



## A Recent History of Fixed-date Testing and Considerations for the Future

by Patricia S. Hodson, PT, DPT

For a number of years, graduates of physical therapist and physical therapist assistant programs enjoyed the convenience of continuous test dates for the licensure exam. Many graduating students chose test dates within a few weeks following commencement at test sites that were close to their residences. Continuous testing has, unfortunately, proven to be unsustainable. A series of events beginning in 2010 necessitated changes in the way candidates schedule the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). After June 30, 2011, the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) initiated fixed-date testing for the NPTE for physical therapy students in order to protect the reliability and validity of the exam. Continuous testing for the PTA NPTE was effective through February, 2012, but has now moved to fixed-date testing for all physical therapist assistant students as well. The decision to move to fixed-date testing was prompted by the discovery in 2010 of widespread cheating, specifically the sharing of test items that occurred among foreign-educated applicants from graduates of programs in the Philippines, Egypt, India, and Pakistan. FSBPT determined that questions from the NPTE were being shared on the Internet and took swift action to block access to the NPTE by graduates of programs from these countries. Initially, FSBPT restricted access in an effort to prepare a separate exam.

Foreign educated applicants, including 3 plaintiffs educated in the Philippines, and the American Association of International Healthcare Recruitment (HHIAR), brought suit against FSBPT in November 2010. A Georgia judge ruled that plaintiffs should have immediate access to the same exam

that was developed for graduates of CAPTE accredited programs. Candidates applying for licensure in Georgia were the only ones affected by the ruling; however, FSBPT moved to implement a process consistent for all jurisdictions.

FSBPT took into account many psychometric and test site capacity considerations when setting dates for 2011 and 2012. With fixed-date testing, there was no reuse of forms. Other considerations in the development of NPTE forms included the number of uncompromised items ready for use, number of items pre-tested on each form, number of items scored on each form, and number of graduates from U.S.-accredited programs. Fixed-date testing occurred

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## Actions and Reactions

*by John M. Silverstein, Board Attorney*

Most actions taken by the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners involve the implementation of policies pursuant to the powers granted to the Board by the North Carolina General Assembly. Ultimately, the Board acts and reacts through those powers to administer the practice of physical therapy in North Carolina, primarily by the adoption of rules and position statements and through disciplinary sanctions.

At times, the North Carolina General Assembly will pass laws that impose requirements on all occupational licensing boards. In the recently concluded session of the General Assembly, N.C.G.S. § 93B-15.1 was enacted to streamline the licensure process for military personnel and military spouses. The Board will be required to adopt rules addressing the manner in which the process will be expedited for eligible physical therapy practitioners.

Often the Board must react to actions taken by third parties. A recent action by a third party that required reaction by the Board was the decision by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy to restrict PT and PTA licensure examinations to a specified number of fixed testing dates. The dynamic tension created by (1) the need for tighter examination security, (2) testing dates for which a large number of seats could be reserved, and (3) graduation dates that proved inconvenient for the prompt scheduling of examination dates, resulted in an interpretation by the Board of the actual date of graduation, which is an eligibility requirement for taking the

examination, in a manner that can accommodate more prompt testing.

When rules such as the ones discussed above are violated, it is incumbent on the Board to initiate disciplinary actions to preserve the integrity of the statutory scheme of licensure. An example is the enforcement of rules adopted by the Board following the legislative grant of authority to the Board to “establish mechanisms for assessing the continuing competence of licensed physical therapists or physical therapist assistants . . .” in N.C.G.S. § 90-270.26(3a).

While it is important to ensure that the Board’s Rules are being followed, the Board also recognized that there will be a learning curve for licensees to become familiar with rules related to continuing competence, and that there would be technical violations by licensees who were making honest, good-faith efforts to comply with a new program. With the completion of the first round of audits of physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensees, it is clear that most licensees have attempted to complete the continuing competence activities in accordance with the Board’s rules. In some instances, licensees have pointed out deficiencies or inconsistencies in the rules, and the Board has addressed those issues with appropriate revisions to the rules that will be presented to the Rules Review Commission for review. A more thorough explanation of those rules can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Unfortunately, some licensees chose to either ignore the requirements for completion of Continuing Competence

Activities or failed to maintain the appropriate documentation evidencing such completion and failed to cooperate with the Board in attempting to reconstruct documentation for completed activities. Several licensees have already been disciplined, and the Board is expanding the audit process to ensure compliance with continuing competence rules.

