



AK OT Scope Modernization Work Group - April 22, 2025

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 12:00 PM AKDT to Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 2:00 PM AKDT
Zoom

Meeting Details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83028654693>

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Agenda

1. Call to Order

12:00 PM

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A. Roll Call

12:05 PM

Workgroup Members

- [Victoria "Tori" Daugherty, OTR](#) - Board Member
- Kristen Neville - AOTA
- Katie Walker, OTD, OTR/L - AKOTA
- Jean Keckhut, OTR/L, CHT
- Alfred G. Bracciano, MSA, EdD, OTR/L, CPAM, FAOTA
- Kirsten Owen, OTR/L

B. Review future meeting dates

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- May 20 - 12pm - 2pm

2. Public Comment

12:10 PM

3. Purpose and Summary of Workgroup - review

12:20 PM

Presenter: Victoria Daugherty

A. OT Workgroup Objectives

1. Develop a collaborative plan to address modernization of our scope of practice between all stakeholders (including the state licensing board, AKOTA, national organizations, and licensees) to create statutory change.
2. Identify needs for change/improvement in the current draft of scope of practice language.
3. Modify the current language to address any needs that the workgroup identifies.
4. Address the role of OTAs in scope of practice language
5. Develop and updated draft of scope of practice language for future action steps for recommendation to the PHY Board.

B. Completed Topics

- Physical agent modalities
- Feeding, eating, and swallowing
- Pelvic floor and Women's health

4. Education - Statutes vs. Regulations

12:25 PM

Statutes (laws) AS 08.84

Regulations (rules) 12 AAC 54.xxx

5. Diagnostic Imaging

A. Document review to support/identify OTs role in diagnostic imaging

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- Document: Diagnostic ultrasound
- Document: The role of diagnostic ultrasound in the examination of carpal tunnel syndrome: an update and systematic review
- Document: Current and future utility of ultrasound imaging in upper extremity musculoskeletal rehabilitation: A scoping review
- Document: Imaging. MSK OT Guidebook
- Document: Imaging. Integrating musculoskeletal sonography into rehabilitation
- Document: Imaging. Clinical utilization of musculoskeletal sonography involving non physician
- Document: Exploring Occupational Therapists' Perceptions of the Usefulness of Musculoskeletal Sonography in Upper-Extremity Rehabilitation
- Funded research studies: [Musculoskeletal Sonography and Occupational Performance Laboratory \(MSOP\)](#)
- [Role of Sonographic Imaging in Occupational Therapy Practice](#)

B. Do OTs have the skill and/or educational opportunities to perform diagnostic imaging? (i.e. diagnostic ultrasound, MBSS)

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- Dysphagia Fellowship: [Dysphagia | AOTA](#)
- Example for training: [Neuro-MSK Sonography – Foundations \(Full Payment\) | American Academy of MSK Ultrasound](#)

C. Do OTs have access to education to develop a skillset for ordering imaging?

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D. Create Draft for this language

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Examples to guide/support drafting language:

- Document: Imaging. PT Model Practice Act (page 33)
- Document: Imaging. Colorado PT (page 3)
- Document: Imaging. Wisconsin PT x-rays
- Document: Imaging. PT North Dakota (page 6)
- Document: Imaging. Utah PT
- Document: Imaging. Arizona PT
- Document: Imaging. VA PT

6. Define OTA

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- Review current statutory language for OTA
- Create an initial list of statutory language needs/topics/objectives
- Create a draft for this language

Resources:

- Document: OTA model practice act (page 5)
- Document: OTA Supervision Guidelines
- Document: OTA Supervision Requirements by State per AOTA

7. Brainstorm

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Explore additional topics/concerns

8. Action Steps

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1. Diagnostic Imaging
2. Definition of OTA
3. Review scope of practice language in its entirety
4. How will we introduce this to the legislature?

9. Adjourn

2:00 PM