

MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

February 23, 1954

Dear President:

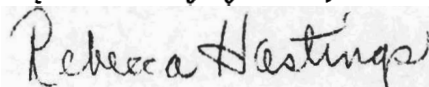
Many of us who are members of the American Physical Therapy Association and the American Registry of Physical Therapists have been concerned for some time about the apparent conflicts that exist between the ethical codes of these organizations. We would like the opinion of other physical therapists concerning these differences.

Our members voted to establish a special committee to study this problem and to present the main principles to the entire membership. The reference material and the Articles in the "codes" that we found conflicting are listed on the following enclosed sheet. Study of this material will prove helpful in answering the questionnaire.

We recognize that the American Physical Therapy Association and the Registry are two separate organizations. Each has its right to establish and maintain its own laws. We feel, however, that the American Physical Therapy Association is the only national representative organization through which we, as physical therapists, can voice our reactions to all aspects of our professional work, education, and certification.

We feel that the principles involved in this Survey are of sufficient importance to be presented to your Chapter Members. Will you discuss the attached survey questions with your membership? Please send us the results of the questionnaire no later than May 1, 1954. We wish to compile the data for presentation to the House of Delegates of the American Physical Therapy Association in June, 1954.

Respectfully yours,



Rebecca Hastings, President
Committee:

Janet A. Wessel, Chairman
Isadore Brown
Gilbert Fine
Florence Kendall
Gladys Wadsworth

PLEASE STUDY THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL BEFORE ANSWERING THE
QUESTIONNAIRE

Code of Ethics, APTA, June, 1952

Booklet of Information - section
on Principles of Ethics for
Registrant Members of the Ameri-
can Registry of Physical Therapists
1953

Annual Report of the ARPT
Archives of Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation, August, 1953

Our members are concerned about Article I and II in
the Principles of Ethics for Registrant Members of the
American Registry of Physical Therapists with particular
reference to:

Article I - sentence 5 (professional
judgment and discretion)

Article II - Section 1 (last sentence)

Section 2 (Does not this
section contradict sen-
tence 5 in Article I?)

The remaining Articles seem to be similar in wording
and content to the Code of Ethics of the American Physical
Therapy Association.

AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

CHAPTER _____

PRESIDENT _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP (TOTAL NUMBER) _____ Number of Members Present _____

Directions: Under each yes and no, please write the number of members that answered. If there are specific comments, please write on back of this sheet.

1. Do you feel that the Code of Ethics of the American Physical Therapy Association is adequate in its requirements of ethical conduct?

2. Do you feel that you are abiding by the Code of Ethics of the American Physical Therapy Association in your practice of Physical Therapy?

Do you, who are members of both the American Physical Therapy Association and the Registry, subscribe to the Principles of Ethics For Registrant Members of the American Registry of Physical Therapists?

Do you, who are members of both the American Physical Therapy Association and the Registry, feel that you are abiding by the Principles of Ethics for Registrant Members of the American Registry of Physical Therapists?

5. How many physical therapists in your Chapter belong to both the Registry and the American Physical Therapy Association?

6. How many physical therapists in your Chapter belong to the American Physical Therapy Association only?

7. How many physical therapists feel their position requires them to be members of Registry?

APTA?

Both?

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 1, 1954, TO:

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