Whether the Board is acting or reacting, it is attempting to carry out its mission to protect the public health safety and welfare of consumers of physical therapy services in North Carolina. The issues may change, but the mission never does.



## General Information: Continuing Competence Reporting Period Audits

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At the end of each reporting period, select groups and random samples of licensees will have their continuing competence documentation audited. Licensees who are selected will be notified by mail and requested to submit documentation to the Board office. If additional information is needed, licensees will be notified by email and asked to respond. Once the documentation has been reviewed, if it is complete and compliant, licensees will receive a letter with the completed audit status. Documentation that is not complete or compliant will be referred to the Investigative Committee for consideration of disciplinary action.

### Keep Contact Information Current

It is the licensee's responsibility to furnish correct contact information to the Board. Make sure your contact information is current.

Go to: [www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org), Online Services, "Change of Address" to update all home and work contact information and display options.

### Audit Notification Letters: How to Respond

Audit notification letters are sent throughout the year.

#### If you receive an audit notification:

1. By mail, you will have 30 days from the date of receipt of the letter, to submit documentation to the Board.
2. Review your Online Continuing Competence Report for the Reporting Period referred to in the letter. (First log in to online Continuing Competence Reporting and select the correct period)

3. Determine which activities you reported for license renewal.
4. Gather hard-copy documentation of the reported activities for submission to the Board office. You may send copies of the documents.
5. Organize the documents so they can be reviewed most efficiently (in order of categories on the online report). **It is not necessary to send a copy of the online report.** Documentation of Jurisprudence Exercise(s)\* and Clinical Practice hours should also be sent. (*\*If you did not print a copy of the Jurisprudence Exercise certificate at the time of completion, indicate the date you took the exercise and it will be verified at the Board office.*)

#### Don't know what to send? The Board website, [www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org):

- Continuing Competence link, "Required Documentation" to review which documents to send.

- Continuing competence link, "Forms", contains several template forms to make documentation of some continuing competence activities easier. Scroll to:
  - **Physical Therapy Licensee Clinical Practice Certification Form**
  - **Clinical Instructor Documentation** (2 documents required)
- **Verification of Clinical Affiliation Agreement Form or Certificate of Recognition for CI Participation and**
- **Verification of Clinical Instructor Hours**

#### Have questions?

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## 2013 License Renewal: Tips for Avoiding Errors

In recent years, the Board has improved and streamlined the license renewal process to accommodate nearly 10,000 licensees who must renew licenses between November and January of each year. Renewal applications and payment processes are now handled electronically, as are continuing competence reporting requirements. To ensure your license renewal is completed accurately by January 31, there are actions licensees can take to avoid time consuming

errors and prevent lapse of licensure. Website malfunctions or login errors are not considered sufficient reason for late renewal, so licensees are encouraged to renew by January 15. Once the online renewal opens in November, licensees can access the renewal 24/7.

#### Suggestions:

- make an annually recurring calendar note to renew your license by January 31.

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# Results of 2009-2010 Continuing Competence Audits

During 2011 and 2012, NCBPTE conducted audits of licensees reporting activities in the first Continuing Competence reporting period, January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. Licensees who had not completed activities in the date range of the reporting period were the first licensees selected for audit including late completion of the mandatory Jurisprudence Exercise. Those licensees were given 30 days to furnish documentation that demonstrated that they had fulfilled the continuing competence requirements. Some licensees were requested to provide additional documentation or clarify missing information. Licensees failing to comply with either the 30 day deadline or submission of complete documentation had their files reviewed by the Investigative Subcommittee of the Board to determine if disciplinary action was warranted.

In conducting these first audits, the Board was mindful that a new program was being implemented, and attempted to be flexible with licensees. Licensees were often contacted multiple times in attempt to avoid disciplinary action. While these audits were more time consuming than anticipated, most licensees audited were found to be complete and compliant with the Board continuing competence requirements. The licensees who received disciplinary action failed to take the time necessary to become familiar with the continuing competence requirements. Licensees need to take the time to read

and understand the requirements by using resources available to them online and maintain current contact information through use of the “Online Services” link on the Board website. See a summary of the audit results below.

