

Work Activities Deemed Not Critical (PTA)

<i>Work Activity Statement</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
PATIENT/CLIENT ASSESSMENT	
Tests & Measures	
Anthropometric	
Perform tests and measures of... ...body composition (e.g., percent body fat, lean muscle mass)	This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt that this activity could be performed in many settings other than rehabilitation.
Reflex Integrity	
Perform tests and measures of... ...superficial reflexes and reactions (e.g., cremasteric reflex, abdominal reflexes)	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.
INTERVENTIONS	
Therapeutic Exercise/Therapeutic Activities	
Perform and/or train patient/client/caregiver in... ...mechanical repositioning for vestibular dysfunction	This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity and that specialty training is required to perform this activity.
Manual Therapy Techniques	
Perform manual lymphatic drainage	This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity and that specialty training is required to perform this activity.
Perform instrument-assisted soft tissue mobilization	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity and that specialty training is required to perform this activity.
Perform peripheral mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity. Additionally, this activity is not allowed in some states.
Perform spinal mobilization/manipulation (thrust)	This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. Additionally, this activity is not allowed in some states.
Apply taping for... ...neuromuscular reeducation	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity and that specialty training is required to perform this activity.
...lymphatic drainage	This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.
...pain management	The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity and that specialty training is required to perform this activity.

Equipment & Devices

Apply and/or adjust...

...mechanical neuromuscular reeducation devices/technologies
(e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)

The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.

Train patient/client/caregiver in the use of...

...mechanical neuromuscular re-education devices/technologies
(e.g., weighted vests, therapeutic suits, body weight supported treadmill)

The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity. The Task Force suggested this activity be excluded because this activity is highly equipment dependent (if the equipment is not available, the work activity will not be performed).

Integumentary Repair & Protection Techniques

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

...nonselective debridement (e.g., removal of nonselective areas of devitalized tissue)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.

...selective enzymatic or autolytic debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.

...application of topical agents (e.g., cleansers, creams, moisturizers, ointments, sealants) and dressings (e.g., hydrogels, wound coverings)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.

...sharp debridement (e.g., removal of specific areas of devitalized tissue)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity and noted that some practice acts do not allow this activity to be provided by a PTA.

...hydrotherapy procedures using pulsatile lavage

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey and the agreement of the Task Force in 2012. It no longer appears on the survey.

...hydrotherapy procedures using whirlpool tanks

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey and the agreement of the Task Force in 2012. It no longer appears on the survey.

...hyperbaric therapy

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. In addition, this activity is highly equipment dependent (if the equipment is not available, the work activity will not be performed)

...negative pressure wound therapy (e.g., vacuum-assisted wound closure)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.

Therapeutic Modalities

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

...iontophoresis

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force suggested that the underlying knowledge of this activity is needed for safe entry-level practice but performing the work activity does not represent current practice, is not entry-level, and is highly equipment-dependent (if the equipment is not available, the work activity will not be performed).

phonophoresis

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this activity does not represent current practice, is not entry-level, and is highly equipment-dependent (if the equipment is not available, the work activity will not be performed).

...hydrotherapy using contrast baths/pools

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this activity does not represent current practice.

...phototherapy (laser light)

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force suggested that this activity does not represent current practice and is highly equipment-dependent (if the equipment is not available, the work activity will not be performed).

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

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force suggested that this activity does not represent current practice and is highly equipment-dependent (if the equipment is not available, the work activity will not be performed).

...ultraviolet light procedures

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey and the agreement of the Task Force in 2012. It no longer appears on the survey.

...dry heat thermotherapy (e.g., Fluidotherapy)

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

...diathermy

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

...shockwave therapy

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

...blood-flow restriction training

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.

cupping

The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.

Mechanical Modalities

Apply and/or train patient/client/caregiver in...
... intermittent pneumatic compression

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this was not an entry-level activity.

Non-procedural Interventions

Research & Evidence-Based Practice

Design and/or direct research activities

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

Participate in research activities

This activity was excluded based on the empirical decision rule of the survey responses and the agreement of the Task Force. The Task Force felt this should be excluded because this is not necessary for safe and effective entry-level practice and related knowledge will be covered by other work activities.

Participate in professional organizations

The Task Force felt this activity was not necessary for safe and effective entry-level practice.
