

PROPOSED 2026 HOD MOTIONS

If any member has comments or would like to provide their input on any of these motions please e-mail your input to Lisa Saladin, Chief Delegate, at saladinl0522@gmail.com.

1. **RC 18-26 That Interventions Performed Exclusively By Physical Therapists (HOD P06-18-31-36) be amended by adding the word “thrust” before the words spinal and peripheral joint mobilization/manipulation so that it would read:**

Physical therapists' practice responsibility includes all elements of patient and client management: examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, intervention, and outcomes. The entirety of evaluation, diagnosis, and prognosis, as well as components of examination, intervention, and outcomes, must be performed by the physical therapist exclusively due to the requirement for immediate and continuous examination, evaluation, or synthesis of information. Physical therapist assistants may be appropriately utilized in components of intervention and in collection of selected examination and outcomes data.

Selected interventions are performed exclusively by the physical therapist. Such interventions include, but are not limited to, **thrust** spinal and **thrust** peripheral joint mobilization/manipulation and dry needling, which are components of manual therapy; and sharp selective debridement, which is a component of wound management.

2. **RC 21-26 That the American Physical Therapy Association, consistent with its position [Pharmacotherapeutics and Supplements in Physical Therapist Practice](#) (HOD P07-25-71-60) and their recommendations of the Task Force on Feasibility of Expansion of Prescriptive Authority, evaluate:**

- The categories of medication and the clinical contexts of medication prescription that are appropriate and within the scope of physical therapist services.
- Suitable educational and competency-based pathways for physical therapists who seek authorization to prescribe medications.
- The regulatory and legislative pathways, including state and federal models, that may support the pursuit of prescriptive authority.
- The safeguards, ethical considerations, and ongoing competency requirements for physical

therapists necessary to ensure patient safety when prescribing medications and supplements.