

TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Position statement regarding physical therapy discharge evaluations/plans/summaries

Patients receiving physical therapy are often discharged from a facility with little or no notice to the Physical Therapy department. In those situations where a patient's discharge is outside the control of a physical therapist, a discharge evaluation cannot be performed and a formal discharge summary presents multiple logistical problems.

The physical therapy portion of the medical record is in compliance with TCA 63-13-312. (20) when it includes the following:

- patient identification
- physical therapy evaluation
- physical therapy treatment diagnosis
- plan of care including desired outcomes
- treatment record
- results of interventions
- discharge plan

A discharge evaluation/plan/summary, or evaluation is required for every physical therapy record.

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