In comparison to some recent published studies of disciplinary action trends nationally, NCBPTE audit results for the 2009-2010 reporting period are similar. During the 15 year period between 1996 and 2011 the average number of disciplinary actions per year for the NCBPTE was 8.87. Completion of the first continuing competence audits in 2011 resulted in an additional 7 disciplinary actions, making the total for 2011 15.87.

An article published in *Advance for PT and Rehab Medicine*; “See you in Court? Risk Management techniques can reduce future liabilities for physical therapy clinicians” reports a rising trend for malpractice claims against PT’s since 1990. Suggested rationale for this trend is as PT’s practice with increased autonomy and in direct access situations, differential diagnosis skills and screening become important and in direct access situations professional responsibility increases. The top five malpractice claims cited in this article were for the following: failure to supervise, injury during manipulation, improper technique, injury by hot or cold pay and injury during exercise or stretching. Risk management may include ensuring licensees maintain a continuing competence plan.

In addition to the aforementioned article, presentation of research at the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Annual Meeting in 2011 and Healthcare Provider Service Organization (HPSO – liability insurance carrier) /CNA (Insurance company) claims report national data over a 10 year period echo the trend in increased frequency and specific reasons for claim filing or licensing Board disciplinary action. FSBPT presented research of an analysis of PT licensure boards reporting disciplinary actions over a 9 year period. Sixty one categories for disciplinary action were collapsed into 9 more general “basis codes” that included: Fraud, Failure to meet licensing Board reporting requirements and Failure to comply with Continuing Education or Competency Requirements – the three most frequent reasons for NCBPTE to issue disciplinary action after audit of the continuing competence requirements. HPSO/CNA indicates licensee strategies to manage risks include: “Maintain clinical competencies specific to relevant patient population” and “Know and comply with state laws regarding scope of practice.”

As defined in 21 NCAC 48G .0105, of the continuing competence Board rules, “Continuing Competence” means the licensee’s ongoing activities to augment knowledge, skills, behaviors, and abilities related to the practice of physical therapy. When developing an individual continuing competence plan

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## A summary of the audit results:

	Licensees Renewed for 2011 in 2009-2010 Reporting Period	Of 2011 License Renewals - # Audited	Complete and Compliant	Of those audited- # Referred to Board Investigative Committee	Of those referred to Investigative Committee - # Board voted to receive Disciplinary action
Totals	8750	294 (189 PT's/105 -PTA's)	254	40	13 (4 pending)

## A Recent History *(continued from page 1)*

on September 7, October 26, and December 11, 2011. There was anticipation that some candidates would not be able to test at a first choice location and that some travel would be required. Five test dates were set for 2012 (January 30, March 29, July 2, July 31, October 23) based on capacity at Prometic Testing Centers. On June 21, 2012, FSBPT announced the 2013 PT and PTA NPTE test dates. The four dates for both the PT and PTA exams were selected to accommodate as many candidates as possible. FSBPT had three primary objectives for selection of the 2013 dates: maximizing number of graduates that can utilize the date; distributing the dates relatively evenly across the year; and allowing time between PT and PTA exams for jurisdictions to process applications. The test dates with other deadlines are included in the charts below.

In North Carolina, several academic programs with early May graduation

dates have experienced significant concerns from students who are in the final year of their program. Since North Carolina does not allow temporary licensure, students graduating in May will have to wait until July to take the NPTE. Many students are frustrated that they are unable to begin their employment and begin repaying student loans. Although some students might qualify to take the exam prior to graduation, many are completing final clinical affiliations, taking NPTE review courses, completing research requirements, and completing requirements for final semester courses.

The burden falls to program directors, who are forced to determine whether to allow student requests to take the exam prior to graduation. The dates have been variable for 2011 and 2012 and there is no ideal June 2013 test date scheduled that would satisfy many graduates for next year. Multiple stakeholders will continue to be affected by fixed-dated testing. FSBPT acknowl-

edges that fixed-date testing creates challenges, but they request “assistance . . . (from program directors and faculty) when communicating with students so they hear and understand that while the dates may not meet individual needs they are designed to meet the overall needs of the PT community and the public protection mission of FSBPT and member boards.”

