

## Chapter PT 10

### ORDERING X-RAYS

PT 10.01 Authority and purpose.

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**PT 10.01 Authority and purpose.** The rules in this chapter are adopted by the board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.08 (5) (b) and 448.56 (7) (a), Stats., and specify the qualifications a physical therapist must satisfy to order x-rays.

**Note:** See also s. 448.56 (7) (b), Stats., relating to coordination of care with the patient's primary care physician or an appropriate health care practitioner.

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**PT 10.02 Qualifications.** A physical therapist may order x-rays to be performed by qualified persons if the physical therapist satisfies one of the following qualifications:

(1) The physical therapist holds an entry level clinical doctorate or transitional clinical doctoral degree in physical therapy from a college or university that has a physical therapy program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education or a successor organization.

(2) The physical therapist has been issued a specialty certification from the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. The clinical practice hours leading to the specialty certification shall include training in the practice of ordering x-rays. A specialty certification issued by a national organization other than the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties satisfies the qualification under this subsection if the certification program meets the criteria under sub. (4) (a) to (f).

(3) The physical therapist has completed a residency or fellowship accredited by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education. The residency or fellow-

ship shall include training in the practice of ordering x-rays. Completion of a residency or fellowship accredited by a national organization other than the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education satisfies the qualification under this subsection if the residency or fellowship program meets the criteria under sub. (4) (a) to (f).

(4) The physical therapist has successfully completed a formal x-ray ordering training program meeting all of the following criteria:

(a) The program constitutes an organized program of learning which contributes directly to the professional competency of a licensee to order x-rays.

(b) The program pertains to subject matters which integrally relate to the practice of ordering x-rays.

(c) The program is conducted by individuals who have specialized education, training, or experience by reason of which the individuals should be considered qualified concerning the practice of ordering x-rays. This shall include demonstrated physician involvement in the development or presentation of the program.

(d) The program fulfills pre-established goals and objectives.

(e) The program provides proof of attendance by licensees.

(f) The program includes a final examination or other assessment of a licensee's competency to order x-rays.

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