

SCPT Practice Guideline #17 Use of Instruments/Devices

Background

Within the profession, technology is rapidly changing. The implementation of technology and utilization of new equipment in practice is a professional decision.

The SCPT Regulatory Bylaws prohibit the use of instruments or devices except under specific circumstances as follows:

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26 No member shall use any instrument or device in the provision of physical therapy services unless:

- (a) the instrument or device is appropriately maintained and calibrated;
- (b) the member has successfully completed any necessary training to become familiar with the use of the instrument or device and its clinical application; and
- (c) the client is informed of the limitations of the results and the steps to be taken based on the results.

Practice Guidelines

1. It is the responsibility of the physical therapist to complete his or her own investigation regarding the efficacy and use of instruments or devices in accordance with the Regulatory Bylaws.
2. Members must ensure that the device is registered in accordance with any relevant health and safety regulations and/or Acts if they exist.