0.98	0.96	0.98	0.94	100	99	100	99	100
The roles and responsibilities of the PT, PTA, other healthcare professionals, and support staff	431	262	394	234	450	4.65	4.60	4.63	4.56	4.65	0.61	0.66	0.60	0.69	0.66	100	100	100	100	100
Cultural factors and/or characteristics that affect patient/client management (e.g., language differences, disability, ethnicity, customs, demographics, religion, health literacy)	430	262	393	234	458	4.11	4.08	4.04	4.15	4.31	0.86	0.90	0.93	0.93	0.88	100	99	99	99	100
Socioeconomic factors that affect patient/client management (e.g., social determinants of health)	430	262	393	234	453	3.99	3.94	3.95	3.97	4.20	0.88	0.90	0.94	0.95	0.90	100	99	99	99	100

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Applications and utilization of health information technology (e.g., electronic medical records)	430	262	393	234	456	4.05	4.02	4.02	4.00	4.30	0.89	0.86	0.89	0.94	0.85	100	99	100	100	100
The provision and utilization of telehealth (i.e., the use of telecommunication technologies to provide health care information and services)	430	262	393	234	453	3.30	3.22	3.15	3.15	3.39	1.05	1.12	1.14	1.19	1.21	97	94	94	92	95
TEACHING & LEARNING THEORIES																				
Teaching and learning theories and techniques	430	262	393	234	452	3.86	3.87	3.83	3.91	3.69	0.94	0.90	0.98	1.01	1.04	99	100	99	99	98
Health behavior change models (e.g., social cognitive theory, health belief model)	430	262	393	234	455	3.63	3.75	3.71	3.71	3.62	1.00	0.94	1.04	1.08	1.08	99	99	98	99	97
Communication methods and techniques (e.g., motivational interviewing, health information brochures/handouts, feedback techniques)	430	262	393	234	452	3.77	3.83	3.74	3.81	3.73	0.97	0.94	1.02	1.08	1.07	99	100	99	97	98
RESEARCH & EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE																				
Techniques for accessing evidence (e.g., peer-reviewed publications, scientific proceedings, guidelines, clinical prediction rules)	395	268	369	217	463	3.59	3.61	3.73	3.51	3.86	1.07	0.99	1.02	1.10	1.03	98	98	98	95	98
Research methodology and interpretation (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, levels of evidence)	395	268	369	217	461	3.40	3.36	3.53	3.38	3.70	1.07	1.00	1.03	1.09	1.04	98	97	98	95	98
Measurement science (e.g., reliability, validity)	395	268	369	217	461	3.56	3.59	3.69	3.54	3.78	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.08	1.03	98	98	98	96	98
Data collection techniques (e.g., surveys, direct observation)	395	268	369	217	462	3.37	3.38	3.50	3.39	3.65	1.06	1.05	1.09	1.15	1.07	96	96	96	94	97

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SKILLS																				
Active listening - Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times	394	268	367	214	465	4.81	4.76	4.77	4.78	4.82	0.47	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.43	100	100	100	100	100
Speaking - Talking to others to convey information effectively	394	268	367	214	461	4.76	4.71	4.74	4.78	4.81	0.52	0.58	0.54	0.46	0.44	100	100	100	100	100
Reading comprehension - Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents	394	268	367	214	459	4.67	4.66	4.67	4.61	4.69	0.60	0.60	0.57	0.63	0.56	100	100	100	100	100
Critical thinking - Using logic and clinical reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems	394	268	367	214	461	4.74	4.73	4.77	4.79	4.81	0.51	0.53	0.49	0.50	0.45	100	100	100	100	100
Social perceptiveness - Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do	394	268	367	214	461	4.69	4.60	4.69	4.74	4.75	0.57	0.61	0.56	0.51	0.50	100	100	100	100	100
Time management - Managing one's own time and the time of others	394	268	367	214	461	4.70	4.62	4.66	4.74	4.67	0.56	0.62	0.60	0.52	0.57	100	100	100	100	100
Coordination - Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions	393	267	366	214	461	4.53	4.49	4.52	4.56	4.64	0.64	0.68	0.63	0.64	0.59	100	100	100	100	100
Writing - Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience	393	267	366	214	459	4.53	4.47	4.54	4.48	4.54	0.66	0.71	0.66	0.71	0.68	100	100	100	100	100
Active learning - Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem solving and decision-making	393	267	366	214	461	4.57	4.53	4.58	4.55	4.66	0.62	0.68	0.61	0.65	0.57	100	100	100	100	100
Persuasion - Persuading others to change their minds or behavior	393	267	366	214	463	3.91	3.84	3.95	3.88	4.04	0.93	1.02	0.99	0.99	0.97	100	97	98	100	99

PTA KSRs	Importance																			
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Negotiation - Bringing others together and trying to reconcile differences	393	267	366	214	462	4.04	3.91	4.05	3.89	4.11	0.92	0.97	0.93	1.01	0.93	100	99	99	98	100
Service orientation - Actively looking for ways to help people	393	267	366	214	460	4.43	4.31	4.40	4.35	4.49	0.75	0.89	0.77	0.84	0.76	100	99	100	99	100

Appendix C. Flagged Statements

Table C.1. Statements at or Near the Importance Threshold

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
PT KSRs															
Adverse effects or complications on the genitourinary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	767	3.78	3.73	3.79	3.81	3.31	1.15	1.11	1.15	1.12	1.07
Adverse effects or complications on the gastrointestinal system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	771	3.82	3.72	3.81	3.79	3.30	1.09	1.10	1.11	1.09	1.07
Adverse effects or complications on the lymphatic system from physical therapy interventions used in other systems	899	403	727	484	875	3.96	3.96	3.98	3.97	3.53	1.09	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.08
Adverse effects or complications on the integumentary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	858	4.17	4.08	4.14	4.16	3.81	0.92	0.96	0.95	0.97	1.00
Communication methods and techniques (e.g., motivational interviewing, health information brochures/handouts, feedback techniques)	836	378	660	435	845	4.10	4.11	4.16	4.22	3.89	0.96	0.95	0.92	0.90	1.04
Teaching and learning theories and techniques	836	378	660	435	842	3.92	3.97	3.93	3.96	3.70	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.95	1.05
Adverse effects or complications on the metabolic and endocrine systems from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	775	3.99	3.92	4.00	3.96	3.71	1.02	1.03	1.04	1.03	0.97

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Adverse effects or complications on the neuromuscular and nervous systems from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	793	4.77	4.74	4.71	4.76	4.51	0.48	0.54	0.57	0.49	0.70
The provision and utilization of telehealth (i.e., the use of telecommunication technologies to provide health care information and services)	851	389	713	421	765	3.45	3.39	3.30	3.24	3.46	1.09	1.06	1.15	1.18	1.17
Human resource legal issues (e.g., OSHA, sexual harassment)	851	389	713	421	769	3.87	3.92	3.88	3.96	4.19	0.99	0.96	1.04	1.03	0.96
Data collection techniques (e.g., surveys, direct observation)	836	378	660	435	840	3.26	3.30	3.27	3.21	3.45	1.09	1.11	1.10	1.03	1.07
The function and implications and related precautions of intravenous lines, tubes, catheters, monitoring devices, and mechanical ventilators/oxygen delivery devices	854	391	719	424	769	4.26	4.24	4.28	4.31	4.55	0.92	0.89	0.94	0.84	0.74
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of biofeedback	838	380	665	436	849	3.37	3.43	3.33	3.34	3.62	1.07	1.14	1.09	1.09	1.13
Risk management and quality assurance (e.g., policies and procedures, incident reports, peer chart review)	851	389	713	421	760	3.88	3.88	3.79	3.94	4.22	0.94	0.98	1.05	0.97	0.90
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of cryotherapy (e.g., cold pack, ice massage, vapocoolant spray)	839	380	666	440	854	3.68	3.62	3.56	3.62	4.03	1.16	1.19	1.18	1.12	1.08
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of blood-flow restriction training		380	665	436	840		2.97	2.85	2.95	3.41		1.28	1.20	1.16	1.27
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of intermittent pneumatic compression (e.g., sequential compression devices)	838	380	665	436	847	3.04	3.12	3.08	2.99	3.49	1.16	1.19	1.12	1.11	1.21

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of hot pack thermotherapy	839	380	666	440	844	3.68	3.62	3.49	3.55	4.05	1.16	1.19	1.20	1.16	1.09
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	839	380	666	440	853	3.77	3.75	3.50	3.55	4.08	1.07	1.13	1.13	1.11	1.03
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of cupping		380	665	436	846		2.71	2.69	2.64	3.17		1.20	1.20	1.14	1.28
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of iontophoresis	839	380	666	440	846	2.99	2.96	2.64	2.52	3.09	1.24	1.26	1.25	1.14	1.35
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of laser light therapy	839	380	666	440	847	2.65	2.66	2.45	2.42	3.02	1.23	1.28	1.24	1.15	1.37
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of shockwave therapy	838	380	665	436	844	2.24	2.31	2.28	2.20	2.80	1.15	1.21	1.19	1.14	1.38
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of LED light therapy	839	380	666	440	848	2.47	2.52	2.35	2.30	2.93	1.21	1.25	1.22	1.08	1.36
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	838	380	665	436	849	2.40	2.34	2.31	2.14	2.78	1.27	1.29	1.22	1.18	1.48
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	839	380	666	440	846	3.15	3.00	2.82	2.75	3.43	1.31	1.34	1.31	1.27	1.38

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis	839	380	666	440	849	2.61	2.59	2.36	2.24	2.94	1.27	1.29	1.22	1.13	1.40
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	839	380	666	440	846	3.68	3.62	2.59	2.48	3.35	1.16	1.19	1.28	1.20	1.38
PTA KSR															
Teaching and learning theories and techniques	430	262	393	234	452	3.86	3.87	3.83	3.91	3.69	0.94	0.90	0.98	1.01	1.04
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the gastrointestinal system on physical therapy management	451	266	405	240	469	2.93	2.98	2.97	2.91	3.11	1.04	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.00
Anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system as related to interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	435	299	416	237	489	3.54	3.43	3.49	3.35	3.56	1.00	1.04	1.04	1.01	0.98
Gastrointestinal system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence (e.g., bowel dysfunction impact questionnaires, Murphy test, Rovsing test, McBurney point sign)	451	266	405	240	467	2.84	2.89	2.87	2.82	3.03	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.03	0.99
Negotiation - Bringing others together and trying to reconcile differences	393	267	366	214	462	4.04	3.91	4.05	3.89	4.11	0.92	0.97	0.93	1.01	0.93
Non-pharmacological medical management of the gastrointestinal system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	451	266	405	240	466	2.86	2.85	2.93	2.86	3.08	1.02	0.95	0.98	1.05	0.98
Lymphatic system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	435	299	416	237	493	3.46	3.40	3.42	3.29	3.51	0.96	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.98
Socioeconomic factors that affect patient/client management	430	262	393	234	453	3.99	3.94	3.95	3.97	4.20	0.88	0.90	0.94	0.95	0.90

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Measurement science (e.g., reliability, validity)	395	268	369	217	461	3.56	3.59	3.69	3.54	3.78	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.08	1.03
The provision and utilization of telehealth (i.e., the use of telecommunication technologies to provide health care information and services)	430	262	393	234	453	3.30	3.22	3.15	3.15	3.39	1.05	1.12	1.14	1.19	1.21
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	463	304	452	244	500	4.16	4.11	4.10	4.08	4.33	0.86	0.93	0.92	0.91	0.75
Anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system as related to tests/measures	435	299	416	237	495	3.25	3.16	3.21	3.02	3.27	1.02	0.99	1.01	1.01	0.97
The impact of pharmacology used to treat multiple systems, including polypharmacy, on physical therapy management	402	270	374	223	467	3.71	3.71	3.70	3.56	3.81	0.98	0.93	0.97	1.07	1.01
Data collection techniques (e.g., surveys, direct observation)	395	268	369	217	462	3.37	3.38	3.50	3.39	3.65	1.06	1.05	1.09	1.15	1.07
Non-pharmacological medical management of multiple systems (e.g., diagnostic imaging and other medical tests, surgical procedures)	402	270	374	223	469	3.76	3.68	3.70	3.58	3.84	0.94	0.97	0.96	1.06	0.93
Metabolic and endocrine systems physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	464	268	411	245	465	3.47	3.44	3.47	3.43	3.70	0.98	1.01	0.98	0.98	0.97
Adverse effects or complications on the integumentary system from physical therapy and medical/surgical interventions used on the integumentary system	414	278	381	226	475	3.94	3.92	3.86	3.72	3.99	0.96	0.92	1.02	1.06	0.93

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Integumentary system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	414	278	381	226	481	3.71	3.73	3.68	3.55	3.84	0.98	0.91	1.00	1.01	0.93
Non-pharmacological medical management of the lymphatic system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	435	298	416	237	490	3.09	2.98	3.03	2.83	3.12	1.00	0.98	1.02	1.02	0.98
Anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	414	278	381	226	476	3.80	3.76	3.74	3.60	3.90	0.97	0.96	1.03	1.06	0.92
Neuromuscular and nervous systems tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	499	291	457	267	487	4.03	3.99	4.09	4.00	4.30	0.88	0.89	0.88	0.92	0.78
Applications and utilization of health information technology (e.g., electronic medical records)	430	262	393	234	456	4.05	4.02	4.02	4.00	4.30	0.89	0.86	0.89	0.94	0.85
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	463	304	452	244	505	4.03	3.94	4.08	3.80	4.10	0.98	1.01	0.97	1.09	0.91
Anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system as related to tests/measures	463	304	452	244	502	3.97	3.94	3.98	3.76	4.06	0.97	1.00	1.02	1.04	0.93
Research methodology and interpretation (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, levels of evidence)	395	268	369	217	461	3.40	3.36	3.53	3.38	3.70	1.07	1.00	1.03	1.09	1.04
Lymphatic system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	435	299	416	237	495	3.15	3.07	3.12	2.90	3.22	1.03	1.03	1.01	0.98	0.96

