

The following slides are for the Board's August 29, 2011 CE presentation. Please note that only individuals who pre-registered for this session are permitted to attend.

Due to space limitations, no walk-ins will be accommodated.

**Athletic Trainers Section
Breakout Session**

Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical
Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

Agenda

- Recent Law & Rule Changes
- Frequently Asked Questions
- CEU Requirements & Audit Procedures
- Complaints & Enforcement
- Questions From The Audience Regarding The Information That Was Covered Today

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Recent Rule Changes

What's New???
Remember May 1st

A Full Text Copy Of The Laws And
Rules Can Be Obtained From The
Board's Web Site
<http://otptat.ohio.gov/>

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Reporting Requirements (4755-41-03)

A licensee shall self report to the athletic trainers section, within thirty days, any of the items outlined in paragraphs (A) to (E) of this rule. Failure to comply with this rule may be grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Section 4755.64 of the Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

- (A) Impairment by physical or mental illness, chemical use, or chemical dependency, that affects the applicant's or licensee's ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.
- (B) Conviction of a felony.
- (C) Conviction of a misdemeanor when the act that constituted the misdemeanor occurred during the practice of athletic training.
- (D) The termination, revocation, or suspension of membership by a state or national athletic training professional association or credentialing organization.
- (E) A positive drug and/or alcohol screening.

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Welcome to the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

The Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board is the regulatory body for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training in the State of Ohio. The board was established in 1977, and its responsibility was transferred from the Medical Board to the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board in 1990. The board's role is to regulate the practice of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training in Ohio and to protect the health of the citizens of Ohio through effective regulation of these three professions.

The regulation of the three professions includes: issuing and renewing the licenses of properly qualified individuals; investigating complaints against licensees; monitoring compliance with mandatory continuing education requirements and educating licensees and the consumers of the services provided by the board; and enforcing the laws and rules that govern the practice of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training in Ohio and the board's role to promote the health of the citizens of Ohio through effective regulation of these three professions.

Information

- Annual Reports
- Board Members and Staff
- Candidate
- Discipline/Enforcement
- Expired License Listings
- Fee Listings
- Laws and Rules
- License Lookup/Verification
- Mailing List Requests
- Mission Statement
- Name Change Form
- Address/Employment Change Form
- Duplicate Wallet Certificate Requests
- Directions to the Board Office
- Request Verification for Another State
- On-line License Renewal

Important News and Events

OTPTAT Board's Twitter Feed

The OTPTAT Board is now on Twitter! Twitter is a free, web-based networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read messages known as "tweets." Tweets are text-based posts of up to 140 characters displayed on the Board's Twitter webpage and delivered to subscribers (followers) via their own Twitter pages, in application, or as cellular text messages. Users can send and receive tweets via the Twitter website with no extra costs.

The Board's Twitter content will be similar to the Board's listservs and will include notices when updated content is posted to the Board's website. The Twitter feed will be used for outgoing announcements for the Board. Please do not attempt to use it to communicate directly with the Board. To access the Board's Twitter page, go to <http://twitter.com/OhioOTPTAT> or click on the blue box with the white bird in the upper right hand part of the Board's homepage.

FSPT announces Fixed Date Testing for PT NPTPE Beginning July 1, 2011

In order to address security concerns and protect the integrity of the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTPE), the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSPT) announced that it will cease continuous testing and begin fixed-date administration for ALL candidates for the NPTPE for physical therapists. This decision will not affect physical therapist assistant (PTA) graduates, since continuous testing will continue for the PTA NPTPE.

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#1 Frequently Asked Questions

- Do I need a physician's referral to provide basic, immediate care to an athlete?

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#2 Frequently Asked Questions

- Does an athletic trainer have to work under the supervision of a physical therapist in a rehab clinic?

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#3 Frequently Asked Questions

- Is a coach allowed to tape a student athlete?

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#4 Frequently Asked Questions

- If a visiting team traveling without an athletic trainer, can I treat the visiting athletes?

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#5 EpiPens and Inhalers

- Can an athletic trainer personally administer an Inhaler & EpiPen?

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Submitting Questions/Correspondence

- Specific practice related questions are directed to the AT Board.
- Questions will be addressed by AT Board members during the Board meeting.
- Email, fax, or mail your questions to the Board using "AT Correspondence" as the subject line.
- Correspondence must be received one week prior to the date of the Board meeting to be included for review at that meeting.
- AT Board will respond in writing to your correspondence within (two weeks) following the Board meeting date.
- 2011 Remaining AT Board meetings: September 8 & November 9 (subject to change)

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Correspondence-Stay Informed

After each AT Section meeting, all correspondence questions and answers are posted in the AT Meeting Minutes which can be found on the Board's website.

