

TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Policy Statement: Fingertick Techniques

The Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy takes the position that performing fingertick techniques (such as glucometer readings, coumadin readings, etc.) is within the scope of practice of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed in the State of Tennessee, so long as such activities are performed and called for during the course of the practice of physical therapy as provided under Tennessee Code Annotated § 63-13-301 *et seq.*

This policy in no way abrogates the duty to refer patients to appropriate health care practitioners as set forth under Tennessee Code Annotated § 63-13-302.

The Board of Physical Therapy is adopting this policy for the protection of patients from harm, to enhance the care provided by licensees, and to provide guidance to licensees.

The Board of Physical Therapy adopted the above policy on August 20, 2010.