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Non-pharmacological medical management of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	463	304	452	244	508	3.34	3.34	3.33	3.17	3.49	0.99	1.01	1.05	1.10	0.93
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the integumentary system on physical therapy management	414	278	381	226	474	3.32	3.31	3.25	3.14	3.47	1.02	1.04	1.06	1.08	1.06
Techniques for accessing evidence (e.g., peer-reviewed publications, scientific proceedings, guidelines, clinical prediction rules)	395	268	369	217	463	3.59	3.61	3.73	3.51	3.86	1.07	0.99	1.02	1.10	1.03
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	395	269	372	221	469	4.17	4.07	3.87	3.95	4.33	1.01	1.06	1.12	1.05	0.91
Integumentary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	414	278	381	226	474	3.74	3.74	3.66	3.53	3.91	0.98	0.96	1.02	1.08	0.94
Non-pharmacological medical management of the integumentary system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	414	278	381	226	478	3.31	3.25	3.25	3.01	3.42	1.02	1.00	1.04	1.03	1.00
Anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system as related to tests/measures	414	278	381	226	482	3.52	3.52	3.48	3.24	3.68	0.99	1.01	1.02	1.07	0.97

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Integumentary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	414	278	381	226	482	3.46	3.44	3.40	3.14	3.61	0.98	1.01	1.05	1.04	0.98
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of hot pack thermotherapy	395	269	372	221	468	4.12	4.04	3.87	3.87	4.39	1.03	1.05	1.09	1.11	0.89
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of mechanical modalities (e.g., mechanical motion devices, traction devices)	395	269	372	221	469	3.73	3.72	3.58	3.52	4.05	1.11	1.16	1.20	1.20	1.11
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of cryotherapy (e.g., cold pack, ice massage, vapocoolant spray)	395	269	372	221	469	4.12	4.04	3.89	3.85	4.39	1.03	1.05	1.07	1.12	0.90
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of biofeedback	395	269	372	221	466	3.41	3.25	3.23	3.11	3.68	1.17	1.16	1.17	1.20	1.19
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of intermittent pneumatic compression (e.g., sequential compression devices)	395	269	372	221	467	3.30	3.25	3.16	3.10	3.71	1.23	1.22	1.16	1.14	1.18
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	395	269	372	221	468	3.66	3.59	3.44	3.33	3.97	1.23	1.25	1.27	1.26	1.20
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of cupping		269	372	221	468		2.68	2.74	2.77	3.49		1.21	1.22	1.23	1.30
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of iontophoresis	395	269	372	221	464	3.25	3.10	2.86	2.76	3.53	1.28	1.28	1.26	1.26	1.33
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of blood-flow restriction training		269	372	221	469		2.95	2.95	2.90	3.68		1.26	1.25	1.28	1.22

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of laser light therapy			372	221	465			2.73	2.65	3.60			1.27	1.22	1.32
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of paraffin bath thermotherapy	395	269	372	221	467	2.80	2.68	2.58	2.44	3.41	1.38	1.34	1.32	1.36	1.43
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	395	269	372	221	466	2.68	2.55	2.51	2.42	3.39	1.27	1.22	1.20	1.21	1.39
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of LED light therapy	395	269	372	221	465	2.90	2.77	2.63	2.37	3.45	1.33	1.32	1.27	1.25	1.37
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis															
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	395	269	372	221	468	4.12	4.04	2.82	2.65	3.79	1.03	1.05	1.29	1.34	1.31
PT WAs															
Select and perform tests and measures of pain (e.g., location, intensity, frequency, central, peripheral, psychogenic)	377	225	357	176	382	4.48	4.54	4.44	4.42	4.15	0.80	0.74	0.82	0.80	1.04
Select and perform tests and measures of muscle tone (e.g., hypertonicity, hypotonicity, dystonia)	381	228	362	180	387	4.32	4.29	4.29	4.24	4.01	0.83	0.90	0.93	0.92	1.03
Select and perform tests and measures of movement quality (e.g., purpose, precision, efficiency, biomechanics, kinematics)	381	228	362	180	382	4.46	4.37	4.52	4.41	4.19	0.77	0.81	0.75	0.82	0.98
Select and perform tests and measures of spinal and peripheral joint stability (e.g., ligamentous integrity, joint structure)	381	228	362	180	390	4.10	4.12	4.26	4.11	4.31	1.08	1.09	1.01	1.04	0.97

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform continuous hemodynamic monitoring and safe handling of a patient who has a mechanical circulatory device			461	247	507			3.31	3.26	3.47			1.46	1.43	1.40
Evaluate the quality of published data	373	221	345	173	373	3.87	3.92	3.87	3.80	4.01	0.99	0.98	0.95	1.03	1.05
Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to establish general health status	430	268	445	226	452	4.53	4.51	4.58	4.43	4.64	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.71	0.66
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in hyperbaric therapy	410	254	413	223	459	2.15	2.07	2.04	2.45	2.66	1.27	1.29	1.15	1.25	1.29
Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to determine impact of medications on plan of care (e.g., medication reconciliation, timing of intervention delivery, adherence)	430	268	445	226	449	3.67	3.79	3.85	3.63	3.85	1.03	1.05	0.98	1.05	1.07
Assess ability to participate in activities with or without the use of devices, equipment, or technologies	395	241	387	189	397	4.40	4.43	4.44	4.30	4.52	0.85	0.84	0.81	0.86	0.75
Modify plan of care based on patient/client's resources (e.g., financial, transportation, time, insurance benefits, available technologies)	373	221	347	173	373	4.51	4.57	4.62	4.40	4.62	0.79	0.80	0.70	0.94	0.67
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Lymphatic system	375	225	354	175	377	2.96	3.05	3.08	2.76	2.99	1.20	1.13	1.20	1.16	1.17

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Assess scar tissue characteristics (e.g., banding, pliability, sensation, and texture)	386	230	367	181	387	3.27	3.29	3.35	3.09	3.32	1.16	1.19	1.14	1.14	1.17
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Anthropometric	375	225	354	175	378	2.81	2.71	2.79	2.61	2.84	1.15	1.16	1.21	1.19	1.32
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in application of topical agents (e.g., cleansers, creams, moisturizers, ointments, sealants) and dressings (e.g., hydrogels, wound coverings)	410	254	413	223	457	2.66	2.69	2.56	2.74	2.97	1.30	1.28	1.26	1.25	1.18
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Need for or use of orthotic, protective, and supportive devices/technologies	373	222	353	173	379	4.14	4.24	4.18	4.04	4.28	0.95	0.93	0.95	1.00	0.90
Advocate for public access to physical therapy and other healthcare services	397	244	385	211	448	4.19	4.25	4.25	4.11	4.35	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.11	0.96
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in desensitization techniques (e.g., brushing, tapping, use of textures)	410	254	413	223	461	3.05	2.95	2.91	3.00	3.24	1.17	1.13	1.07	1.09	1.14
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of orthotic devices (e.g., braces, shoe inserts, splints)	420	255	423	225	476	3.67	3.81	3.78	3.69	3.93	1.21	1.17	1.16	1.17	1.14
Assess instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) (e.g., household chores, hobbies)	395	241	387	189	397	4.21	4.24	4.33	4.15	4.40	1.00	0.94	0.90	1.03	0.84
Apply and/or adjust prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses, microprocessor-controlled prosthetic devices)	428	261	431	231	479	3.19	3.22	3.32	3.25	3.50	1.36	1.22	1.28	1.30	1.25

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Select and perform tests and measures of tools, devices, equipment, and workstations related to work actions, tasks, or activities	391	234	374	186	393	3.69	3.69	3.84	3.54	3.79	1.14	1.23	1.12	1.10	1.14
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in techniques to maximize ventilation and perfusion (e.g., positioning, active cycle breathing, autogenic drainage, paced breathing, pursed lip breathing)	466	282	481	255	522	3.08	3.07	2.96	3.02	3.27	1.30	1.22	1.28	1.23	1.25
Perform and/or train patient/client in the use of environmental modifications (e.g., ramps, grab bars, raised toilet, environmental control units)	453	269	461	247	505	3.72	3.81	3.78	3.76	4.01	1.22	1.23	1.25	1.32	1.14
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Cardiovascular/pulmonary system	375	225	354	175	376	4.30	4.27	4.26	3.94	4.20	0.90	0.98	0.91	1.02	0.95
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in mechanical repositioning for vestibular dysfunction	466	282	481	255	522	3.14	3.18	3.19	3.28	3.54	1.26	1.22	1.25	1.23	1.19
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in soft tissue mobilization (e.g., connective tissue massage, therapeutic massage, foam rolling)	446	267	452	241	496	3.50	3.34	3.46	3.40	3.66	1.24	1.23	1.23	1.27	1.22
Assess wound characteristics (e.g., tissue involvement, depth, tunneling, burn classification, ulcer/injury classification)	387	230	367	181	387	3.16	3.13	3.19	2.96	3.22	1.20	1.25	1.17	1.16	1.28
Perform and/or train patient/client in gross motor developmental progression	453	269	461	247	503	3.43	3.49	3.53	3.42	3.69	1.37	1.32	1.33	1.36	1.29
Assess safety in home, community, work, or school environments	395	241	387	189	395	4.29	4.41	4.31	4.10	4.37	0.90	0.91	0.94	0.99	0.88

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform and/or train patient/client in behavior modification and strategies that enhance functioning (e.g., energy conservation, pacing, pre-activity planning, reminder schedules)	453	269	461	247	506	3.76	3.82	3.80	3.74	4.01	1.12	1.10	1.14	1.17	1.03
Perform screen of the patient/client's current affect, cognition, communication, and learning preferences (e.g., ability to convey needs, consciousness, orientation, expected emotional/behavioral responses)	430	268	445	226	421	4.03	4.00	4.01	3.92	4.19	1.00	1.07	1.00	1.06	0.94
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Need for or use of prosthetic devices/technologies	373	222	353	173	377	3.77	3.81	3.81	3.74	4.01	1.13	1.16	1.17	1.19	1.11
Perform first aid	399	248	392	216	450	3.80	3.81	3.77	3.97	4.24	1.24	1.20	1.23	1.22	1.02
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in hydrotherapy using contrast baths/pools	406	253	413	221	454	2.28	2.20	2.31	2.39	2.67	1.32	1.32	1.43	1.46	1.33
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in diathermy	404	253	409	220	451	1.65	1.78	1.71	1.77	2.05	0.98	1.17	1.12	1.19	1.23
Assess devices and equipment that may produce or relieve trauma to the skin	386	230	367	181	390	3.56	3.84	3.64	3.41	3.69	1.19	1.17	1.17	1.23	1.18
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Integumentary system	375	225	354	175	376	3.45	3.51	3.47	3.22	3.50	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.07	1.09
Compare intervention outcomes with normative data	373	221	345	173	373	3.58	3.66	3.55	3.49	3.77	1.10	1.08	1.11	1.11	1.13
Apply and/or adjust prescribed oxygen during interventions	428	261	431	231	477	3.40	3.71	3.61	3.52	3.81	1.36	1.31	1.34	1.37	1.25
Participate in the clinical education of students	399	248	392	216	451	4.01	3.90	3.98	3.94	4.23	1.07	1.04	1.09	1.11	1.02

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in genitourinary management (e.g., pelvic floor exercises, bladder strategies)	466	282	481	255	524	2.83	2.94	2.91	2.97	3.26	1.31	1.25	1.30	1.25	1.32
Implement emergency procedures (e.g., CPR, AED, calling a code)	399	248	392	216	452	3.99	4.04	4.04	4.21	4.51	1.16	1.15	1.14	1.08	0.88
Document letter of medical necessity (e.g., wheelchair, assistive equipment, disability parking placard)	401	253	399	217	453	3.80	3.98	3.88	3.88	4.19	1.26	1.15	1.27	1.22	1.12
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phototherapy (laser light)	406	253	413	221	453	1.96	2.16	2.14	2.09	2.40	1.23	1.36	1.36	1.35	1.33
Educate community groups on lifestyle and behavioral changes to promote wellness (e.g., nutrition, physical activity, tobacco cessation)	399	248	392	216	449	3.66	3.58	3.59	3.78	4.09	1.22	1.22	1.23	1.24	1.16
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in habituation/adaptation exercises for vestibular dysfunction	466	282	481	255	523	3.14	3.25	3.19	3.20	3.52	1.26	1.21	1.27	1.23	1.19
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in iontophoresis	406	253	413	221	457	2.18	2.22	2.15	2.13	2.45	1.19	1.23	1.24	1.23	1.27
Perform manual lymphatic drainage	446	267	453	241	495	2.59	2.64	2.67	2.66	2.98	1.26	1.29	1.35	1.36	1.26
Assess activities, positioning, and postures that may produce or relieve trauma to the skin	386	230	367	181	387	3.74	3.96	3.80	3.54	3.86	1.16	1.12	1.17	1.20	1.09
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in biofeedback therapy (e.g., relaxation techniques, muscle reeducation, EMG)	406	253	413	221	456	3.15	3.10	3.11	3.02	3.35	1.28	1.18	1.22	1.31	1.23

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to determine insurance and financial resources and issues (e.g., co-pays, deductibles, insurance limitations)	430	268	445	226	450	3.35	3.44	3.52	3.25	3.58	1.13	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.20
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars, serial casts, short-stretch bandages)	420	255	423	225	479	3.28	3.38	3.29	3.25	3.59	1.25	1.25	1.26	1.29	1.27
Fabricate, apply, and/or adjust orthotic devices (e.g., braces, shoe inserts, splints)	433	261	438	234	479	3.37	3.45	3.39	3.32	3.66	1.23	1.26	1.18	1.24	1.20
Select and perform tests and measures of visceral organ sensitivity and integrity (e.g., palpation, auscultation)	377	225	357	176	380	2.80	2.96	2.92	2.71	3.05	1.31	1.30	1.23	1.24	1.34
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets, protective taping)	420	255	423	225	480	3.45	3.43	3.44	3.34	3.69	1.22	1.28	1.28	1.36	1.25
Select and perform tests and measures of cranial nerve integrity (e.g., facial asymmetry, oculomotor function, hearing)	404	246	392	194	402	3.40	3.35	3.41	3.20	3.55	1.15	1.16	1.16	1.18	1.15
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in paraffin bath thermotherapy	404	253	409	220	456	2.20	2.10	2.34	2.22	2.58	1.29	1.24	1.34	1.39	1.31
Assess skin characteristics (e.g., continuity of skin color, sensation, temperature, texture, turgor)	387	230	367	181	388	3.40	3.52	3.54	3.20	3.57	1.06	1.12	1.09	1.08	1.07
Apply and/or train patient/client/caregiver in intermittent pneumatic compression	403	253	404	219	453	2.67	2.68	2.79	2.66	3.03	1.24	1.23	1.31	1.26	1.23