Nationally, pass rates for first time test takers at PT and PTA programs have not changed significantly since the implementation of fixed-date testing. The NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners will continue to closely monitor pass rates for all programs. Program directors will also monitor student pass rates for their programs and will determine which fixed-test dates are in the best interests of their graduates.

### References:

[www.fsbpt.org/download/201202FixedDateTestingUpdate.pdf](http://www.fsbpt.org/download/201202FixedDateTestingUpdate.pdf)  
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### 2013 PT Schedule

Test Date	Registration & Payment Deadline	Jurisdiction Approval Deadline	Seats are reserved for PT candidates until:	Scores Reported to Jurisdictions
Jan 29, 2013	Dec 22, 2012	Dec 31, 2012	Jan 8, 2013	Feb 5, 2013
Apr 30, 2013	Mar 23, 2013	Apr 1, 2013	Apr 9, 2013	May 7, 2013
Jul 24, 2013	Jun 17, 2013	Jun 24, 2013	Jul 3, 2013	Jul 31, 2013
Oct 30, 2013	Sept 23, 2013	Sept 30, 2013	Oct 9, 2013	Nov 6, 2013

### 2013 PTA Schedule

Test Date	Registration & Payment Deadline	Jurisdiction Approval Deadline	Seats are reserved for PTA candidates until:	Scores Reported to Jurisdictions
Jan 8, 2013	Dec 1, 2012	Dec 10, 2012	Dec 18, 2012	Jan 15, 2013
Apr 8, 2013	Mar 1, 2013	Mar 8, 2013	Mar 18, 2013	Apr 15, 2013
Jul 10, 2013	Jun 3, 2013	Jun 10, 2013	Jun 19, 2013	Jul 17, 2013
Oct 9, 2013	Sept 2, 2013	Sept 9, 2013	Sept 18, 2013	Oct 17, 2013



# New Rules Proposed by the Board

by Ben F. Massey, Jr., PT, Executive Director

The North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners has not proposed any significant rule changes since 2008 when it enacted rules related to continuing competence. On March 11, 2010, the Board appointed a Subcommittee (Patricia S. Hodson, PT, Board Chair; Kathy O. Arney, PT, Continuing Competence Consultant; John M. Silverstein, Attorney; and Ben F. Massey, Jr., PT, Executive Director) to review the current Board's rules to ascertain which Rules were in need of modification or elimination and to make recommendations to the Board as appropriate. In addition, the Subcommittee was charged with proposing new rules that were in accordance with recent general statutes that have been adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly and also other recommendations that were brought forth by the Board, the Board's Investigative Committee, licensees, and the general public.

The Rules Subcommittee determined that several rules needed amending for the following reasons:

- Editorial changes as recommended by attorneys at the Rules Review Commission.
- Compliance with G.S. 93B-2(d) – Suspension of Authority to Expend Funds.
- Compliance with G.S. 105-249.2 to allow eligible members of the United States Armed Services to be exempt from renewal requirements.
- In response to requests by licensees for safety and security purposes, a new rule is being pro-

posed that will allow licensees to wear a name badge displaying only their first name.

- Clarification of the responsibilities of the physical therapist.
- Allow Board to utilize and recognize changes in technology such as verifying or authenticating licensees in other States /Jurisdictions electronically and receive payments for services electronically.
- Clarification of definitions.
- Clarification and modification of continuing competence requirements.
- Elimination of a category of discipline (Reprimand) that is obsolete.
- Clarification of Rules related to Prohibited Actions that could lead to Disciplinary Action.

The Rules Subcommittee met seven times over a 2-year period and made recommendations to the Board regarding twenty-five (25) rules. These recommended changes have been discussed at several Board meetings.

On June 26, 2012, the Board's Attorney and Executive Director met with an attorney for the Rules Review Commission who reviewed the proposed rules and made recommendations including numerous editorial changes to the current rules. The proposed rules were submitted to Board's Rules Consultant, who drafted the proposed rules in the format that is required by the Office of Administrative Hearings.

