

MARYLAND STATE REGISTRY OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Definition: A Physical Therapist is one who treats human diseases, injuries, and disabilities by means of the healing properties of massage, exercise, mechanical devices, heat, cold, light, air, and electricity.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I

Name

The Registry shall be known as the Maryland State Registry of Physical Therapists.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

- A. To register Physical Therapists who meet definite standards in education, professional training, and ethics.
- B. To serve and protect the public by:
 1. Requiring members of the Registry to practice Physical Therapy ONLY under the direction of licensed Doctors of Medicine.
 2. Informing the Medical Profession in Maryland of the existence and purposes of the Registry.
 3. Recommending the employment of Registry members by the Medical Profession.
 4. Making available to Medical Doctors and Hospitals a list of Registrants.
 5. Supplying a list of available registered Physical Therapists in response to requests for same.
 6. Supplying a list of vacancies for Physical Therapists in response to requests for same by Registrants.
 7. Fostering educational projects and promoting legislation in regard to Physical Therapy.

ARTICLE III

Registration

(Registration granted on basis of A or B or C)

- A. ESTABLISHED STANDARDS (Applicant to qualify on basis of one of the following)
 1. Be a member of the American Physiotherapy Association.
 2. Be a member of the American Registry of Physical Therapy Technicians.
 3. Be a graduate of a school of Physical Therapy approved by the Council of the American Medical Association.
 4. Be a registered Physical Therapist or Physical Therapy Technician in any other state which has established or shall establish such registering requirements by a legally constituted board, with standards approved by the Maryland State Registry of Physical Therapists.
- B. EXAMINATION QUALIFICATIONS
 1. Prerequisites:
 - a. That applicant submit evidence of graduation from High School.
 - b. That applicant shall have had sufficient training in Physical Therapy to meet the approval of the Registry Board.
 - c. That applicant shall have practiced Physical Therapy ONLY under the supervision of a licensed Medical Doctor.
 - d. That applicant present written recommendations of three (3) Medical Doctors, at least one of whom has employed the applicant. (Persons applying for examination upon graduation from a Physical Therapy course and not yet engaged in the practice of Physical Therapy need not meet prerequisites c and d.)
 2. Requisites: That applicant pass a written and practical examination in Physical Therapy given by the Examination Committee of the Maryland State Registry of Physical Therapists.

(Article III Con't)

C. RESIDENT QUALIFICATIONS That applicant:

1. Have had at least six months experience in Physical Therapy in a hospital approved by the Council of Medical Education and Hospitals of American Medical Association; and
2. Have had eight (8) years experience as a Physical Therapist in the State of Maryland having worked ONLY under the direction of a licensed Medical Doctor; and
3. Present written recommendations of three (3) Medical Doctors one of whom has employed the applicant. The above (C Resident Qualifications) applies to residents of Maryland only and is invalid one year after the formation of the Registry September 18, 1945.

ARTICLE IV

Directors

A. Directors shall consist of the EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, the ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, the REGISTRAR, the ASSISTANT REGISTRAR and the CHIEF EXAMINER who shall be elected from members of the Maryland State Registry of Physical Therapy annually and they shall compose the Registry Board.

B. Duties:

1. Executive Secretary
 - a. To act as CHAIRMAN of the REGISTRY BOARD.
 - b. To preside at all Board meetings and the Annual meeting.
 - c. To appoint with the approval of the Board a Registrant to fill any vacancy occurring on the Registry Board.
 - d. To conduct all correspondence other than that which pertains to applications for the Registry or employment.
 - e. To prepare annual report for Annual Meeting.
 - f. To appoint Nominations Committee, subject to approval of the Board.
2. Assistant Executive Secretary
 - a. To act as Executive Secretary in event of his absence.
 - b. To take minutes of Board meetings and the Annual Meeting.
 - c. To serve on the Applications Committee.
3. Registrar
 - a. To act as Chairman of the Applications Committee.
 - b. To be bonded, act as Treasurer, and be responsible for all finances of the Registry:
(All disbursements be countersigned by the Executive Secretary.)
 - c. To conduct all correspondence which pertains to applications for the Registry or employment.
 - d. Submit annual report at Annual Meeting.
 - e. To affix signature to each registration.
4. Assistant Registrar
 - a. To act as Registrar in event of his absence.
 - b. To assist Registrar in his duties.
 - c. To serve on Applications Committee.
5. Chief Examiner
 - a. To act as Chairman of the Examining Committee.
 - b. To prepare necessary examinations for each applicant and submit to board for approval.
 - c. To be responsible for conducting the examinations.
 - d. To return examinations and grades to the Applications Committee.