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in manual/mechanical airway clearance techniques (e.g., assistive devices, assistive cough, incentive spirometer, flutter valve, percussion, vibration)	466	282	481	255	523	2.90	2.92	2.83	2.83	3.20	1.33	1.28	1.29	1.31	1.31
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in hydrotherapy (e.g., aquatic exercise, underwater treadmill)	406	253	413	221	457	2.93	2.89	2.86	2.70	3.08	1.37	1.49	1.49	1.34	1.24
Fabricate, apply, and/or adjust supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars, serial casts, short-stretch bandages)	433	261	438	234	479	3.09	3.20	3.13	3.02	3.40	1.30	1.26	1.24	1.27	1.27
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in gastrointestinal management (e.g., bowel strategies, positioning to avoid reflux)	466	282	481	255	524	2.71	2.77	2.75	2.76	3.14	1.30	1.20	1.34	1.23	1.32
Apply taping for edema management	433	261	438	234	496	2.47	2.22	2.58	2.45	2.83	1.18	1.11	1.20	1.13	1.23
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses, microprocessor-controlled prosthetic devices)	420	255	423	225	480	3.30	3.24	3.32	3.26	3.65	1.33	1.35	1.40	1.36	1.28
Fabricate, apply, and/or adjust protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets, protective taping)	433	261	438	234	478	3.21	3.16	3.29	3.16	3.55	1.29	1.27	1.25	1.30	1.23
Perform and/or train patient/client and/or caregiver on appropriate infection control practices (e.g., universal precautions, hand hygiene, isolation, airborne precautions, equipment cleaning)	373	221	347	173	375	4.08	4.13	4.06	3.92	4.32	1.10	1.12	1.14	1.19	0.98

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform screen of the patient/client's quality of speech, hearing, and vision (e.g., dysarthria, pitch/tone, use of hearing aids, use of corrective lenses)	430	268	445	226	424	3.24	3.38	3.31	3.06	3.46	1.15	1.23	1.21	1.24	1.14
Implement disaster response procedures	430	268	445	226	424	3.24	3.38	3.31	3.06	3.46	1.27	1.25	1.33	1.29	1.10
Apply and/or adjust mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	399	248	392	216	451	3.66	3.53	3.59	3.70	4.11	1.40	1.35	1.34	1.43	1.28
Fabricate, apply, and/or adjust adaptive devices (e.g., seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	428	261	431	231	476	3.15	3.29	3.27	3.10	3.53	1.32	1.30	1.34	1.32	1.24
Disclose financial interest in recommended products or services to the patient/client	433	261	438	234	478	3.03	3.08	3.30	3.22	3.68	1.36	1.38	1.46	1.41	1.24
Design, direct, and/or participate in research activities	398	246	388	211	447	3.69	3.61	3.53	3.49	3.96	1.25	1.35	1.26	1.25	1.31
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in monochromatic infrared agent procedures (e.g., light emitting diodes [LEDs])	373	221	345	173	373	2.91	2.96	2.93	2.76	3.24	1.10	1.08	1.23	1.22	1.30
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in postural drainage	404	253	409	220	455	1.77	1.73	1.89	1.85	2.34	1.32	1.24	1.33	1.29	1.38
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	466	282	481	255	524	2.54	2.48	2.46	2.48	2.98	1.18	1.15	1.15	1.17	1.26
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	404	253	409	220	451	1.88	1.85	1.90	1.83	2.33	1.37	1.38	1.37	1.37	1.32

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phonophoresis	404	253	409	220	453	1.87	1.84	1.86	1.87	2.40	1.15	1.18	1.18	1.21	1.31
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of adaptive devices (e.g., seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	420	255	423	225	477	3.22	3.35	3.54	3.36	3.93	1.36	1.47	1.37	1.40	1.23
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in shockwave therapy	404	253	409	220	448	1.83	1.64	1.95	1.84	2.54	1.17	1.03	1.28	1.27	1.40
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Disclose financial interest in recommended products or services to patient/client	197	80	143	63	134	3.18	3.11	2.84	3.68	3.14	1.20	1.37	1.33	1.14	1.37
Apply taping for pain management	206	108	216	96	166	4.05	3.73	3.77	3.75	3.21	1.03	1.32	1.25	1.33	1.20
Apply taping for neuromuscular reeducation	206	108	216	96	166	3.95	3.79	3.77	3.86	3.35	1.19	1.30	1.34	1.32	1.22
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	191	103	194	88	156	3.98	3.77	3.76	4.06	3.69	1.14	1.29	1.19	1.05	1.20
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in paraffin bath thermotherapy	189	102	193	87	155	2.95	2.69	2.82	3.30	2.94	1.36	1.38	1.44	1.39	1.32
Perform tests and measures of ergonomics and body mechanics during functional activities	210	86	155	70	136	4.42	4.38	4.44	4.59	4.24	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.72	0.90

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform tests and measures of mobility during functional activities and transitional movements (e.g., transfers, bed mobility)	210	86	155	70	135	4.60	4.53	4.58	4.81	4.48	0.69	0.81	0.73	0.43	0.81
Perform tests and measures of acquisition and evolution of motor skills throughout the lifespan	202	83	147	65	134	3.55	3.57	3.58	3.76	3.43	1.25	1.21	1.23	1.15	1.18
Perform tests and measures of pain (e.g., location, intensity, frequency, central, peripheral, psychogenic)	201	81	144	64	134	4.30	4.15	4.24	4.37	4.05	0.97	1.02	1.00	0.98	1.13
Perform tests and measures of aerobic capacity under maximal and submaximal conditions (e.g., endurance, exercise tolerance, metabolic equivalents, perceived exertion)	225	92	170	74	144	3.96	3.97	3.95	3.97	3.65	1.09	1.04	1.09	1.04	1.16
Perform tests and measures of pulmonary function (e.g., respiratory rate, breathing patterns, breath sounds, chest excursion)	225	92	170	74	144	3.91	4.00	4.01	4.07	3.78	1.21	0.96	1.08	1.02	1.14
Perform tests and measures of movement quality (e.g., purpose, precision, efficiency, biomechanics, kinematics)	202	83	147	64	135	4.26	4.19	4.29	4.42	4.14	0.88	0.92	0.91	0.81	1.05
Perform tests and measures of postural alignment and position (static and dynamic)	210	86	155	70	136	4.49	4.44	4.42	4.54	4.27	0.72	0.73	0.83	0.77	0.88
Perform tests and measures of cardiovascular function (e.g., blood pressure, heart rate, heart sounds)	225	92	170	74	143	4.11	4.16	4.20	4.46	4.19	1.11	1.03	1.07	0.89	0.95
Perform tests and measures of flexibility (e.g., muscle length, soft tissue extensibility)	205	84	148	65	136	4.37	4.40	4.35	4.52	4.26	0.78	0.78	0.93	0.79	0.89
Perform tests and measures of range of motion (e.g., passive, active, functional)	205	84	148	65	135	4.56	4.48	4.49	4.72	4.48	0.73	0.79	0.79	0.57	0.78

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Perform tests and measures of sensorimotor integration	202	82	147	65	135	3.60	3.53	3.72	3.88	3.64	1.13	1.25	1.18	1.12	1.09
Perform tests and measures of muscle strength, power, and endurance without specialized equipment (e.g., manual muscle test, functional strength testing)	202	83	147	64	134	4.41	4.43	4.37	4.53	4.29	0.79	0.79	0.91	0.80	0.91
Educate the healthcare team about safe patient handling (e.g., injury prevention, ergonomics, use of equipment)	188	100	185	87	151	4.43	4.44	4.43	4.65	4.41	0.85	0.96	0.96	0.63	0.96
Apply and/or train patient/client/caregiver in intermittent pneumatic compression	189	102	191	87	150	3.21	2.73	2.88	3.31	3.07	1.25	1.39	1.44	1.44	1.28
Perform tests and measures of gait and locomotion (e.g., ambulation, wheelchair mobility) with or without the use of specialized equipment	210	86	155	70	136	4.72	4.60	4.70	4.83	4.59	0.52	0.71	0.57	0.42	0.70
Perform tests and measures of ability to change movement performance with practice (e.g., motor learning)	202	83	147	64	132	4.19	4.21	4.22	4.33	4.10	0.91	0.89	0.98	0.89	1.05
Perform tests and measures of balance (dynamic and static) with or without the use of specialized equipment	210	86	155	70	135	4.67	4.60	4.62	4.74	4.52	0.54	0.66	0.65	0.58	0.70
Perform spinal manual traction	209	112	217	96	165	3.36	3.24	3.27	3.42	3.20	1.22	1.30	1.27	1.30	1.33
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in ultrasound procedures	189	102	193	87	155	3.36	3.00	3.06	3.22	3.01	1.33	1.33	1.43	1.27	1.42
Perform tests and measures of muscle tone (e.g., hypertonicity, hypotonicity, dystonia)	202	83	147	65	134	4.00	4.02	4.01	4.23	4.02	0.98	0.96	1.08	1.01	1.09
Apply and/or train patient/client/caregiver in mechanical spinal traction	189	102	191	87	152	3.74	3.28	3.41	3.36	3.15	1.13	1.44	1.37	1.21	1.39

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Apply and/or adjust adaptive devices (e.g., utensils, seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	200	106	208	95	160	3.68	3.55	3.82	3.73	3.93	1.32	1.46	1.30	1.30	1.28
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in soft tissue mobilization (e.g., connective tissue massage, therapeutic massage, foam rolling)	209	112	217	96	166	3.71	3.64	3.76	3.59	3.79	1.24	1.34	1.16	1.26	1.19
Perform manual lymphatic drainage	210	112	218	96	165	2.63	2.60	2.74	2.80	3.00	1.26	1.45	1.37	1.42	1.31
Quantify and qualify edema (e.g., pitting, volume, circumference)	225	92	170	74	144	3.42	3.47	3.53	3.32	3.53	1.22	1.03	1.09	1.19	1.11
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in postural drainage	220	123	235	106	173	2.59	2.80	2.35	2.55	2.76	1.24	1.39	1.30	1.29	1.39
Perform and/or train patient/client and/or caregiver on appropriate infection control practices (e.g., universal precautions, hand hygiene, isolation, airborne precautions, equipment cleaning)	199	80	143	64	133	4.06	3.96	4.05	3.98	4.19	1.15	1.21	1.15	1.13	1.07
Collect data on barriers (e.g., social, economic, physical, psychological, environmental, work conditions and activities) to home, community, work, or school integration/reintegration	212	87	156	71	137	4.02	3.93	4.08	3.85	4.06	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.12	1.02
Compare intervention outcomes with normative data	199	80	143	64	133	3.29	2.87	3.38	3.23	3.44	1.30	1.25	1.37	1.41	1.22
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in selective enzymatic or autolytic debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)	193	103	198	88	156	2.65	2.30	2.74	2.67	2.88	1.34	1.27	1.25	1.24	1.35
Educate patient/client and/or caregiver about the role of physical therapy in transitional planning (e.g., hospice, palliative care, setting changes)	188	100	185	87	150	4.09	4.15	3.99	3.99	4.20	1.20	1.15	1.21	1.32	1.08

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform first aid	188	100	185	86	147	3.87	3.99	3.93	3.87	4.09	1.29	1.27	1.23	1.39	1.12
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in gastrointestinal management (e.g., bowel strategies, positioning to avoid reflux)	220	123	235	106	173	2.57	2.76	2.68	2.78	3.02	1.25	1.39	1.31	1.17	1.30
Search the literature for current best evidence	199	80	143	64	134	3.82	3.74	3.89	3.71	3.96	1.01	1.15	1.14	1.12	1.09
Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to determine impact of medications on plan of care (e.g., medication reconciliation, timing of intervention delivery, adherence)	244	98	190	81	151	3.83	3.80	3.86	3.73	3.98	1.12	1.06	1.09	1.18	1.14
Perform tests and measures of body dimensions (e.g., height, weight, girth, limb length, head circumference/shape)	225	92	170	74	144	2.83	2.65	2.83	2.69	2.94	1.21	1.12	1.11	1.18	1.28
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in aerobic capacity/endurance conditioning	220	123	235	106	171	4.15	4.22	3.97	3.85	4.10	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.19	0.98
Perform risk assessment of the physical environment (e.g., barrier-free environment, outlets, windows, floors, lighting)	188	100	185	86	149	4.03	4.05	4.05	3.99	4.24	1.20	1.13	1.14	1.35	1.01
Perform and/or train patient/client in mobility techniques	217	118	225	100	165	4.34	4.30	4.27	4.19	4.46	0.85	0.91	0.84	0.97	0.78
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of adaptive devices (e.g., utensils, seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	197	103	202	90	159	3.58	3.40	3.74	3.60	3.88	1.34	1.50	1.32	1.50	1.31
Evaluate the quality of published data	199	80	143	64	135	3.63	3.42	3.81	3.52	3.80	1.17	1.25	1.28	1.28	1.13