This feature allows you to stay current on relevant AT topics from around the State of Ohio.

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Check & Re-check! CEU Minimums/Maximums

- **Minimums:**
 - Ethics: 1 hour (AT laws & rules examination)
 - Participation in professional workshops, seminars, and/or conferences: 5 hours
- **Maximums:**
 - Presentations: 10 hours
 - Publications: 20 hours
 - Self Study: 20 hours
 - Laws & Rules Exam: 1 hour
 - Post Professional AT Education Program: 25 hours
 - Postgraduate Courses: NO limit

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How to Respond to a CE Audit

1. Receive audit notice letter in the mail, post renewal.
2. Complete enclosed tracking form with CE activity information.
3. Make sure to clearly identify your (1 hour) ethics component.
4. Fax CE tracking form and **COPIES** of all CE certificates to the Board.
5. Respond to the audit with documentation by the deadline listed in the audit notice letter.

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Complaints

- Board only accepts formal written complaints.
- Board does not accept oral or anonymous complaints due to the potential witness issue it may cause at an administrative hearing.
- Complaints typically originate from consumers, licensees, legal personnel, or other healthcare providers.
- The Board can initiate it's own complaints (re: audit issues or a licensee practicing on an expired license).

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Complaints Continued

- Complaint forms are located on the Board's website under the "Consumer" / "Enforcement" icon.

Should you file a complaint?

- As healthcare professionals, you have an ethical obligation to report any behavior you believe is unethical and/or illegal, per the AT Practice Act: Code of Ethical Conduct: 4755-41-01(D)(11).

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ATERP

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| ■ What is ATERP? | ■ Athletic Trainers Enforcement Review Panel |
| ■ Who is ATERP? | ■ Enforcement staff, AAG, & 1 (or 2) liaisons from the AT Board |
| ■ Purpose of ATERP? | ■ To review clinical components of complaints, determine violations, initiate discipline |
| ■ Why does the ATERP exist? | ■ Consumer protection |

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Roles of the ATERP Members

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| ■ Enforcement Staff (Investigators) | ■ Gather information based on initial complaint and present findings to ATERP members |
| ■ AT Liaison(s) | ■ Review clinical aspects of case, determine if a violation exists, initiate/recommend disciplinary action |
| ■ Board AAG, assigned from the Ohio Attorney General's Office | ■ Provide legal guidance and approve legal documents |

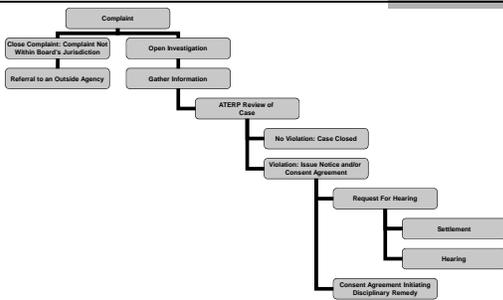
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About the ATERP AT Member

- ATERP AT liaison is elected to the position from the current AT Board members
- ATERP AT liaison is a licensed and practicing AT
- AT liaison usually serves on the ATERP for a majority of their term and is responsible for training their replacement
- ATERP AT liaison is responsible reviewing clinical components of cases and for initiating/recommending disciplinary action against a licensee at Board meetings
- ATERP AT liaison abstains from voting on actions due to case involvement

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Typical Life of a Complaint: & Case Examples



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Post Disciplinary Action

- All disciplinary actions are reported to the Department of Health and Human Services' Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank ([HIPDB](#)).
- Disciplinary actions are **PERMANENT** and are public record.
- Be Advised: Administrative actions cannot be expunged from a licensee's record.
- The final disciplinary action and copies of the accompanying disciplinary documents (Notice & CA/Adjudication Order) appear on the **Board's website** and can be accessed by anyone conducting an online license verification.

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The Bottom Line

- It's YOUR license.
- Be conscious of the decisions you make and how they affect your practice.
- Don't let the environment (company/facility/school) you work in, jeopardize the good standing of your license.
- **TAKE CARE OF YOUR LICENSE!**

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Questions from the audience about what was covered today???

- Thank you for your participation today!
- You will receive an email verifying your attendance; please retain it for your ceu records.
- The answers to the FAQ's from today are posted on the Board's web site.
- Stay tuned to the Board web site for future sessions & other useful information.

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