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DRY NEEDLING – Physical Therapy

In response to inquiries regarding dry needling, the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy convened a workgroup to conduct a thorough analysis of the physical therapy scope of practice. The workgroup consisted of several board members and a representative of APTA Alaska, with consultation from the Alaska Department of Law.

Based on the workgroup recommendations, with further review by the Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy, it has been determined that the physical therapy scope of practice description in statute 08.84.190 supports dry needling by physical therapists in the state of Alaska.

Physical therapists using dry needling:

- do not and cannot claim to practice acupuncture

Sincerely,

Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy

As adopted at the June 16, 2023 board meeting