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform and/or train patient/client in gross motor developmental progression	217	118	225	100	167	3.70	3.73	3.67	3.55	3.83	1.17	1.15	1.18	1.16	1.15
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in genitourinary management (e.g., pelvic floor exercises, bladder strategies)	220	123	235	106	173	2.68	3.17	2.75	2.90	3.19	1.25	1.37	1.33	1.24	1.27
Perform tests and measures of body composition (e.g., percent body fat, lean muscle mass)	225	92	170	74	144	2.73	2.60	2.84	2.31	2.60	1.27	1.15	1.21	1.16	1.22
Apply and/or adjust supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars serial casts, short-stretch bandages)	200	106	208	95	160	3.57	3.33	3.67	3.58	3.88	1.29	1.31	1.25	1.32	1.18
Check patient/client's current affect, cognition, communication, and learning preferences (e.g., ability to convey needs, consciousness, orientation, expected emotional/behavioral responses)	244	98	190	81	148	4.22	4.16	4.20	4.11	4.41	0.96	1.00	1.03	0.94	0.85
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in habituation/adaptation exercises for vestibular dysfunction	220	123	235	106	170	2.98	2.98	3.00	3.00	3.30	1.18	1.28	1.32	1.17	1.25
Apply and/or adjust prescribed oxygen during interventions	200	106	208	95	159	3.77	3.84	3.60	3.73	4.03	1.33	1.37	1.41	1.31	1.17
Perform tests and measures of critical limb ischemia (e.g., peripheral pulses, skin perfusion pressure)	225	92	170	74	141	3.33	3.49	3.52	3.13	3.43	1.31	1.18	1.21	1.19	1.15
Participate in professional organizations	195	80	142	62	135	3.48	3.45	3.52	3.34	3.65	1.18	1.16	1.30	1.40	1.14
Implement disaster response procedures	188	100	185	86	148	3.70	3.90	3.82	4.00	4.31	1.30	1.28	1.27	1.35	0.98
Perform and/or train patient/client in fall prevention and fall recovery strategies	217	118	225	100	166	4.47	4.45	4.31	4.34	4.66	0.80	0.89	0.99	0.83	0.67

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Participate in research activities	199	80	143	64	135	2.86	2.62	2.92	2.66	2.98	1.29	1.24	1.44	1.28	1.29
Gather information/discuss patient/client's current health status with interprofessional/interdisciplinary team members	244	98	190	81	153	4.15	3.98	4.02	4.08	4.40	0.97	1.06	1.05	1.12	0.80
Perform tests and measures of peripheral circulation (e.g., capillary refill, blood pressure in upper versus lower extremities)	225	92	170	74	144	3.41	3.61	3.56	3.21	3.53	1.29	1.10	1.19	1.21	1.12
Perform and/or train patient/client in behavior modification and strategies that enhance functioning (e.g., energy conservation, pacing, pre-activity planning, reminder schedules)	217	118	225	100	166	3.80	3.87	3.75	3.74	4.08	1.07	1.15	1.22	1.10	1.00
Implement emergency procedures (e.g., CPR, AED, calling a code)	188	100	185	86	149	3.99	4.09	4.19	4.17	4.51	1.25	1.29	1.07	1.24	0.84
Design and/or direct research activities	199	80	143	64	134	3.07	2.65	2.97	2.79	3.13	1.30	1.42	1.42	1.34	1.32
Participate in performance improvement and quality reporting activities (e.g., Physician Quality Reporting System, standardized outcomes measurement, application of health informatics)	195	80	142	62	136	3.75	3.69	3.64	3.66	4.01	1.10	1.10	1.34	1.29	0.98
Collect data on wound characteristics (e.g., tissue involvement, depth, tunneling, burn classification, ulcer/injury classification)	206	85	151	66	136	3.30	3.40	3.47	3.21	3.57	1.31	1.27	1.29	1.30	1.25
Perform and/or train patient/client in the use of environmental modifications (e.g., ramps, grab bars, raised toilet, environmental control units)	217	118	224	100	169	3.92	4.00	3.86	3.80	4.17	1.24	1.19	1.29	1.30	1.11
Apply and/or adjust protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets, protective taping)	200	106	208	95	158	3.69	3.70	3.69	3.60	3.97	1.21	1.18	1.29	1.26	1.14

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform sharp debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)	193	103	198	88	156	2.44	2.19	2.55	2.41	2.78	1.22	1.30	1.31	1.33	1.44
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phototherapy (laser light)	191	103	194	88	154	2.62	2.23	2.36	2.32	2.70	1.43	1.33	1.37	1.30	1.49
Recognize changes in status of the integumentary system (e.g., presence of scar formation, skin integrity, discoloration)	231	95	176	79	146	4.01	4.07	3.93	3.83	4.21	0.97	0.89	1.07	1.08	0.91
Review medical records (e.g., lab values, diagnostic tests, imaging, specialty reports, narrative, consults, physical therapy documentation) prior to carrying out the PT plan of care	244	98	190	81	153	4.14	4.13	4.09	3.91	4.31	0.99	1.00	1.05	1.18	0.96
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in shockwave therapy	189	102	193	87	154	2.54	1.94	2.37	2.42	2.82	1.42	1.10	1.33	1.28	1.37
Perform spinal mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	209	112	217	96	165	2.65	2.86	2.98	2.59	3.00	1.34	1.58	1.32	1.40	1.49
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in mechanical repositioning for vestibular dysfunction	220	123	235	106	172	2.90	2.98	2.95	2.86	3.28	1.24	1.29	1.31	1.13	1.29
Recognize changes in status of the vestibular system (e.g., dizziness, vertigo)	231	95	176	79	145	4.10	3.89	4.07	3.86	4.32	1.00	1.03	0.96	1.05	0.88
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in monochromatic infrared agent procedures (e.g., light emitting diodes [LEDs])	189	102	193	87	155	2.44	1.97	2.15	2.15	2.62	1.30	1.09	1.19	1.17	1.46
Recognize changes in status of the lymphatic system (e.g., primary or secondary lymphedema)	231	95	176	79	146	3.64	3.52	3.56	3.41	3.89	1.17	1.18	1.16	1.31	1.07
Perform peripheral mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	209	112	217	96	167	2.95	3.04	2.98	2.63	3.14	1.36	1.55	1.28	1.37	1.48

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in manual/mechanical airway clearance techniques (e.g., assistive devices, assistive cough, incentive spirometer, flutter valve, percussion, vibration)	220	123	235	106	172	2.88	2.92	2.73	2.61	3.15	1.35	1.50	1.39	1.34	1.32
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in negative pressure wound therapy (e.g., vacuum-assisted wound closure)	193	103	198	88	156	2.67	2.37	2.68	2.43	2.98	1.30	1.33	1.38	1.20	1.36
Recognize changes in status of the gastrointestinal system (e.g., difficulty swallowing, nausea, change in appetite/diet, change in bowel function)	231	95	176	79	145	3.51	3.40	3.50	3.24	3.82	1.17	1.19	1.20	1.22	1.07
Recognize changes in status of the genitourinary system (e.g., changes in bladder function, catheter complications)	231	95	176	79	146	3.51	3.44	3.44	3.28	3.86	1.20	1.21	1.22	1.22	1.10
Recognize changes in status of the patient/client's quality of speech, hearing, and vision (e.g., dysarthria, pitch/tone, use of hearing aids, use of corrective lenses)	231	95	176	79	147	3.88	3.85	4.01	3.73	4.36	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.13	0.93
Recognize changes in status of the reproductive system (e.g., sexual dysfunction, menstrual dysfunction, menopause/andropause status)	231	95	176	79	146	2.88	2.66	2.80	2.56	3.19	1.38	1.25	1.35	1.24	1.26
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phonophoresis	189	102	193	87	153	2.78	2.08	2.52	2.29	2.96	1.49	1.24	1.48	1.27	1.37

Table C.2. Statements with Large Changes in Mean Importance

	Importance															M-Diff	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
PT KSRs																	
Adverse effects or complications on the genitourinary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	767	3.78	3.73	3.79	3.81	3.31	1.15	1.11	1.15	1.12	1.07	-0.47	-0.50
Adverse effects or complications on the gastrointestinal system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	771	3.82	3.72	3.81	3.79	3.30	1.09	1.10	1.11	1.09	1.07	-0.52	-0.49
Adverse effects or complications on the lymphatic system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	875	3.96	3.96	3.98	3.97	3.53	1.09	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.08	-0.43	-0.44
Adverse effects or complications on the integumentary system from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	858	4.17	4.08	4.14	4.16	3.81	0.92	0.96	0.95	0.97	1.00	-0.36	-0.35
Communication methods and techniques (e.g., motivational interviewing, health information brochures/handouts, feedback techniques)	836	378	660	435	845	4.10	4.11	4.16	4.22	3.89	0.96	0.95	0.92	0.90	1.04	-0.21	-0.33
Teaching and learning theories and techniques	836	378	660	435	842	3.92	3.97	3.93	3.96	3.70	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.95	1.05	-0.22	-0.26
Adverse effects or complications on the metabolic and endocrine systems from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	775	3.99	3.92	4.00	3.96	3.71	1.02	1.03	1.04	1.03	0.97	-0.28	-0.25

	Importance															M-Diff	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Adverse effects or complications on the neuromuscular and nervous systems from physical therapy interventions used on other systems	899	403	727	484	793	4.77	4.74	4.71	4.76	4.51	0.48	0.54	0.57	0.49	0.70	-0.26	-0.25
The provision and utilization of telehealth (i.e., the use of telecommunication technologies to provide health care information and services)	851	389	713	421	765	3.45	3.39	3.30	3.24	3.46	1.09	1.06	1.15	1.18	1.17	0.01	0.22
Human resource legal issues (e.g., OSHA, sexual harassment)	851	389	713	421	769	3.87	3.92	3.88	3.96	4.19	0.99	0.96	1.04	1.03	0.96	0.32	0.23
Data collection techniques (e.g., surveys, direct observation)	836	378	660	435	840	3.26	3.30	3.27	3.21	3.45	1.09	1.11	1.10	1.03	1.07	0.19	0.24
The function and implications and related precautions of intravenous lines, tubes, catheters, monitoring devices, and mechanical ventilators/oxygen delivery devices	854	391	719	424	769	4.26	4.24	4.28	4.31	4.55	0.92	0.89	0.94	0.84	0.74	0.29	0.24
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of biofeedback	838	380	665	436	849	3.37	3.43	3.33	3.34	3.62	1.07	1.14	1.09	1.09	1.13	0.25	0.28
Risk management and quality assurance (e.g., policies and procedures, incident reports, peer chart review)	851	389	713	421	760	3.88	3.88	3.79	3.94	4.22	0.94	0.98	1.05	0.97	0.90	0.34	0.28
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of cryotherapy (e.g., cold pack, ice massage, vapocoolant spray)	839	380	666	440	854	3.68	3.62	3.56	3.62	4.03	1.16	1.19	1.18	1.12	1.08	0.35	0.41

	Importance															M-Diff	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of blood-flow restriction training		380	665	436	840		2.97	2.85	2.95	3.41		1.28	1.20	1.16	1.27		0.46
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of intermittent pneumatic compression (e.g., sequential compression devices)	838	380	665	436	847	3.04	3.12	3.08	2.99	3.49	1.16	1.19	1.12	1.11	1.21	0.45	0.50
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of hot pack thermotherapy	839	380	666	440	844	3.68	3.62	3.49	3.55	4.05	1.16	1.19	1.20	1.16	1.09	0.37	0.50
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	839	380	666	440	853	3.77	3.75	3.50	3.55	4.08	1.07	1.13	1.13	1.11	1.03	0.31	0.53
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of cupping		380	665	436	846		2.71	2.69	2.64	3.17		1.20	1.20	1.14	1.28		0.53
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of iontophoresis	839	380	666	440	846	2.99	2.96	2.64	2.52	3.09	1.24	1.26	1.25	1.14	1.35	0.10	0.57
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of laser light therapy	839	380	666	440	847	2.65	2.66	2.45	2.42	3.02	1.23	1.28	1.24	1.15	1.37	0.37	0.60

	Importance															M-Diff	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of shockwave therapy	838	380	665	436	844	2.24	2.31	2.28	2.20	2.80	1.15	1.21	1.19	1.14	1.38	0.56	0.60
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of LED light therapy	839	380	666	440	848	2.47	2.52	2.35	2.30	2.93	1.21	1.25	1.22	1.08	1.36	0.46	0.63
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	838	380	665	436	849	2.40	2.34	2.31	2.14	2.78	1.27	1.29	1.22	1.18	1.48	0.38	0.64
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	839	380	666	440	846	3.15	3.00	2.82	2.75	3.43	1.31	1.34	1.31	1.27	1.38	0.28	0.68
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis	839	380	666	440	849	2.61	2.59	2.36	2.24	2.94	1.27	1.29	1.22	1.13	1.40	0.33	0.70
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	839	380	666	440	846	3.68	3.62	2.59	2.48	3.35	1.16	1.19	1.28	1.20	1.38	-0.33	0.87
PTA KSR																	
Teaching and learning theories and techniques	430	262	393	234	452	3.86	3.87	3.83	3.91	3.69	0.94	0.90	0.98	1.01	1.04	-0.17	-0.22
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the gastrointestinal system on physical therapy management	451	266	405	240	469	2.93	2.98	2.97	2.91	3.11	1.04	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.00	0.18	0.20
Anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system as related to interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	435	299	416	237	489	3.54	3.43	3.49	3.35	3.56	1.00	1.04	1.04	1.01	0.98	0.02	0.21

	Importance															M-Diff	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Gastrointestinal system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence (e.g., bowel dysfunction impact questionnaires, Murphy test, Rovsing test, McBurney point sign)	451	266	405	240	467	2.84	2.89	2.87	2.82	3.03	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.03	0.99	0.19	0.21
Negotiation - Bringing others together and trying to reconcile differences	393	267	366	214	462	4.04	3.91	4.05	3.89	4.11	0.92	0.97	0.93	1.01	0.93	0.07	0.22
Non-pharmacological medical management of the gastrointestinal system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	451	266	405	240	466	2.86	2.85	2.93	2.86	3.08	1.02	0.95	0.98	1.05	0.98	0.22	0.22
Lymphatic system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	435	299	416	237	493	3.46	3.40	3.42	3.29	3.51	0.96	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.05	0.22
Socioeconomic factors that affect patient/client management	430	262	393	234	453	3.99	3.94	3.95	3.97	4.20	0.88	0.90	0.94	0.95	0.90	0.21	0.23
Measurement science (e.g., reliability, validity)	395	268	369	217	461	3.56	3.59	3.69	3.54	3.78	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.08	1.03	0.22	0.24
The provision and utilization of telehealth (i.e., the use of telecommunication technologies to provide health care information and services)	430	262	393	234	453	3.30	3.22	3.15	3.15	3.39	1.05	1.12	1.14	1.19	1.21	0.09	0.24

