



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4755.40 Physical therapist definitions.

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As used in sections 4755.40 to 4755.56 and 4755.99 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Physical therapy" means the evaluation and treatment of a person by physical measures and the use of therapeutic exercises and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing, correcting, or alleviating any disability. If performed by a person who is adequately trained, physical therapy includes all of the following:

(1) The design, fabrication, revision, education, and instruction in the use of various assistive devices including braces, splints, ambulatory or locomotion devices, wheelchairs, prosthetics, and orthotics;

(2) The administration of topical drugs that have been prescribed by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code;

(3) The establishment and modification of physical therapy programs, treatment planning, patient education and instruction, and consultative services;

(4) Physiotherapy.

Physical measures include massage, heat, cold, air, light, water, electricity, sound, and the performance of tests of neuromuscular function as an aid to such treatment.

Physical therapy does not include the medical diagnosis of a patient's disability, the use of Roentgen rays or radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, or the use of electricity for cauterization or other surgical purposes.

(B) "Physical therapist" means a person who practices or provides patient education and instruction in physical therapy and includes a physiotherapist.



(C) "Physical therapist assistant" means a person who assists in the provision of physical therapy treatments, including the provision of patient education and instruction, under the supervision of a physical therapist.

(D) "Supervision" means the availability and responsibility of the supervisor for direction of the actions of the person supervised.
