

# The Role of the Physical Therapist and the American Physical Therapy Association in Behavioral and Mental Health



## HOD P06-20-40-10 [Position]

The American Physical Therapy Association supports interprofessional collaboration at the organizational and individual levels to promote research, education, policy, and practice in behavioral and mental health to enhance the overall health and well-being of society consistent with APTA's vision.

Physical, behavioral, and mental health are inseparably interconnected within overall health and well-being. It is within the professional scope of physical therapist practice to screen for and address behavioral and mental health conditions in patients, clients, and populations. This includes appropriate consultation, referral, or comanagement with licensed health services providers in the prevention and management of behavioral and mental health conditions.

### **Explanation of Reference Numbers:**

HOD P00-00-00-00 stands for House of Delegates/month/year/page/vote in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

P: Position | S: Standard | G: Guideline | Y: Policy | R: Procedure

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