	Importance															M-Diff	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	463	304	452	244	500	4.16	4.11	4.10	4.08	4.33	0.86	0.93	0.92	0.91	0.75	0.17	0.25
Anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system as related to tests/measures	435	299	416	237	495	3.25	3.16	3.21	3.02	3.27	1.02	0.99	1.01	1.01	0.97	0.02	0.25
The impact of pharmacology used to treat multiple systems, including polypharmacy, on physical therapy management	402	270	374	223	467	3.71	3.71	3.70	3.56	3.81	0.98	0.93	0.97	1.07	1.01	0.10	0.25
Data collection techniques (e.g., surveys, direct observation)	395	268	369	217	462	3.37	3.38	3.50	3.39	3.65	1.06	1.05	1.09	1.15	1.07	0.28	0.26
Non-pharmacological medical management of multiple systems (e.g., diagnostic imaging and other medical tests, surgical procedures)	402	270	374	223	469	3.76	3.68	3.70	3.58	3.84	0.94	0.97	0.96	1.06	0.93	0.08	0.26
Metabolic and endocrine systems physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	464	268	411	245	465	3.47	3.44	3.47	3.43	3.70	0.98	1.01	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.23	0.27
Adverse effects or complications on the integumentary system from physical therapy and medical/surgical interventions used on the integumentary system	414	278	381	226	475	3.94	3.92	3.86	3.72	3.99	0.96	0.92	1.02	1.06	0.93	0.05	0.27
Integumentary system diseases/conditions and their pathophysiology to carry out the established plan of care	414	278	381	226	481	3.71	3.73	3.68	3.55	3.84	0.98	0.91	1.00	1.01	0.93	0.13	0.29

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Non-pharmacological medical management of the lymphatic system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	435	298	416	237	490	3.09	2.98	3.03	2.83	3.12	1.00	0.98	1.02	1.02	0.98	0.03	0.29
Anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system as related to physical therapy interventions, daily activities, and environmental factors	414	278	381	226	476	3.80	3.76	3.74	3.60	3.90	0.97	0.96	1.03	1.06	0.92	0.10	0.30
Neuromuscular and nervous systems tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	499	291	457	267	487	4.03	3.99	4.09	4.00	4.30	0.88	0.89	0.88	0.92	0.78	0.27	0.30
Applications and utilization of health information technology (e.g., electronic medical records)	430	262	393	234	456	4.05	4.02	4.02	4.00	4.30	0.89	0.86	0.89	0.94	0.85	0.25	0.30
Cardiovascular/pulmonary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	463	304	452	244	505	4.03	3.94	4.08	3.80	4.10	0.98	1.01	0.97	1.09	0.91	0.07	0.30
Anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system as related to tests/measures	463	304	452	244	502	3.97	3.94	3.98	3.76	4.06	0.97	1.00	1.02	1.04	0.93	0.09	0.30
Research methodology and interpretation (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, levels of evidence)	395	268	369	217	461	3.40	3.36	3.53	3.38	3.70	1.07	1.00	1.03	1.09	1.04	0.30	0.32
Lymphatic system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	435	299	416	237	495	3.15	3.07	3.12	2.90	3.22	1.03	1.03	1.01	0.98	0.96	0.07	0.32

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Non-pharmacological medical management of the cardiovascular/pulmonary system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	463	304	452	244	508	3.34	3.34	3.33	3.17	3.49	0.99	1.01	1.05	1.10	0.93	0.15	0.32
The impact of pharmacology used to treat the integumentary system on physical therapy management	414	278	381	226	474	3.32	3.31	3.25	3.14	3.47	1.02	1.04	1.06	1.08	1.06	0.15	0.33
Techniques for accessing evidence (e.g., peer-reviewed publications, scientific proceedings, guidelines, clinical prediction rules)	395	268	369	217	463	3.59	3.61	3.73	3.51	3.86	1.07	0.99	1.02	1.10	1.03	0.27	0.35
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	395	269	372	221	469	4.17	4.07	3.87	3.95	4.33	1.01	1.06	1.12	1.05	0.91	0.16	0.38
Integumentary system physical therapy interventions and their applications for rehabilitation, health promotion, and performance according to current best evidence	414	278	381	226	474	3.74	3.74	3.66	3.53	3.91	0.98	0.96	1.02	1.08	0.94	0.17	0.38

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Non-pharmacological medical management of the integumentary system (e.g., diagnostic imaging, laboratory test values, other medical tests, surgical procedures)	414	278	381	226	478	3.31	3.25	3.25	3.01	3.42	1.02	1.00	1.04	1.03	1.00	0.11	0.41
Anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system as related to tests/measures	414	278	381	226	482	3.52	3.52	3.48	3.24	3.68	0.99	1.01	1.02	1.07	0.97	0.16	0.44
Integumentary system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	414	278	381	226	482	3.46	3.44	3.40	3.14	3.61	0.98	1.01	1.05	1.04	0.98	0.15	0.47
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of hot pack thermotherapy	395	269	372	221	468	4.12	4.04	3.87	3.87	4.39	1.03	1.05	1.09	1.11	0.89	0.27	0.52
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of mechanical modalities (e.g., mechanical motion devices, traction devices)	395	269	372	221	469	3.73	3.72	3.58	3.52	4.05	1.11	1.16	1.20	1.20	1.11	0.32	0.53
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of cryotherapy (e.g., cold pack, ice massage, vapocoolant spray)	395	269	372	221	469	4.12	4.04	3.89	3.85	4.39	1.03	1.05	1.07	1.12	0.90	0.27	0.54
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of biofeedback	395	269	372	221	466	3.41	3.25	3.23	3.11	3.68	1.17	1.16	1.17	1.20	1.19	0.27	0.57
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of intermittent pneumatic compression (e.g., sequential compression devices)	395	269	372	221	467	3.30	3.25	3.16	3.10	3.71	1.23	1.22	1.16	1.14	1.18	0.41	0.61

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Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	395	269	372	221	468	3.66	3.59	3.44	3.33	3.97	1.23	1.25	1.27	1.26	1.20	0.31	0.64
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of cupping		269	372	221	468		2.68	2.74	2.77	3.49		1.21	1.22	1.23	1.30		0.72
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of iontophoresis	395	269	372	221	464	3.25	3.10	2.86	2.76	3.53	1.28	1.28	1.26	1.26	1.33	0.28	0.77
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of blood-flow restriction training		269	372	221	469		2.95	2.95	2.90	3.68		1.26	1.25	1.28	1.22		0.78
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of laser light therapy	395	269	372	221	469	2.85	2.75	2.63	2.58	3.45	1.31	1.26	1.28	1.25	1.40	0.60	0.87
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of paraffin bath thermotherapy			372	221	465			2.73	2.65	3.60			1.27	1.22	1.32		0.95
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	395	269	372	221	467	2.80	2.68	2.58	2.44	3.41	1.38	1.34	1.32	1.36	1.43	0.61	0.97
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of LED light therapy	395	269	372	221	466	2.68	2.55	2.51	2.42	3.39	1.27	1.22	1.20	1.21	1.39	0.71	0.97
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis	395	269	372	221	465	2.90	2.77	2.63	2.37	3.45	1.33	1.32	1.27	1.25	1.37	0.55	1.08
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	395	269	372	221	468	4.12	4.04	2.82	2.65	3.79	1.03	1.05	1.29	1.34	1.31	-0.33	1.14

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Select and perform tests and measures of pain (e.g., location, intensity, frequency, central, peripheral, psychogenic)	377	225	357	176	382	4.48	4.54	4.44	4.42	4.15	0.80	0.74	0.82	0.80	1.04	-0.33	-0.27
Select and perform tests and measures of muscle tone (e.g., hypertonicity, hypotonicity, dystonia)	381	228	362	180	387	4.32	4.29	4.29	4.24	4.01	0.83	0.90	0.93	0.92	1.03	-0.31	-0.23
Select and perform tests and measures of movement quality (e.g., purpose, precision, efficiency, biomechanics, kinematics)	381	228	362	180	382	4.46	4.37	4.52	4.41	4.19	0.77	0.81	0.75	0.82	0.98	-0.27	-0.22
Select and perform tests and measures of spinal and peripheral joint stability (e.g., ligamentous integrity, joint structure)	381	228	362	180	390	4.10	4.12	4.26	4.11	4.31	1.08	1.09	1.01	1.04	0.97	0.21	0.20
Perform continuous hemodynamic monitoring and safe handling of a patient who has a mechanical circulatory device			461	247	507			3.31	3.26	3.47			1.46	1.43	1.40		0.21
Evaluate the quality of published data	373	221	345	173	373	3.87	3.92	3.87	3.80	4.01	0.99	0.98	0.95	1.03	1.05	0.14	0.21
Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to establish general health status	430	268	445	226	452	4.53	4.51	4.58	4.43	4.64	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.71	0.66	0.11	0.21

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Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in hyperbaric therapy	410	254	413	223	459	2.15	2.07	2.04	2.45	2.66	1.27	1.29	1.15	1.25	1.29	0.51	0.21
Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to determine impact of medications on plan of care (e.g., medication reconciliation, timing of intervention delivery, adherence)	430	268	445	226	449	3.67	3.79	3.85	3.63	3.85	1.03	1.05	0.98	1.05	1.07	0.18	0.22
Assess ability to participate in activities with or without the use of devices, equipment, or technologies	395	241	387	189	397	4.40	4.43	4.44	4.30	4.52	0.85	0.84	0.81	0.86	0.75	0.12	0.22
Modify plan of care based on patient/client's resources (e.g., financial, transportation, time, insurance benefits, available technologies)	373	221	347	173	373	4.51	4.57	4.62	4.40	4.62	0.79	0.80	0.70	0.94	0.67	0.11	0.22
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Lymphatic system	375	225	354	175	377	2.96	3.05	3.08	2.76	2.99	1.20	1.13	1.20	1.16	1.17	0.03	0.23
Assess scar tissue characteristics (e.g., banding, pliability, sensation, and texture)	386	230	367	181	387	3.27	3.29	3.35	3.09	3.32	1.16	1.19	1.14	1.14	1.17	0.05	0.23
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Anthropometric	375	225	354	175	378	2.81	2.71	2.79	2.61	2.84	1.15	1.16	1.21	1.19	1.32	0.03	0.23

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Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in application of topical agents (e.g., cleansers, creams, moisturizers, ointments, sealants) and dressings (e.g., hydrogels, wound coverings)	410	254	413	223	457	2.66	2.69	2.56	2.74	2.97	1.30	1.28	1.26	1.25	1.18	0.31	0.23
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Need for or use of orthotic, protective, and supportive devices/technologies	373	222	353	173	379	4.14	4.24	4.18	4.04	4.28	0.95	0.93	0.95	1.00	0.90	0.14	0.24
Advocate for public access to physical therapy and other healthcare services	397	244	385	211	448	4.19	4.25	4.25	4.11	4.35	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.11	0.96	0.16	0.24
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in desensitization techniques (e.g., brushing, tapping, use of textures)	410	254	413	223	461	3.05	2.95	2.91	3.00	3.24	1.17	1.13	1.07	1.09	1.14	0.19	0.24
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of orthotic devices (e.g., braces, shoe inserts, splints)	420	255	423	225	476	3.67	3.81	3.78	3.69	3.93	1.21	1.17	1.16	1.17	1.14	0.26	0.24
Assess instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) (e.g., household chores, hobbies)	395	241	387	189	397	4.21	4.24	4.33	4.15	4.40	1.00	0.94	0.90	1.03	0.84	0.19	0.25
Apply and/or adjust prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses, microprocessor-controlled prosthetic devices)	428	261	431	231	479	3.19	3.22	3.32	3.25	3.50	1.36	1.22	1.28	1.30	1.25	0.31	0.25

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Select and perform tests and measures of tools, devices, equipment, and workstations related to work actions, tasks, or activities	391	234	374	186	393	3.69	3.69	3.84	3.54	3.79	1.14	1.23	1.12	1.10	1.14	0.10	0.25
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in techniques to maximize ventilation and perfusion (e.g., positioning, active cycle breathing, autogenic drainage, paced breathing, pursed lip breathing)	466	282	481	255	522	3.08	3.07	2.96	3.02	3.27	1.30	1.22	1.28	1.23	1.25	0.19	0.25
Perform and/or train patient/client in the use of environmental modifications (e.g., ramps, grab bars, raised toilet, environmental control units)	453	269	461	247	505	3.72	3.81	3.78	3.76	4.01	1.22	1.23	1.25	1.32	1.14	0.29	0.25
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Cardiovascular/pulmonary system	375	225	354	175	376	4.30	4.27	4.26	3.94	4.20	0.90	0.98	0.91	1.02	0.95	-0.10	0.26
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in mechanical repositioning for vestibular dysfunction	466	282	481	255	522	3.14	3.18	3.19	3.28	3.54	1.26	1.22	1.25	1.23	1.19	0.40	0.26
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in soft tissue mobilization (e.g., connective tissue massage, therapeutic massage, foam rolling)	446	267	452	241	496	3.50	3.34	3.46	3.40	3.66	1.24	1.23	1.23	1.27	1.22	0.16	0.26

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Assess wound characteristics (e.g., tissue involvement, depth, tunneling, burn classification, ulcer/injury classification)	387	230	367	181	387	3.16	3.13	3.19	2.96	3.22	1.20	1.25	1.17	1.16	1.28	0.06	0.26
Perform and/or train patient/client in gross motor developmental progression	453	269	461	247	503	3.43	3.49	3.53	3.42	3.69	1.37	1.32	1.33	1.36	1.29	0.26	0.27
Assess safety in home, community, work, or school environments	395	241	387	189	395	4.29	4.41	4.31	4.10	4.37	0.90	0.91	0.94	0.99	0.88	0.08	0.27
Perform and/or train patient/client in behavior modification and strategies that enhance functioning (e.g., energy conservation, pacing, pre-activity planning, reminder schedules)	453	269	461	247	506	3.76	3.82	3.80	3.74	4.01	1.12	1.10	1.14	1.17	1.03	0.25	0.27
Perform screen of the patient/client's current affect, cognition, communication, and learning preferences (e.g., ability to convey needs, consciousness, orientation, expected emotional/behavioral responses)	430	268	445	226	421	4.03	4.00	4.01	3.92	4.19	1.00	1.07	1.00	1.06	0.94	0.16	0.27
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Need for or use of prosthetic devices/technologies	373	222	353	173	377	3.77	3.81	3.81	3.74	4.01	1.13	1.16	1.17	1.19	1.11	0.24	0.27
Perform first aid	399	248	392	216	450	3.80	3.81	3.77	3.97	4.24	1.24	1.20	1.23	1.22	1.02	0.44	0.27
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in hydrotherapy using contrast baths/pools	406	253	413	221	454	2.28	2.20	2.31	2.39	2.67	1.32	1.32	1.43	1.46	1.33	0.39	0.28

