



Scope of Practice Resources

All physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) must comply with the laws and rules of each jurisdiction in which they practice/work. Under the PT Compact [model statute](#), the practice of physical therapy occurs in the state where the patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter. Therefore PTs and PTAs must abide by that jurisdiction’s laws and rules.

The resources below compare some high level similarities and differences in physical therapy laws and rules among the jurisdictions. The list is not exhaustive or detailed. The Physical Therapy Compact Commission does not claim that the information contained in the links below is completely up-to-date. **The ultimate source for all jurisdiction-specific regulatory information is the jurisdiction itself. It is incumbent on the compact privilege holder to seek out and comply with all laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in the state where they are providing physical therapy services.**

Topic	Resource
Supervision requirements	Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide
Supervision Ratios	Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide
Types of Aide Assistance	Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide
Referral Requirements	Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide
Dry needling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Physical Therapy Association • Kineta Core • Master Dry Needling
Direct Access	Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide

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