

AGENDA ITEM 6

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND PRIORITIZATION OF PRACTICE ISSUES DELEGATED BY THE BOARD TO THE COMMITTEE FOR EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS(S) TO THE BOARD.

Issues for the Practice Committee to Consider

1. Consider whether suture removal is within OT scope of practice.
2. Consider whether Advanced Practice approval in Hand Therapy is required to treat carpal tunnel syndrome, repetitive motion injuries, or finger/hand pain, wrist pain or elbow pain that is not due to trauma or surgery. (Receipt of opinion from OT with hands approval; need additional opinion from OT with background ergonomics, orthotics, or geriatrics.)
3. Review ACOTE Guidelines and consider reducing Advanced Practice education and training requirements for students graduating after a certain date (date TBD).
4. Review education and training requirements for licensees demonstrating competence in Advanced Practice areas and consideration of reducing education/training hours needed.
5. Recommendation on records retention requirement(s) for an Occupational Therapy business that closes or is sold or if the practitioner is no longer in private practice.
6. Request for guidelines for OTs educating patients on “the correct weight-bearing status precautions, maintaining movement precautions (such as posterior hip precautions), following surgeon protocols, utilizing approved abbreviations in documentation, and exercising sound clinical judgement while working with and educating patients.”
7. *Pending Board action in November*, possible discussion on, among other things, whether dry needling and wound care is within occupational therapy scope of practice and whether statutory or regulatory language is needed.