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Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in diathermy	404	253	409	220	451	1.65	1.78	1.71	1.77	2.05	0.98	1.17	1.12	1.19	1.23	0.40	0.28
Assess devices and equipment that may produce or relieve trauma to the skin	386	230	367	181	390	3.56	3.84	3.64	3.41	3.69	1.19	1.17	1.17	1.23	1.18	0.13	0.28
Interpret each of the following types of data to determine the need for intervention or the response to intervention: Integumentary system	375	225	354	175	376	3.45	3.51	3.47	3.22	3.50	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.07	1.09	0.05	0.28
Compare intervention outcomes with normative data	373	221	345	173	373	3.58	3.66	3.55	3.49	3.77	1.10	1.08	1.11	1.11	1.13	0.19	0.28
Apply and/or adjust prescribed oxygen during interventions	428	261	431	231	477	3.40	3.71	3.61	3.52	3.81	1.36	1.31	1.34	1.37	1.25	0.41	0.29
Participate in the clinical education of students	399	248	392	216	451	4.01	3.90	3.98	3.94	4.23	1.07	1.04	1.09	1.11	1.02	0.22	0.29
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in genitourinary management (e.g., pelvic floor exercises, bladder strategies)	466	282	481	255	524	2.83	2.94	2.91	2.97	3.26	1.31	1.25	1.30	1.25	1.32	0.43	0.29
Implement emergency procedures (e.g., CPR, AED, calling a code)	399	248	392	216	452	3.99	4.04	4.04	4.21	4.51	1.16	1.15	1.14	1.08	0.88	0.52	0.30
Document letter of medical necessity (e.g., wheelchair, assistive equipment, disability parking placard)	401	253	399	217	453	3.80	3.98	3.88	3.88	4.19	1.26	1.15	1.27	1.22	1.12	0.39	0.31
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phototherapy (laser light)	406	253	413	221	453	1.96	2.16	2.14	2.09	2.40	1.23	1.36	1.36	1.35	1.33	0.44	0.31

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Educate community groups on lifestyle and behavioral changes to promote wellness (e.g., nutrition, physical activity, tobacco cessation)	399	248	392	216	449	3.66	3.58	3.59	3.78	4.09	1.22	1.22	1.23	1.24	1.16	0.43	0.31
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in habituation/adaptation exercises for vestibular dysfunction	466	282	481	255	523	3.14	3.25	3.19	3.20	3.52	1.26	1.21	1.27	1.23	1.19	0.38	0.32
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in iontophoresis	406	253	413	221	457	2.18	2.22	2.15	2.13	2.45	1.19	1.23	1.24	1.23	1.27	0.27	0.32
Perform manual lymphatic drainage	446	267	453	241	495	2.59	2.64	2.67	2.66	2.98	1.26	1.29	1.35	1.36	1.26	0.39	0.32
Assess activities, positioning, and postures that may produce or relieve trauma to the skin	386	230	367	181	387	3.74	3.96	3.80	3.54	3.86	1.16	1.12	1.17	1.20	1.09	0.12	0.32
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in biofeedback therapy (e.g., relaxation techniques, muscle reeducation, EMG)	406	253	413	221	456	3.15	3.10	3.11	3.02	3.35	1.28	1.18	1.22	1.31	1.23	0.20	0.33
Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to determine insurance and financial resources and issues (e.g., co-pays, deductibles, insurance limitations)	430	268	445	226	450	3.35	3.44	3.52	3.25	3.58	1.13	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.20	0.23	0.33

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Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars, serial casts, short-stretch bandages)	420	255	423	225	479	3.28	3.38	3.29	3.25	3.59	1.25	1.25	1.26	1.29	1.27	0.31	0.34
Fabricate, apply, and/or adjust orthotic devices (e.g., braces, shoe inserts, splints)	433	261	438	234	479	3.37	3.45	3.39	3.32	3.66	1.23	1.26	1.18	1.24	1.20	0.29	0.34
Select and perform tests and measures of visceral organ sensitivity and integrity (e.g., palpation, auscultation)	377	225	357	176	380	2.80	2.96	2.92	2.71	3.05	1.31	1.30	1.23	1.24	1.34	0.25	0.34
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets, protective taping)	420	255	423	225	480	3.45	3.43	3.44	3.34	3.69	1.22	1.28	1.28	1.36	1.25	0.24	0.35
Select and perform tests and measures of cranial nerve integrity (e.g., facial asymmetry, oculomotor function, hearing)	404	246	392	194	402	3.40	3.35	3.41	3.20	3.55	1.15	1.16	1.16	1.18	1.15	0.15	0.35
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in paraffin bath thermotherapy	404	253	409	220	456	2.20	2.10	2.34	2.22	2.58	1.29	1.24	1.34	1.39	1.31	0.38	0.36
Assess skin characteristics (e.g., continuity of skin color, sensation, temperature, texture, turgor)	387	230	367	181	388	3.40	3.52	3.54	3.20	3.57	1.06	1.12	1.09	1.08	1.07	0.17	0.37
Apply and/or train patient/client/caregiver in intermittent pneumatic compression	403	253	404	219	453	2.67	2.68	2.79	2.66	3.03	1.24	1.23	1.31	1.26	1.23	0.36	0.37

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in manual/mechanical airway clearance techniques (e.g., assistive devices, assistive cough, incentive spirometer, flutter valve, percussion, vibration)	466	282	481	255	523	2.90	2.92	2.83	2.83	3.20	1.33	1.28	1.29	1.31	1.31	0.30	0.37
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in hydrotherapy (e.g., aquatic exercise, underwater treadmill)	406	253	413	221	457	2.93	2.89	2.86	2.70	3.08	1.37	1.49	1.49	1.34	1.24	0.15	0.38
Fabricate, apply, and/or adjust supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars, serial casts, short-stretch bandages)	433	261	438	234	479	3.09	3.20	3.13	3.02	3.40	1.30	1.26	1.24	1.27	1.27	0.31	0.38
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in gastrointestinal management (e.g., bowel strategies, positioning to avoid reflux)	466	282	481	255	524	2.71	2.77	2.75	2.76	3.14	1.30	1.20	1.34	1.23	1.32	0.43	0.38
Apply taping for edema management	433	261	438	234	496	2.47	2.22	2.58	2.45	2.83	1.18	1.11	1.20	1.13	1.23	0.36	0.38
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses, microprocessor-controlled prosthetic devices)	420	255	423	225	480	3.30	3.24	3.32	3.26	3.65	1.33	1.35	1.40	1.36	1.28	0.35	0.39
Fabricate, apply, and/or adjust protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets, protective taping)	433	261	438	234	478	3.21	3.16	3.29	3.16	3.55	1.29	1.27	1.25	1.30	1.23	0.34	0.39

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Perform and/or train patient/client and/or caregiver on appropriate infection control practices (e.g., universal precautions, hand hygiene, isolation, airborne precautions, equipment cleaning)	373	221	347	173	375	4.08	4.13	4.06	3.92	4.32	1.10	1.12	1.14	1.19	0.98	0.24	0.40
Perform screen of the patient/client's quality of speech, hearing, and vision (e.g., dysarthria, pitch/tone, use of hearing aids, use of corrective lenses)	430	268	445	226	424	3.24	3.38	3.31	3.06	3.46	1.15	1.23	1.21	1.24	1.14	0.22	0.40
Implement disaster response procedures	399	248	392	216	451	3.66	3.53	3.59	3.70	4.11	1.27	1.25	1.33	1.29	1.10	0.45	0.41
Apply and/or adjust mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	428	261	431	231	476	3.15	3.29	3.27	3.10	3.53	1.40	1.35	1.34	1.43	1.28	0.38	0.43
Fabricate, apply, and/or adjust adaptive devices (e.g., seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	433	261	438	234	478	3.03	3.08	3.30	3.22	3.68	1.32	1.30	1.34	1.32	1.24	0.65	0.46
Disclose financial interest in recommended products or services to the patient/client	398	246	388	211	447	3.69	3.61	3.53	3.49	3.96	1.36	1.38	1.46	1.41	1.24	0.27	0.47
Design, direct, and/or participate in research activities	373	221	345	173	373	2.91	2.96	2.93	2.76	3.24	1.25	1.35	1.26	1.25	1.31	0.33	0.48
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in monochromatic infrared agent procedures (e.g., light emitting diodes [LEDs])	404	253	409	220	455	1.77	1.73	1.89	1.85	2.34	1.10	1.08	1.23	1.22	1.30	0.57	0.49
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in postural drainage	466	282	481	255	524	2.54	2.48	2.46	2.48	2.98	1.32	1.24	1.33	1.29	1.38	0.44	0.50

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025		
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	404	253	409	220	451	1.88	1.85	1.90	1.83	2.33	1.18	1.15	1.15	1.17	1.26	0.45	0.50
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	420	255	423	225	479	3.15	3.07	3.03	2.97	3.50	1.37	1.38	1.37	1.37	1.32	0.35	0.53
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phonophoresis	404	253	409	220	453	1.87	1.84	1.86	1.87	2.40	1.15	1.18	1.18	1.21	1.31	0.53	0.53
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of adaptive devices (e.g., seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	420	255	423	225	477	3.22	3.35	3.54	3.36	3.93	1.36	1.47	1.37	1.40	1.23	0.71	0.57
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in shockwave therapy	404	253	409	220	448	1.83	1.64	1.95	1.84	2.54	1.17	1.03	1.28	1.27	1.40	0.71	0.70
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Disclose financial interest in recommended products or services to patient/client	197	80	143	63	134	3.18	3.11	2.84	3.68	3.14	1.20	1.37	1.33	1.14	1.37	-0.04	-0.54
Apply taping for pain management	206	108	216	96	166	4.05	3.73	3.77	3.75	3.21	1.03	1.32	1.25	1.33	1.20	-0.84	-0.54
Apply taping for neuromuscular reeducation	206	108	216	96	166	3.95	3.79	3.77	3.86	3.35	1.19	1.30	1.34	1.32	1.22	-0.60	-0.51

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in electrotherapy modalities, excluding iontophoresis (e.g., neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), functional electrical stimulation (FES), interferential therapy, high-voltage pulsed current)	191	103	194	88	156	3.98	3.77	3.76	4.06	3.69	1.14	1.29	1.19	1.05	1.20	-0.29	-0.37
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in paraffin bath thermotherapy	189	102	193	87	155	2.95	2.69	2.82	3.30	2.94	1.36	1.38	1.44	1.39	1.32	-0.01	-0.36
Perform tests and measures of ergonomics and body mechanics during functional activities	210	86	155	70	136	4.42	4.38	4.44	4.59	4.24	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.72	0.90	-0.18	-0.35
Perform tests and measures of mobility during functional activities and transitional movements (e.g., transfers, bed mobility)	210	86	155	70	135	4.60	4.53	4.58	4.81	4.48	0.69	0.81	0.73	0.43	0.81	-0.12	-0.33
Perform tests and measures of acquisition and evolution of motor skills throughout the lifespan	202	83	147	65	134	3.55	3.57	3.58	3.76	3.43	1.25	1.21	1.23	1.15	1.18	-0.12	-0.33
Perform tests and measures of pain (e.g., location, intensity, frequency, central, peripheral, psychogenic)	201	81	144	64	134	4.30	4.15	4.24	4.37	4.05	0.97	1.02	1.00	0.98	1.13	-0.25	-0.32
Perform tests and measures of aerobic capacity under maximal and submaximal conditions (e.g., endurance, exercise tolerance, metabolic equivalents, perceived exertion)	225	92	170	74	144	3.96	3.97	3.95	3.97	3.65	1.09	1.04	1.09	1.04	1.16	-0.31	-0.32

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Perform tests and measures of pulmonary function (e.g., respiratory rate, breathing patterns, breath sounds, chest excursion)	225	92	170	74	144	3.91	4.00	4.01	4.07	3.78	1.21	0.96	1.08	1.02	1.14	-0.13	-0.29
Perform tests and measures of movement quality (e.g., purpose, precision, efficiency, biomechanics, kinematics)	202	83	147	64	135	4.26	4.19	4.29	4.42	4.14	0.88	0.92	0.91	0.81	1.05	-0.12	-0.28
Perform tests and measures of postural alignment and position (static and dynamic)	210	86	155	70	136	4.49	4.44	4.42	4.54	4.27	0.72	0.73	0.83	0.77	0.88	-0.22	-0.27
Perform tests and measures of cardiovascular function (e.g., blood pressure, heart rate, heart sounds)	225	92	170	74	143	4.11	4.16	4.20	4.46	4.19	1.11	1.03	1.07	0.89	0.95	0.08	-0.27
Perform tests and measures of flexibility (e.g., muscle length, soft tissue extensibility)	205	84	148	65	136	4.37	4.40	4.35	4.52	4.26	0.78	0.78	0.93	0.79	0.89	-0.11	-0.26
Perform tests and measures of range of motion (e.g., passive, active, functional)	205	84	148	65	135	4.56	4.48	4.49	4.72	4.48	0.73	0.79	0.79	0.57	0.78	-0.08	-0.24
Perform tests and measures of sensorimotor integration	202	82	147	65	135	3.60	3.53	3.72	3.88	3.64	1.13	1.25	1.18	1.12	1.09	0.04	-0.24
Perform tests and measures of muscle strength, power, and endurance without specialized equipment (e.g., manual muscle test, functional strength testing)	202	83	147	64	134	4.41	4.43	4.37	4.53	4.29	0.79	0.79	0.91	0.80	0.91	-0.12	-0.24
Educate the healthcare team about safe patient handling (e.g., injury prevention, ergonomics, use of equipment)	188	100	185	87	151	4.43	4.44	4.43	4.65	4.41	0.85	0.96	0.96	0.63	0.96	-0.02	-0.24

