



School-Based Physical Therapy

Roles of PT and PTA

Physical Therapist (PT):

- Performs evaluations
- Establishes plans for care
- Makes recommendations to IEP teams

Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA):

- Works under direction of PT
- Implements treatment interventions
- Performs data collection to demonstrate patient progress

Who Receives SBPT Services?

- Any student who meets 1 or more of the 13 disability classifications under IDEA AND demonstrates a need requiring the expertise of a PT to access his/her education per an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Federal law covers students aged 3-21, which is extended to 26 under Michigan law (MMSE)

Delivery of Services

Services are delivered in a manner which supports the students Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

- Direct interventions
- Consultations with school staff
- Accommodation recommendations to IEP teams

School-Based vs. Medical Model

School-Based PT

- Assist student to achieve educational goals developed by IEP team
- Promote access to academic curriculum and participation
- Improve access to school environment

Medical Model PT

- Assist child to achieve functional intervention goals to enhance performance
- Address medical continuum of needs, including impairments and functional limitations
- Improve access to the home or community environment

Resources

APTA Educationally Relevant PT



Keep Recess in Schools



SBPT vs. APE

