

PHARMACOLOGY IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST PRACTICE HOD P06-18-34-39 [Amended: HOD P06-04-14-14; Initial: HOD 06-89-43-89; Formerly Titled: Medications in the Provision of Physical Therapy] [Position]

Physical therapist patient and client management integrates an understanding of a patient's or client's prescription and nonprescription medication regimen with consideration of its impact on health, function, movement, and disability. It is within the physical therapist's professional scope of practice to administer and store medication to facilitate outcomes of physical therapist patient and client management.

Goals that may benefit from the concomitant use of medications include, but are not limited to:

- Reducing pain
- Reducing inflammation
- Promoting integumentary repair and/or protection
- Facilitating airway clearance and/or ventilation and respiration
- Facilitating adequate circulation and/or metabolism
- Facilitating functional movement

Explanation of Reference Numbers:

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