On September 6, 2012, the Executive Director sent a Fiscal Impact

Analysis to the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management for its review. At its Meeting on September 13, 2012, the Board adopted the final version of the proposed rules and a tentative timeline for the rules process. ***(As these Proposed Rules have practice and disciplinary implications, all licensees are strongly encouraged to go to Board's website and peruse the Proposed Rules and Tentative Timeline)***. There will be an official Comment Period for written comments to be submitted by licensees and members of the public from November 30, 2012 through January 14, 2013 and there will be a Public Hearing that is tentatively scheduled at the Board Meeting on December 6, 2012. If the rules are approved by the Rules Review Commission and there are no objections noted by a member of the General Assembly, the effective date of the proposed rules, barring any unforeseen complications, will be July 1, 2013 for rules not related to continuing compliance and January 1, 2014 for rules related to continuing competence. Please stay tuned to the Board's website for updates.

## Results of Continuing Competence Audits *(continued from page 3)*

licensees should consider activities that assess current knowledge, skills, abilities and behaviors in their current area of practice and plan learning opportunities to enhance competence in that area or an anticipated area of practice. The mandatory Jurisprudence Exercise is intended to assist licensees in knowing and complying with NC state rules and regulations related to the practice of physical therapy. Actions licensees can take to minimize risk of audit, non-compliance with continuing competence requirements for license renewal or audit or continuing competence disciplinary action are:

- knowing the Board requirements for CC written in the Board rules, which includes audit requirements,
- completing the mandatory Jurisprudence Exercise requirement in a timely manner,
- accurately assessing your professional and clinical practice and creating a plan for continuing competence activities that best meets your individual needs to augment knowledge, skills, behaviors, and abilities related to the practice of physical therapy in your chosen area of practice,
- completing and reporting activities in a timely manner,
- responding accurately and in a timely manner to an audit request,
- cooperating with the Board and honest reporting of any failure to comply.

### *References:*

- For more information about the audit process and recent Board actions related to continuing competence the online educational module titled: Continuing Competence Update: Audits, Planning and Beyond is now available through the Mountain Area Health Education Center, [www.mahec.net](http://www.mahec.net)
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- Trock, J., Scott, R. (2012). See You in Court: Risk Management Techniques can reduce future liabilities for physical therapy clinicians. *Advance for Physical Therapy and Rehab Medicine*, Vol. 23, No. 6, pg 13-14.
- [www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org), Continuing Competence link, Rules and Chart, Rules link and "Law and Board Rules"

## 2013 License Renewal Tips *(continued from page 3)*

- make a biennial calendar note, based on your assigned reporting period, to complete continuing competence activities by December 31
- Make a retrievable note of any changes made to passwords on the Board website

### *Before Renewing:*

have available for reference:

- documentation of any unreported continuing competence activities (including Jurisprudence Exercises)
- credit card information for payment (if paying electronically)
- login information
- updated contact information for work or home

### *When Renewing:*

- On the website, go to Continuing Competence Reporting and enter

continuing competence information first.

- If you are in a reporting period that ends December 31, 2012, you will be unable to access the online renewal until the online continuing competence report, including Jurisprudence, says "complete."
- if you are at the mid-point in a reporting period, you will be asked to report activities completed during that year before being allowed to access the online renewal.
- After continuing competence is entered, Go to the Online License Renewal to answer questions and enter or verify information before paying the fee.
- Answer all questions honestly and accurately

- Pay the renewal fee by credit card or mark the "by check" option. \*\*\*If you select payment by check, send payment to the Board office immediately, as payments received after January 31 cannot be processed as a timely renewal.
- Print your receipt and renewal card. Review the receipt and card for accuracy. The expiration date will be January 31 of the following year. The continuing competence reporting period noted on the card will be the period that you are in on January 1.

