

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Received via email:

Hello. I'd like to add a public comment to the upcoming board meeting.

OTAC is moving forward with a push to credential all school-based OTs and PTs. At a recent town hall meeting, less than 100 persons attended the meeting, and many expressed their concerns about moving forward with the initiative. With more than 15,000 members in OTAC and more than 14,000 active OTs in California, what is CBOT's stance on this? Very few OTs are aware of the possible changes that may be occurring and look to CBOT for information and clarification. The process for credentialing is not clear and we deserve transparency. We also expect that more voices will be heard prior to any decisions being made and expect that OTAC and CBOT will take into consideration both sides of the issue. I appreciate your time and support for all OTs.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

Received via email:

(Board staff paraphrased)

I believe that clarification is needed on whether Advanced Practice approval in Hand Therapy (APH) is required for **non-complicated, non-surgical** patient with carpal tunnel syndrome. (Emphasis added by licensee.)

If we can have OT Board issue an official statement, that would be great. It's not just this diagnosis; there are some OTs that feel that patients with arthritis also requires APH before any OT can treat them. Same for wrist pain, finger pain, and elbow pain that is not due to trauma or surgery. There may be other diagnoses to be considered within this question.

It's my understanding that APH was required for fractures and post-surgical hand conditions. Full clarification would be beneficial. Practice should be consistent across the region and careful thought about the implications of inconsistent beliefs and practice should be discussed further.