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P.A.M. POLICY

The WVBOT has established the following policy regarding physical agent modality use by occupational therapists. This policy is congruent with the AOTA policy statement.

1. Physical agent modalities may be used by WV licensed occupational therapy practitioners when used as an adjunct to or in preparation for purposeful activity to enhance occupational performance.
2. Registered occupational therapists and certified occupational therapy assistants shall only use modalities when the individual has received the theoretical and technical preparation necessary for safe and appropriate integration of the intervention into an occupational therapy treatment program.
3. OT practitioners shall have available information to support competency with use of physical agent modalities. This is to be available to the Board and consumers upon request.
4. Facilities are encouraged to develop and enforce policies specific to the training, initiation and discontinuation of physical agent modalities.
5. Licensed occupational therapy personnel who serve in administrative, teaching or supervisory capacities shall proactively develop the appropriate policies, training programs and staff competency as needed to promote competent, effective and efficient patient care.