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Apply and/or train patient/client/caregiver in intermittent pneumatic compression	189	102	191	87	150	3.21	2.73	2.88	3.31	3.07	1.25	1.39	1.44	1.44	1.28	-0.14	-0.24
Perform tests and measures of gait and locomotion (e.g., ambulation, wheelchair mobility) with or without the use of specialized equipment	210	86	155	70	136	4.72	4.60	4.70	4.83	4.59	0.52	0.71	0.57	0.42	0.70	-0.13	-0.24
Perform tests and measures of ability to change movement performance with practice (e.g., motor learning)	202	83	147	64	132	4.19	4.21	4.22	4.33	4.10	0.91	0.89	0.98	0.89	1.05	-0.09	-0.23
Perform tests and measures of balance (dynamic and static) with or without the use of specialized equipment	210	86	155	70	135	4.67	4.60	4.62	4.74	4.52	0.54	0.66	0.65	0.58	0.70	-0.15	-0.22
Perform spinal manual traction	209	112	217	96	165	3.36	3.24	3.27	3.42	3.20	1.22	1.30	1.27	1.30	1.33	-0.16	-0.22
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in ultrasound procedures	189	102	193	87	155	3.36	3.00	3.06	3.22	3.01	1.33	1.33	1.43	1.27	1.42	-0.35	-0.21
Perform tests and measures of muscle tone (e.g., hypertonicity, hypotonicity, dystonia)	202	83	147	65	134	4.00	4.02	4.01	4.23	4.02	0.98	0.96	1.08	1.01	1.09	0.02	-0.21
Apply and/or train patient/client/caregiver in mechanical spinal traction	189	102	191	87	152	3.74	3.28	3.41	3.36	3.15	1.13	1.44	1.37	1.21	1.39	-0.59	-0.21
Apply and/or adjust adaptive devices (e.g., utensils, seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	200	106	208	95	160	3.68	3.55	3.82	3.73	3.93	1.32	1.46	1.30	1.30	1.28	0.25	0.20

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Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in soft tissue mobilization (e.g., connective tissue massage, therapeutic massage, foam rolling)	209	112	217	96	166	3.71	3.64	3.76	3.59	3.79	1.24	1.34	1.16	1.26	1.19	0.08	0.20
Perform manual lymphatic drainage	210	112	218	96	165	2.63	2.60	2.74	2.80	3.00	1.26	1.45	1.37	1.42	1.31	0.37	0.20
Quantify and qualify edema (e.g., pitting, volume, circumference)	225	92	170	74	144	3.42	3.47	3.53	3.32	3.53	1.22	1.03	1.09	1.19	1.11	0.11	0.21
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in postural drainage	220	123	235	106	173	2.59	2.80	2.35	2.55	2.76	1.24	1.39	1.30	1.29	1.39	0.17	0.21
Perform and/or train patient/client and/or caregiver on appropriate infection control practices (e.g., universal precautions, hand hygiene, isolation, airborne precautions, equipment cleaning)	199	80	143	64	133	4.06	3.96	4.05	3.98	4.19	1.15	1.21	1.15	1.13	1.07	0.13	0.21
Collect data on barriers (e.g., social, economic, physical, psychological, environmental, work conditions and activities) to home, community, work, or school integration/reintegration	212	87	156	71	137	4.02	3.93	4.08	3.85	4.06	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.12	1.02	0.04	0.21
Compare intervention outcomes with normative data	199	80	143	64	133	3.29	2.87	3.38	3.23	3.44	1.30	1.25	1.37	1.41	1.22	0.15	0.21
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in selective enzymatic or autolytic debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)	193	103	198	88	156	2.65	2.30	2.74	2.67	2.88	1.34	1.27	1.25	1.24	1.35	0.23	0.21

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Educate patient/client and/or caregiver about the role of physical therapy in transitional planning (e.g., hospice, palliative care, setting changes)	188	100	185	87	150	4.09	4.15	3.99	3.99	4.20	1.20	1.15	1.21	1.32	1.08	0.11	0.21
Perform first aid	188	100	185	86	147	3.87	3.99	3.93	3.87	4.09	1.29	1.27	1.23	1.39	1.12	0.22	0.22
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in gastrointestinal management (e.g., bowel strategies, positioning to avoid reflux)	220	123	235	106	173	2.57	2.76	2.68	2.78	3.02	1.25	1.39	1.31	1.17	1.30	0.45	0.24
Search the literature for current best evidence	199	80	143	64	134	3.82	3.74	3.89	3.71	3.96	1.01	1.15	1.14	1.12	1.09	0.14	0.25
Interview patients/clients, caregivers, and family to obtain patient/client history and current information (e.g., medical, surgical, medications, social, cultural, language preference, economic) to determine impact of medications on plan of care (e.g., medication reconciliation, timing of intervention delivery, adherence)	244	98	190	81	151	3.83	3.80	3.86	3.73	3.98	1.12	1.06	1.09	1.18	1.14	0.15	0.25
Perform tests and measures of body dimensions (e.g., height, weight, girth, limb length, head circumference/shape)	225	92	170	74	144	2.83	2.65	2.83	2.69	2.94	1.21	1.12	1.11	1.18	1.28	0.11	0.25
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in aerobic capacity/endurance conditioning	220	123	235	106	171	4.15	4.22	3.97	3.85	4.10	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.19	0.98	-0.05	0.25
Perform risk assessment of the physical environment (e.g., barrier-free environment, outlets, windows, floors, lighting)	188	100	185	86	149	4.03	4.05	4.05	3.99	4.24	1.20	1.13	1.14	1.35	1.01	0.21	0.25

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Perform and/or train patient/client in mobility techniques	217	118	225	100	165	4.34	4.30	4.27	4.19	4.46	0.85	0.91	0.84	0.97	0.78	0.12	0.27
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of adaptive devices (e.g., utensils, seating and positioning devices, steering wheel devices)	197	103	202	90	159	3.58	3.40	3.74	3.60	3.88	1.34	1.50	1.32	1.50	1.31	0.30	0.28
Evaluate the quality of published data	199	80	143	64	135	3.63	3.42	3.81	3.52	3.80	1.17	1.25	1.28	1.28	1.13	0.17	0.28
Perform and/or train patient/client in gross motor developmental progression	217	118	225	100	167	3.70	3.73	3.67	3.55	3.83	1.17	1.15	1.18	1.16	1.15	0.13	0.28
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in genitourinary management (e.g., pelvic floor exercises, bladder strategies)	220	123	235	106	173	2.68	3.17	2.75	2.90	3.19	1.25	1.37	1.33	1.24	1.27	0.51	0.29
Perform tests and measures of body composition (e.g., percent body fat, lean muscle mass)	225	92	170	74	144	2.73	2.60	2.84	2.31	2.60	1.27	1.15	1.21	1.16	1.22	-0.13	0.29
Apply and/or adjust supportive devices (e.g., compression garments, corsets, elastic wraps, neck collars serial casts, short-stretch bandages)	200	106	208	95	160	3.57	3.33	3.67	3.58	3.88	1.29	1.31	1.25	1.32	1.18	0.31	0.30
Check patient/client's current affect, cognition, communication, and learning preferences (e.g., ability to convey needs, consciousness, orientation, expected emotional/behavioral responses)	244	98	190	81	148	4.22	4.16	4.20	4.11	4.41	0.96	1.00	1.03	0.94	0.85	0.19	0.30
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in habituation/adaptation exercises for vestibular dysfunction	220	123	235	106	170	2.98	2.98	3.00	3.00	3.30	1.18	1.28	1.32	1.17	1.25	0.32	0.30

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Apply and/or adjust prescribed oxygen during interventions	200	106	208	95	159	3.77	3.84	3.60	3.73	4.03	1.33	1.37	1.41	1.31	1.17	0.26	0.30
Perform tests and measures of critical limb ischemia (e.g., peripheral pulses, skin perfusion pressure)	225	92	170	74	141	3.33	3.49	3.52	3.13	3.43	1.31	1.18	1.21	1.19	1.15	0.10	0.31
Participate in professional organizations	195	80	142	62	135	3.48	3.45	3.52	3.34	3.65	1.18	1.16	1.30	1.40	1.14	0.17	0.31
Implement disaster response procedures	188	100	185	86	148	3.70	3.90	3.82	4.00	4.31	1.30	1.28	1.27	1.35	0.98	0.61	0.31
Perform and/or train patient/client in fall prevention and fall recovery strategies	217	118	225	100	166	4.47	4.45	4.31	4.34	4.66	0.80	0.89	0.99	0.83	0.67	0.19	0.32
Participate in research activities	199	80	143	64	135	2.86	2.62	2.92	2.66	2.98	1.29	1.24	1.44	1.28	1.29	0.12	0.32
Gather information/discuss patient/client's current health status with interprofessional/interdisciplinary team members	244	98	190	81	153	4.15	3.98	4.02	4.08	4.40	0.97	1.06	1.05	1.12	0.80	0.25	0.32
Perform tests and measures of peripheral circulation (e.g., capillary refill, blood pressure in upper versus lower extremities)	225	92	170	74	144	3.41	3.61	3.56	3.21	3.53	1.29	1.10	1.19	1.21	1.12	0.13	0.32
Perform and/or train patient/client in behavior modification and strategies that enhance functioning (e.g., energy conservation, pacing, pre-activity planning, reminder schedules)	217	118	225	100	166	3.80	3.87	3.75	3.74	4.08	1.07	1.15	1.22	1.10	1.00	0.28	0.34
Implement emergency procedures (e.g., CPR, AED, calling a code)	188	100	185	86	149	3.99	4.09	4.19	4.17	4.51	1.25	1.29	1.07	1.24	0.84	0.52	0.34
Design and/or direct research activities	199	80	143	64	134	3.07	2.65	2.97	2.79	3.13	1.30	1.42	1.42	1.34	1.32	0.06	0.34

	Importance															M-Diff	
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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Participate in performance improvement and quality reporting activities (e.g., Physician Quality Reporting System, standardized outcomes measurement, application of health informatics)	195	80	142	62	136	3.75	3.69	3.64	3.66	4.01	1.10	1.10	1.34	1.29	0.98	0.26	0.35
Collect data on wound characteristics (e.g., tissue involvement, depth, tunneling, burn classification, ulcer/injury classification)	206	85	151	66	136	3.30	3.40	3.47	3.21	3.57	1.31	1.27	1.29	1.30	1.25	0.27	0.36
Perform and/or train patient/client in the use of environmental modifications (e.g., ramps, grab bars, raised toilet, environmental control units)	217	118	224	100	169	3.92	4.00	3.86	3.80	4.17	1.24	1.19	1.29	1.30	1.11	0.25	0.37
Apply and/or adjust protective devices (e.g., braces, cushions, helmets, protective taping)	200	106	208	95	158	3.69	3.70	3.69	3.60	3.97	1.21	1.18	1.29	1.26	1.14	0.28	0.37
Perform sharp debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)	193	103	198	88	156	2.44	2.19	2.55	2.41	2.78	1.22	1.30	1.31	1.33	1.44	0.34	0.37
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phototherapy (laser light)	191	103	194	88	154	2.62	2.23	2.36	2.32	2.70	1.43	1.33	1.37	1.30	1.49	0.08	0.38
Recognize changes in status of the integumentary system (e.g., presence of scar formation, skin integrity, discoloration)	231	95	176	79	146	4.01	4.07	3.93	3.83	4.21	0.97	0.89	1.07	1.08	0.91	0.20	0.38
Review medical records (e.g., lab values, diagnostic tests, imaging, specialty reports, narrative, consults, physical therapy documentation) prior to carrying out the PT plan of care	244	98	190	81	153	4.14	4.13	4.09	3.91	4.31	0.99	1.00	1.05	1.18	0.96	0.17	0.40

	Importance															M-Diff	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in shockwave therapy	189	102	193	87	154	2.54	1.94	2.37	2.42	2.82	1.42	1.10	1.33	1.28	1.37	0.28	0.40
Perform spinal mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	209	112	217	96	165	2.65	2.86	2.98	2.59	3.00	1.34	1.58	1.32	1.40	1.49	0.35	0.41
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in mechanical repositioning for vestibular dysfunction	220	123	235	106	172	2.90	2.98	2.95	2.86	3.28	1.24	1.29	1.31	1.13	1.29	0.38	0.42
Recognize changes in status of the vestibular system (e.g., dizziness, vertigo)	231	95	176	79	145	4.10	3.89	4.07	3.86	4.32	1.00	1.03	0.96	1.05	0.88	0.22	0.46
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in monochromatic infrared agent procedures (e.g., light emitting diodes [LEDs])	189	102	193	87	155	2.44	1.97	2.15	2.15	2.62	1.30	1.09	1.19	1.17	1.46	0.18	0.47
Recognize changes in status of the lymphatic system (e.g., primary or secondary lymphedema)	231	95	176	79	146	3.64	3.52	3.56	3.41	3.89	1.17	1.18	1.16	1.31	1.07	0.25	0.48
Perform peripheral mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	209	112	217	96	167	2.95	3.04	2.98	2.63	3.14	1.36	1.55	1.28	1.37	1.48	0.19	0.51
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in manual/mechanical airway clearance techniques (e.g., assistive devices, assistive cough, incentive spirometer, flutter valve, percussion, vibration)	220	123	235	106	172	2.88	2.92	2.73	2.61	3.15	1.35	1.50	1.39	1.34	1.32	0.27	0.54
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in negative pressure wound therapy (e.g., vacuum-assisted wound closure)	193	103	198	88	156	2.67	2.37	2.68	2.43	2.98	1.30	1.33	1.38	1.20	1.36	0.31	0.55