If you have questions, need to report a problem contact the Board office:  
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# Q&A

**Q:** *Can a physical therapist with a doctoral degree call himself/herself “Dr.”?*

**A:** The North Carolina Physical Therapy Practice Act and Board’s rules do not specifically address this question; however, a physical therapist should not mislead or misrepresent himself/herself to patients or the general public. It does not matter whether it is intentional or unintentional, it the responsibility of the physical therapist to make sure that the patient clearly understands that he/she is **not** a medical doctor. To the extent that a physical therapist can distinguish the doctoral degree in physical therapy when communicating with others, that is permitted. However, if the manner in which the DPT is currently introducing himself/herself or writing correspondence to patients or the general public is confusing, that is a problem. The DPT needs to choose his/her words carefully to clarify that he/she is **not** a medical doctor.

**Q:** *Is a PTA allowed to perform suboccipital release?*

**A:** The Board determined that it would **not** be a violation of the Practice Act or Board’s rules for a PTA to perform this procedure if it only entails placing the hand and fingers at the base of the skull (*occiput*) and gently performing manual traction; however, if the suboccipital release involves more than this technique (*such as mobilizing the spine*), then it would **not** be allowed as PTA’s are specifically prohibited from performing spinal mobilization. The Board emphasized that PTA’s who perform the suboccipital technique of gentle manual traction need to be trained and competent in this specific technique.

**Q:** *“Is Trager technique an appropriate massage technique to be teaching our PTA students?”*

**A:** The Board determined that Trager techniques that involve the spine should **not** be performed by PTA’s as they are a form of spinal mobilization. Trager techniques that involve the shoulders, hips, arms, and legs would be permitted if the PTA has advanced training and is competent to perform extremity mobilization and Trager techniques.



# North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Board Orders / Consent Orders / Other Board Actions – Dec 2011 – Nov 2012

## Shell, Michael G., PTA (Warning)

**Location:** Thomasville, NC, Davidson County  
**License #:** A-1099  
**Conduct:** Entering false documentation in a patient's record and revealing identifiable data, or information obtained in a professional capacity, without prior consent of the patient.  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective date - January 20, 2012)

## Higgins, Terry W., PT (Suspension)

**Location:** Hendersonville, NC, Henderson County  
**License #:** P-6996  
**Conduct:** Non-compliance with Alternative Program for Chemical Dependency  
**Discipline:** Suspension. (Executed - January 17, 2012)

## Pappalardo, Marc W., PT (Surrender of License)

**Location:** Raleigh, NC, Wake County  
**License #:** P-8263  
**Conduct:** Use of controlled substances to the extent that it affects professional competence.  
**Discipline:** Surrender of license. (License has not been active since August 25, 2011. Surrender executed - March 5, 2012)

## Dietzgen, Magdalena, PT, (Suspension)

**Location:** Wilmington, NC, New Hanover County  
**License #:** P-9018  
**Conduct:** Failing to perform documentation in a number of patient records in a timely manner.  
**Discipline:** Suspension for 90-days, all of which will be stayed with conditions and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed - March 8, 2012)

## Carpenter, Toni L., PTA (Revocation)

**Location:** Sylva, NC, Jackson County  
**License #:** A-3286  
**Conduct:** Entering false documentation in patient records and billing for treatment not performed.  
**Discipline:** Revocation and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed - March 8, 2012)

## Person, Dane Alexander, PT (Suspension)

**Location:** Jacksonville, NC, Onslow County  
**License #:** P-9366  
**Conduct:** Entering false documentation in several patient records and billing for treatment not performed.  
**Discipline:** Suspension for one year, all of which will be stayed with conditions and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed - March 8, 2012)

## Phillippe, Angela J., PT (Warning)

**Location:** Havelock, NC, Craven County  
**License #:** P-10411  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide appropriate supervision of support staff.  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for the cost of investigation. (Effective date - April 17, 2012)

## Eagleman, Tiffany, PTA (Warning)

**Location:** Sylva, NC, Jackson County  
**License #:** A-2769  
**Conduct:** Entering false documentation in one patient's record and billing for treatment not performed.  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for the cost of investigation. (Effective date - April 17, 2012)

## Mozingo, Amber Sanders, PTA (Suspension)

**Location:** Hertford, NC, Perquimans County  
**License #:** A-3161  
**Conduct:** Failing to document patient treatment notes and failing to complete patient treatment notes in a timely fashion.  
**Discipline:** Suspension for 1 year, of which 6 months will be active and the remaining period (6 months) will be stayed with conditions and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed - July 18, 2012, 2012)

