

Dear Member:

Please fill in survey yourself and send back to me by May 1, 1954. Thank you. -- Janet Wessel

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QUESTIONNAIRE

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SURVEY SPONSORED BY THE
MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

For the last couple of years numerous members of this Chapter have questioned the advisability of their individual membership to the Registry of the American Congress of Physical Medicine. The present questionnaire was developed to determine the prevalence of this feeling among other Chapters and their members.

The impetus behind this questionnaire at this time is as follows:

On November 2, 1953, Florence and Robert Kendall received a letter from the Registry concerning the ethics of their present practice of physical therapy in the State of Maryland. In other words, revoking their membership in the Registry under the present ethical platform as stated in the Registry's booklet on "Ethics for the Physical Therapist." The Kendalls left Children's Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, on _____ and had opened private offices in Baltimore. The Kendalls have at all times abided by the ethical conduct for good physical therapy practice as described in the Ethics of the Platform of the APTA. The Kendalls sent a letter to the Registry requesting more information concerning the action of the Registry and concerning the Ethics as described by the Registry. Please find enclosed the Kendalls letter to the Registry and also a brief summary of the Ethics for a Physical Therapist as described by the Registry.

This action by the Registry brought again to the front the questions: "Why should we be members of the Registry?" "Do we subscribe to the Ethical Platform as published by the Registry?" "Do we need to be qualified by their National Examination?" "Do we need a registry of qualified physical therapist with them?"

In summary, the present feeling of this Chapter toward the functions of the Registry and toward our own national organizations are as follows:

1. Wonderment as to how the present "Ethics for a Physical Therapist" as described by the Registry was developed and how it would be possible to carry such a platform out in a realistic way today.
2. Wouldn't we all be practicing unethically under the platform of the Registry?

THIS AM I DO BELIEVE

We Believe

that the Registry as of now has completed its historic role in fulfilling the basic needs of our growing profession and our professional organization

that the Registry was needed in 1935-1953 for a source of qualified physical therapists

that the national registry examination was needed in 1935-1953 to test students coming from many different schools and to help set minimum standards

We now believe

that as of 1954 our own professional organization should provide these needs

1. a national registry of qualified physical therapists for all interested medical groups and agencies that need this service
2. a national examination to be used in states that desire such a service and for physical therapy schools
3. an ethical platform that is binding on us
4. should represent and present our thinking in all professional aspects of our education and future practice to allied medical services and agencies that we come in contact with (standards of education, examinations, registration, ethics)

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

SURVEY OF THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE APTA

Chapter _____ Person Filling in Questionnaire _____

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP (number) _____

Directions: Under each yes and no, please write the number of members that answered yes and no. If the response was unanimous circle yes or no.

	Yes	No
1. Do your Chapter Members feel that the Registry of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation should continue keeping the Registry for Physical Therapists?	_____	_____
2. Do your Chapter Members feel that the Registry of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation should continue giving a national examination for physical therapists?	_____	_____
3. Do your Chapter Members feel that the Ethics published by the Registry of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is a realistic approach to the practice of good physical therapy in the United States today?	_____	_____
4. Do your Chapter Members feel that the Ethics published by the Registry of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation should be followed by physical therapists in the United States today?	_____	_____
5. Do your Chapter Members feel that the APTA should provide its own Registry for Physical Therapists?	_____	_____
6. Do your Chapter Members feel that the APTA should provide its own national examination?	_____	_____
7. Do your Chapter Members feel that the APTA should provide standards that govern the Ethical Conduct of Physical Therapists?	_____	_____
8. Would your Chapter favor a Resolution at the next House of Delegates Meeting, June, 1954, for the National Office of the APTA to provide a Registry service for its members?	_____	_____
9. Would your Chapter Members favor a move for not renewing their individual memberships in the Registry of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation as of 1954?	_____	_____

Reasons for:

Reasons against:

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10. Do your Chapter Members favor membership in the Registry under the present set-up?

Yes No

Reasons for:

Reasons against:

11. Do your Chapter Members favor membership in the Registry if the ethical platform is changed?

Reasons for:

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