



PHYSIOTHERAPIST ASSISTANT COMPETENCY CHECKLIST

HOW DO YOU KNOW when a physiotherapist assistant has the knowledge, skills and judgement to deliver patient care safely and successfully?

IS THERE A WAY TO MAKE SURE

the assistant can carry out the treatment to the same standard as if the physiotherapist did it themselves?

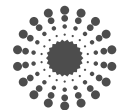
THE PHYSIOTHERAPIST MUST

	Review the roles and responsibilities with the physiotherapist assistant.	01	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REVIEW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VERIFY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEARN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATCH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRAIN
	Verify the physiotherapist assistant's knowledge.	02	
	Learn about the physiotherapist assistant's training and experience and ensure it is adequate.	03	
	Watch the physiotherapist assistant perform the assigned care.	04	
	Provide education and training to fill any gaps identified.	05	

Confirming that a physiotherapist assistant has the needed knowledge, skills and judgement is the responsibility of the physiotherapist supervising and assigning care. It should be done before any care is assigned.

If another qualified person, for example a PT co-worker or team member has evaluated the competence of the physiotherapist assistant, it is possible to rely on their judgement.

PRACTICE ADVISOR



When in doubt, go to the *Standard: Physiotherapists Working with Physiotherapist Assistants* or reach out to the Practice Advisor at practiceadvice@collegept.org or call 1-800-583-5885 ext. 241.