

1 **Clinical Practice Guideline:** **Direction and Supervision of Physical Therapy,**
 2 **Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy**
 3 **Clinical Support Personnel**

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 5 **Date of Implementation:** **July 19, 2012**

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 7 **Product:** **Specialty**
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 10 **GUIDELINES**

11 Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and Speech-Language Pathologists must
 12 comply with all their state’s laws and state’s practice act requirements regarding the use of
 13 clinical support personnel. State practice act information is available at www.apta.org,
 14 www.aota.org, and www.asha.org.

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 16 American Specialty Health – Specialty (ASH) has evaluated the guidelines related to the
 17 direction and supervision of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy
 18 clinical support personnel and has adopted the following third-party guidelines in support
 19 of its Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Programs:
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 29 [https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/leadership-and-governance/policies/direction-](https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/leadership-and-governance/policies/direction-supervision-pta)
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 34 [https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/leadership-and-governance/policies/interventions-](https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/leadership-and-governance/policies/interventions-performed-exclusively-by-physical-therapists)
 35 [performed-exclusively-by-physical-therapists](https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/leadership-and-governance/policies/interventions-performed-exclusively-by-physical-therapists).

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 37 American Physical Therapy Association. (n.d.). Supervision and Teamwork. Retrieved
 38 January 22, 2024, from <https://www.apta.org/your-practice/supervision-teamwork>.

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