ARTICLE V

Registry Board and Committees

A. REGISTRY BOARD (The five Directors)

1. To act as a Committee on Procedure with powers:
 - a. To consider written suggestions, regarding Registry matters, received from Registrants.
 - b. To propose revisions and amendments to RULES and REGULATIONS at Annual Meeting.
 - c. Appoint committees not otherwise stipulated in RULES and REGULATIONS.
 - d. To arrange and conduct an annual meeting.
2. To approve unanimously or reject each applicant.
3. To approve examinations submitted by Chief Examiner.
4. To submit controversial matters to the Medical Advisory Board.
5. To act as a Committee on Ethics with powers:
 - a. To consider written charges and evidence presented against a Registrant.
 - b. To provide the accused with a copy of the charges immediately and give an opportunity to explain or defend himself in writing.
 - c. To report any violations of the Code of Ethics with the charges, the evidence, and the reply of the accused Registrant at the annual meeting.

B. COMMITTEES

1. The Applications Committee
 - a. Members shall consist of the Registrar, Assistant Registrar and the Assistant Executive Secretary.
 - b. Duties
 - (1) To revise the application form if and when necessary.
 - (2) To file with the Registrar all applications received.
 - (3) To contact prospective members.
 - (4) To submit to Examining Committee all applications received on basis of ARTICLE III - B.
 - (5) To advise the Registry Board regarding the eligibility of each applicant.
2. The Examining Committee
 - a. Members shall consist of the Chief Examiner and any person or persons qualified by the Chief Examiner and approved by the Board.
 - b. Duties
 - (1) To conduct and grade written examinations.
 - (2) To conduct and grade practical examinations.
 - (3) To file with the Registrar for permanent record, all examinations and grades.
3. The Nominating Committee
 - a. Members shall be appointed by the Executive Secretary, approved by the Board, and shall consist of:
 - (1) A member who is or has been a Director.
 - (2) A member admitted to Registry under examination.
 - (3) Any Registrant in good standing.
 - b. Duty: To present to the retiring Registry Board a nominating slate containing the name of one candidate for each office of the Registry Board.

ARTICLE VI

Annual Meeting

A. Notice of annual meeting mailed to each Registrant to include: date, time, place, proposed resolutions, amendments, and nominations slate.

B. Voting Body

1. Consists of all Registrants present.
2. Quorum for all voting shall consist of ten members, including two directors.
3. Majority shall elect

(Article VI Con't)

C. Procedure:

1. Annual report of Executive Secretary.
2. Annual report of Registrar.
3. Business, old, new, announcements, discussions of and voting on amendments or revisions to Rules and Regulations.
4. Report by the Registry Board on any violations of the Code of Ethics.
 - a. The charges and evidence against the accused are presented.
 - b. By a vote of all officers and members present (except the accused):
 - (1) The accused is suspended
or
 - (2) Registration is revoked
or
 - (3) The charge is dismissed and the accused exonerated.
(A written statement of the action by the Registry is signed by the Directors and sent to the accused.)
 - c. All correspondence remains the property of the Registry.
5. To elect three licensed, practicing Doctors of Medicine of the State of Maryland to act as a Medical Advisory Board.
6. Election of Directors:
 - a. Slate of Nominating Committee.
 - b. Nominations from the floor.

ARTICLE VII
Code of Ethics

Members of the Maryland State Registry of Physical Therapists:

- A. Must be of good moral Character.
- B. Shall practice Physical Therapy ONLY under the direction or supervision of a licensed Medical Doctor.
- C. Shall not diagnose, prognose, or prescribe treatment for a patient except when directed to do so by the licensed Medical Doctor for whom the patient is being treated.
- D. Shall not advertise. Members may use announcements in Medical Publications, or on business cards not stating fees. A statement that all work is done under the direction of a licensed Medical Doctor must be incorporated in the announcement.
- E. Shall not procure patients by means of solicitors, agents, circulars, displays or advertisements in commercial periodicals.

ARTICLE VIII
Fees

- A. Registration, one dollar (\$1.00) per annum in advance. Card of registration to be issued to registrant upon payment of annual fee.
- B. Examination, ten dollars (\$10.00), which includes the first years registration fee.

ARTICLE IX
Re-registration Upon Re-application.

ARTICLE X
Resignation

- A. Effective upon written request.
- B. Automatic for non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE XI
Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be the Authority for the Maryland State Registry of Physical Therapy on all matters not covered by the Rules and Regulations.