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The Occupational Therapy Governing Board

Information and Instructions for Supervisors of Clinical Applications (SCA) Performed by Individuals Applying for a Certificate Authorizing the Use of Physical Agent Modalities (PAMs)

Important:

Before you and the applicant undertake supervised clinical applications, the applicant is required to give you and review with you a copy of Occ 305, the administrative rule governing certification for the use of physical agent modalities.

As supervisor, you must meet one of two sets of qualifications. Which set you must meet depends upon how the applicant received the required education in physical agent modalities.

If the supervision of clinical applications is integrated with the applicants PAMs education in the form of a course, workshop or training described in Occ 305.06(a), the individual providing such supervision shall be an individual who;

- (1) Is licensed in any state as an occupational therapist or physical therapist; and
- (2) Uses physical agent modalities in the course of his or her practice.

If the applicant receives professional education on-line as permitted by Occ 305.06(b) or through individualized instruction as permitted by Occ 305.06(c), or in any other setting in which the supervision of clinical applications is not integrated with the professional education required by Occ 305.05, the individual providing supervision of the applicant's clinical applications shall be:

- (1) An individual authorized by the regulatory body of another state to apply ultrasound and electrical stimulation modalities;
- (2) An individual currently licensed in New Hampshire as a physical therapist; or
- (3) An individual who is NH licensed as an occupational therapist; and meets one of the following descriptions:
 - a. Provides the supervision before September 30, 2005 and on July 3, 2003 had been trained on the job in the use of physical agent modalities and been using them for 3 consecutive years; or
 - b. Provides the supervision on any date and holds a PAM certificate.

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The applicant for a certificate authorizing the use of physical agent modalities (PAMs) is required, if not licensed in New Hampshire as a Physical Therapist or a Physical Therapy Assistant, to perform clinical applications to clients or non-clients of each of the specific modalities within the categories of ultrasound and electrical stimulation.

The applicant is required to perform these under your supervision as many times as required to demonstrate to your full satisfaction the following competencies:

- (1) An understanding of the properties and principles of each of the modalities within the categories of ultrasound and electrical stimulation;
- (2) An understanding of the rationale and indications for applying each of the modalities within the categories of ultrasound and electrical stimulation;
- (3) The correct use of the equipment for applying each of the modalities within the categories of ultrasound and electrical stimulation;
- (4) The proper positioning of the patient for applying each of the modalities within the categories of ultrasound and electrical stimulation;
- (5) An understanding of the expected physiologic response to the administration of each of the modalities within the categories of ultrasound and electrical stimulation;
- (6) An understanding of the precautions and contraindications for administering each of the modalities within the categories of ultrasound and electrical stimulation;
- (7) An ability to educate patients and their families about each of the modalities within the categories of ultrasound and electrical stimulation;
- (8) The safe and appropriate maintenance and storage of equipment and supplies for the administration of each of the modalities within the categories of ultrasound and electrical stimulation.

Upon completion of the education and/or the supervised clinical application please complete the *Report of Required Professional Education in Physical Agent Modalities* and return with the completed PAMs application to the office.