	Importance															M-Diff	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 - 2021	2025 - 2024
Recognize changes in status of the gastrointestinal system (e.g., difficulty swallowing, nausea, change in appetite/diet, change in bowel function)	231	95	176	79	145	3.51	3.40	3.50	3.24	3.82	1.17	1.19	1.20	1.22	1.07	0.31	0.58
Recognize changes in status of the genitourinary system (e.g., changes in bladder function, catheter complications)	231	95	176	79	146	3.51	3.44	3.44	3.28	3.86	1.20	1.21	1.22	1.22	1.10	0.35	0.58
Recognize changes in status of the patient/client's quality of speech, hearing, and vision (e.g., dysarthria, pitch/tone, use of hearing aids, use of corrective lenses)	231	95	176	79	147	3.88	3.85	4.01	3.73	4.36	1.13	1.07	1.12	1.13	0.93	0.48	0.63
Recognize changes in status of the reproductive system (e.g., sexual dysfunction, menstrual dysfunction, menopause/andropause status)	231	95	176	79	146	2.88	2.66	2.80	2.56	3.19	1.38	1.25	1.35	1.24	1.26	0.31	0.63
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phonophoresis	189	102	193	87	153	2.78	2.08	2.52	2.29	2.96	1.49	1.24	1.48	1.27	1.37	0.18	0.67

Table C.3. Statements with Large Changes in Percent Importance

	Importance															% Importance	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
PT KSRs																	
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of laser light therapy	839	380	666	440	847	2.65	2.66	2.45	2.42	3.02	1.23	1.28	1.24	1.15	1.37	75	85
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of LED light therapy	839	380	666	440	848	2.47	2.52	2.35	2.30	2.93	1.21	1.25	1.22	1.08	1.36	73	83
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of shockwave therapy	838	380	665	436	844	2.24	2.31	2.28	2.20	2.80	1.15	1.21	1.19	1.14	1.38	67	79
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	839	380	666	440	846	3.68	3.62	2.59	2.48	3.35	1.16	1.19	1.28	1.20	1.38	75	88
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	838	380	665	436	849	2.40	2.34	2.31	2.14	2.78	1.27	1.29	1.22	1.18	1.48	61	74
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis	839	380	666	440	849	2.61	2.59	2.36	2.24	2.94	1.27	1.29	1.22	1.13	1.40	68	82
PTA KSR																	
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of laser light therapy	395	269	372	221	469	2.85	2.75	2.63	2.58	3.45	1.31	1.26	1.28	1.25	1.40	78	88
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of paraffin bath thermotherapy			372	221	465			2.73	2.65	3.60			1.27	1.22	1.32	82	93
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of blood-flow restriction training		269	372	221	469		2.95	2.95	2.90	3.68		1.26	1.25	1.28	1.22	83	94

	Importance															% Importance	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of LED light therapy	395	269	372	221	466	2.68	2.55	2.51	2.42	3.39	1.27	1.22	1.20	1.21	1.39	76	88
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	395	269	372	221	468	4.12	4.04	2.82	2.65	3.79	1.03	1.05	1.29	1.34	1.31	77	93
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of phonophoresis	395	269	372	221	465	2.90	2.77	2.63	2.37	3.45	1.33	1.32	1.27	1.25	1.37	71	90
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of diathermy	395	269	372	221	467	2.80	2.68	2.58	2.44	3.41	1.38	1.34	1.32	1.36	1.43	66	87

Table C.4. Statements with Large Changes in Percent Performing

	Importance															% Performing	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
PT WAs																	
Report suspected illegal or unethical acts performed by healthcare providers to the relevant authority	397	244	385	211	449	4.35	4.49	4.51	4.37	4.53	1.02	0.89	0.86	1.04	0.82	97	67
Report healthcare providers that are suspected to not perform their professional responsibilities with reasonable skill and safety to the appropriate authorities	398	246	388	211	448	4.15	4.24	4.25	4.17	4.34	1.09	1.05	0.98	1.16	0.93	96	66
Report suspected cases of abuse to the appropriate authority	398	246	388	211	449	4.49	4.49	4.46	4.41	4.60	0.89	0.89	0.89	1.00	0.80	97	71
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in iontophoresis	406	253	413	221	457	2.18	2.22	2.15	2.13	2.45	1.19	1.23	1.24	1.23	1.27	54	37
Apply and/or adjust prosthetic devices/technologies (e.g., lower-extremity and upper-extremity prostheses, microprocessor-controlled prosthetic devices)	428	261	431	231	479	3.19	3.22	3.32	3.25	3.50	1.36	1.22	1.28	1.30	1.25	71	57
Document transfer of patient/client care to another physical therapist (therapist of record)	398	246	388	211	447	3.92	3.92	3.88	3.82	4.01	1.27	1.34	1.23	1.31	1.16	94	80
Implement emergency procedures (e.g., CPR, AED, calling a code)	399	248	392	216	452	3.99	4.04	4.04	4.21	4.51	1.16	1.15	1.14	1.08	0.88	93	81
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in diathermy	404	253	409	220	451	1.65	1.78	1.71	1.77	2.05	0.98	1.17	1.12	1.19	1.23	40	27
Advocate for public access to physical therapy and other healthcare services	397	244	385	211	448	4.19	4.25	4.25	4.11	4.35	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.11	0.96	95	82

	Importance															% Performing	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in paraffin bath thermotherapy	404	253	409	220	456	2.20	2.10	2.34	2.22	2.58	1.29	1.24	1.34	1.39	1.31	47	34
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	404	253	409	220	451	1.88	1.85	1.90	1.83	2.33	1.18	1.15	1.15	1.17	1.26	43	31
Disclose financial interest in recommended products or services to the patient/client	398	246	388	211	447	3.69	3.61	3.53	3.49	3.96	1.36	1.38	1.46	1.41	1.24	80	68
Implement disaster response procedures	399	248	392	216	451	3.66	3.53	3.59	3.70	4.11	1.27	1.25	1.33	1.29	1.10	86	75
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in phonophoresis	404	253	409	220	453	1.87	1.84	1.86	1.87	2.40	1.15	1.18	1.18	1.21	1.31	41	31
Perform first aid	399	248	392	216	450	3.80	3.81	3.77	3.97	4.24	1.24	1.20	1.23	1.22	1.02	94	84
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in shockwave therapy	404	253	409	220	448	1.83	1.64	1.95	1.84	2.54	1.17	1.03	1.28	1.27	1.40	37	27
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in ultrasound procedures	404	253	409	220	452	2.33	2.25	2.21	2.21	2.19	1.31	1.31	1.25	1.32	1.20	64	54
Apply taping for edema management	433	261	438	234	496	2.47	2.22	2.58	2.45	2.83	1.18	1.11	1.20	1.13	1.23	70	60
Perform cervical spinal manipulation (thrust)	441	263	443	239	493	2.79	2.59	2.84	2.79	2.93	1.40	1.40	1.43	1.34	1.39	74	64
Perform regular equipment inspections and/or maintenance (e.g., modalities, assistive devices)	373	221	347	173	376	4.08	4.06	4.10	3.95	4.06	1.05	1.08	1.01	1.02	1.04	82	93
PTA WAS																	
Implement emergency procedures (e.g., CPR, AED, calling a code)	188	100	185	86	149	3.99	4.09	4.19	4.17	4.51	1.25	1.29	1.07	1.24	0.84	91	68

	Importance															% Performing	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
Implement disaster response procedures	188	100	185	86	148	3.70	3.90	3.82	4.00	4.31	1.30	1.28	1.27	1.35	0.98	85	63
Perform first aid	188	100	185	86	147	3.87	3.99	3.93	3.87	4.09	1.29	1.27	1.23	1.39	1.12	95	78
Report suspected illegal or unethical acts performed by healthcare providers to the relevant authority	197	80	143	63	136	4.58	4.63	4.61	4.78	4.60	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.52	0.70	95	79
Report suspected cases of abuse to the appropriate authority	197	80	143	63	135	4.65	4.65	4.66	4.79	4.63	0.67	0.77	0.71	0.52	0.66	98	83
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in iontophoresis	191	103	194	88	155	2.68	2.79	2.58	2.70	2.74	1.45	1.35	1.39	1.37	1.34	53	39
Perform tests and measures of superficial reflexes and reactions (e.g., cremasteric reflex, abdominal reflexes)	201	81	144	64	135	3.10	2.81	3.28	3.37	3.34	1.29	1.20	1.33	1.26	1.26	84	72
Report healthcare providers that are suspected to not perform their professional responsibilities with reasonable skill and safety to the appropriate authorities	197	80	143	63	133	4.37	4.51	4.31	4.56	4.41	0.94	0.84	1.01	0.65	0.87	94	81
Perform tests and measures of developmental reflexes and reactions (e.g., asymmetrical tonic neck reflex, righting reactions)	202	83	147	65	134	3.53	3.23	3.48	3.48	3.39	1.25	1.31	1.32	1.37	1.21	86	74
Perform tests and measures of upper motor neuron integrity (e.g., Babinski reflex, Hoffman sign)	201	81	144	64	134	3.29	3.07	3.19	3.25	3.32	1.23	1.21	1.31	1.31	1.23	83	71
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in ultrasound procedures	189	102	193	87	155	3.36	3.00	3.06	3.22	3.01	1.33	1.33	1.43	1.27	1.42	77	65
Perform tests and measures of sensorimotor integration	202	82	147	65	135	3.60	3.53	3.72	3.88	3.64	1.13	1.25	1.18	1.12	1.09	91	79

	Importance															% Performing	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
Perform tests and measures of deep tendon/muscle stretch reflexes (e.g., quadriceps, biceps)	201	81	144	64	136	3.53	3.38	3.53	3.67	3.50	1.16	1.29	1.25	1.24	1.16	89	78
Apply taping for neuromuscular reeducation	206	108	216	96	166	3.95	3.79	3.77	3.86	3.35	1.19	1.30	1.34	1.32	1.22	89	78
Perform tests and measures of cranial nerve integrity (e.g., facial asymmetry, oculomotor function, hearing)	215	87	163	73	140	3.31	3.25	3.39	3.25	3.37	1.20	1.06	1.24	1.23	1.24	84	73
Perform spinal mobilization (non-thrust)	209	112	217	96	167	3.33	3.29	3.38	3.41	3.35	1.36	1.38	1.29	1.28	1.35	74	63
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)	189	102	193	87	154	2.63	2.20	2.41	2.72	2.56	1.38	1.30	1.30	1.50	1.32	41	31
Apply taping for pain management	206	108	216	96	166	4.05	3.73	3.77	3.75	3.21	1.03	1.32	1.25	1.33	1.20	88	78
Perform tests and measures of spinal nerve integrity (e.g., dermatome, myotome)	215	87	163	73	140	3.52	3.53	3.61	3.53	3.55	1.18	1.08	1.19	1.21	1.20	90	81
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in hydrotherapy using contrast baths/pools	191	103	194	88	153	2.84	2.63	2.61	2.70	2.83	1.50	1.47	1.45	1.55	1.33	49	39
Perform tests and measures of body composition (e.g., percent body fat, lean muscle mass, body mass index [BMI])	225	92	170	74	144	2.73	2.60	2.84	2.31	2.60	1.27	1.15	1.21	1.16	1.22	78	69
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in gastrointestinal management (e.g., bowel strategies, positioning to avoid reflux)	220	123	235	106	173	2.57	2.76	2.68	2.78	3.02	1.25	1.39	1.31	1.17	1.30	55	65
Supervise support personnel (e.g., physical therapy aide/technician)	199	80	143	64	133	3.71	3.67	3.83	4.00	4.05	1.15	1.28	1.32	1.31	1.11	67	77

	Importance															% Performing	
	n					M					SD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in manual/mechanical airway clearance techniques (e.g., assistive devices, assistive cough, incentive spirometer, flutter valve, percussion, vibration)	220	123	235	106	172	2.88	2.92	2.73	2.61	3.15	1.35	1.50	1.39	1.34	1.32	53	65
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in mechanical repositioning for vestibular dysfunction	220	123	235	106	172	2.90	2.98	2.95	2.86	3.28	1.24	1.29	1.31	1.13	1.29	61	74
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in genitourinary management (e.g., pelvic floor exercises, bladder strategies)	220	123	235	106	173	2.68	3.17	2.75	2.90	3.19	1.25	1.37	1.33	1.24	1.27	59	77
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in techniques to maximize ventilation and perfusion (e.g., positioning, active cycle breathing, autogenic drainage, paced breathing, pursed-lip breathing)	220	123	235	106	171	3.18	3.46	2.92	3.08	3.23	1.28	1.38	1.31	1.34	1.29	61	82

Table C.5. Statements Selected for Review

	Importance														
	n					M					SD				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
PT KSRs															
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of iontophoresis	839	380	666	440	846	2.99	2.96	2.64	2.52	3.09	1.24	1.26	1.25	1.14	1.35
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	839	380	666	440	849	2.61	2.59	2.36	2.24	2.94	1.27	1.29	1.22	1.13	1.40
PTA KSR															
Lymphatic system tests/measures, including outcome measures, and their applications according to current best evidence	435	299	416	237	495	3.15	3.07	3.12	2.90	3.22	1.03	1.03	1.01	0.98	0.96
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of ultrasound modalities, excluding phonophoresis	395	269	372	221	468	3.66	3.59	3.44	3.33	3.97	1.23	1.25	1.27	1.26	1.20
Applications, indications, contraindications, and precautions of iontophoresis	395	269	372	221	464	3.25	3.10	2.86	2.76	3.53	1.28	1.28	1.26	1.26	1.33
PT WAs															
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in ultrasound procedures	404	253	409	220	452	2.33	2.25	2.21	2.21	2.19	1.31	1.31	1.25	1.32	1.20
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in iontophoresis	406	253	413	221	457	2.18	2.22	2.15	2.13	2.45	1.19	1.23	1.24	1.23	1.27
PTA WAs															
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in blood-flow restriction training		102	193	87	153		2.85	2.81	3.29	3.18		1.40	1.34	1.45	1.34

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies (e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)	200	106	208	95	158	3.16	3.34	3.17	3.21	3.23	1.48	1.57	1.46	1.52	1.41
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in postural drainage	220	123	235	106	173	2.59	2.80	2.35	2.55	2.76	1.24	1.39	1.30	1.29	1.39