

## CHAPTER 10

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### **Section 1. Terms and titles.**

(a) The designations "SPT" and "SPTA" should be used for physical therapist students and physical therapist assistant students, respectively, up to the time of graduation.

(b) In order to promote consistent communication of the presentation of credentials and letter designations, the preferred order of credentials should be:

(i) PT/PTA.

(ii) Highest earned physical therapy-related degree.

(iii) Other earned academic degrees.

(iv) Specialist certification credentials in alphabetical order (specific to the American Board of physical therapy specialties).

#### **Section 2. Standards of practice for medications.**

(a) A physical therapist may purchase, store, and administer topical medications, including topical aerosol medications, as part of the practice of physical therapy, but shall not dispense or sell any of the medications to patients. A physical therapist shall comply with any protocols of the United States pharmacopoeia for storage of medications.

(b) A valid order or prescription for medication classified as a legend drug is needed before administration to a patient. Physical therapy facilities must work with a pharmacist to assist with proper protocols for storage of medications. A record of dosage form, quantity, and strength of medication administered to each patient is required in the medical record.