

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

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GUIDELINES

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

American Specialty Health – Specialty (ASH) has evaluated the guidelines related to the direction and supervision of Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy clinical support personnel and has adopted the following third-party guidelines in support of its Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Programs:

American Occupational Therapy Association. (2014, updated 2019) Guidelines for Supervision, Roles, and Responsibilities During the Delivery of Occupational Therapy Services. American Journal of Occupational Therapy, November/December 2014, Vol. 68, S16-S22. doi:10.5014/ajot.2014.686S03. Retrieved February 19, 2025 , from <http://ajot.aota.org/article.aspx?articleid=1934863>

American Physical Therapy Association. (2022). Direction and supervision of the physical therapist assistant (HOD P08-22-09-11) [Position]. Retrieved February 19, 2025, from <https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/leadership-and-governance/policies/direction-supervision-pta>

American Physical Therapy Association. (2018). Interventions performed exclusively by physical therapists (HOD P06-18-31-36) [Position]. Retrieved February 19, 2025, from <https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/leadership-and-governance/policies/interventions-performed-exclusively-by-physical-therapists>

American Physical Therapy Association. (n.d.). Supervision and Teamwork. Retrieved February 19, 2025, from <https://www.apta.org/your-practice/supervision-teamwork>

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (2022). Speech-Language Pathology Assistant [Scope of Practice] (SLPA). Retrieved February 19, 2025 from <https://www.asha.org/policy/slpa-scope-of-practice/>.