## Jackson, Timothy William, PT (Warning)

**Location:** Whitsett, NC, Guilford County  
**License #:** P-12271  
**Conduct:** Practicing beyond the scope of practice for a physical therapist and for misrepresenting his physical therapy credentials.  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for cost of investigation. (Effective date - July 25, 2012)

## Zwieg, David L., PT, (Warning)

**Location:** Asheville, NC, Buncombe County  
**License #:** P-8482  
**Conduct:** Entering false information in a patient's physical therapy record.  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for cost of investigation. (Effective date - July 25, 2012)

## Hedrick, Jonathan Paul, PTA (Suspension)

**Location:** Lexington, NC, Davidson County  
**License #:** A-2863  
**Conduct:** Entering false documentation in patients' records, signing patient names to treatment records, and documenting and billing for treatments not performed.  
**Discipline:** Suspension for 1 year, of which 15 days will be active and the remaining will be stayed with conditions. In addition, he must reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective date - Sept 13, 2012)

## Disciplinary Actions related to Continuing Competence

### Solari, Kim, PTA (Warning)

**Location:** Harrisburg, NC, Cabarrus County  
**License #:** A- 3562  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that she had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning, complete activities, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective date - January 20, 2012)

### Hatley, Alisa H., PTA (Warning)

**Location:** Concord, NC, Cabarrus County  
**License #:** A- 2631  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that she had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning, complete activities, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective date - January 20, 2012)

### Imbrogno, Paul L., PT (Warning)

**Location:** Latrobe, PA  
**License #:** P-1729  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that he had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective date - April 17, 2012)

### Woolcock, Joy Alicia, PT (Warning)

**Location:** Concord, NC, Cabarrus County  
**License #:** P- 11285  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that she had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective date - April 17, 2012)

### Scott, Gregory C., PT (Warning)

**Location:** Burlington, NC, Alamance County  
**License #:** P-2268  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that he had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective date - April 17, 2012)

### Blount, Michele E., PT (Warning)

**Location:** Charlotte, NC, Mecklenburg County  
**License #:** P-805  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that she had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective date - Oct 18, 2012)

# Calendar of Events

*\* Dates are tentative / please confirm by contacting the Board office (800-800-8982)*

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Nov 1, 2012 (Thurs)	Postcard Notices will be mailed reminding licensees to renew. Online renewal will open.
Nov 15, 2012 (Thurs)	Investigative Committee Meeting *- (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Satisfsky and Silverstein Law Firm, Raleigh, NC, <a href="http://www.satisfskysilverstein.com">www.satisfskysilverstein.com</a> ).
Nov 30, 2012 – Jan 24, 2013	Proposed Rules Public Comment Period for written comments to be submitted to the Board's Executive Director
Dec 06, 2012 (Thurs)	Board Meeting *- (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, <a href="http://www.sienahotel.com/">http://www.sienahotel.com/</a> ). Tentative Date for Proposed Rules "Public Hearing" at 10:00 a.m.
Dec 31, 2012 (Mon)	Final date for completion of continuing competence for licensees who are in the Reporting Period ending December 31, 2012. (Licensees will have 30 days from Dec 31, 2012 to enter the documentation in the Continuing Competence Report Online before the computer program is converted to "Read-Only").
Jan 31, 2013 (Thurs)	Final Deadline for license renewal.
Feb 1, 2013 (Fri)	Lapse of licenses not renewed.
Mar 07, 2013 (Thurs)	Board Meeting *- (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, <a href="http://www.sienahotel.com/">http://www.sienahotel.com/</a> ).
June 23, 2013 (Thurs)	Board Meeting *- (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, <a href="http://www.sienahotel.com/">http://www.sienahotel.com/</a> ).
Sept 12, 2013 (Thurs)	Board Meeting *- (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, <a href="http://www.sienahotel.com/">http://www.sienahotel.com/</a> ).

## Summary of Fees

*(Effective March 1, 2007)*

Renewal (PT & PTA)	\$100.00	Licensee Directory	10.00
Revival Fee and Renewal Fee	130.00	License Card	10.00
Application Fee PT & PTA	150.00	Labels of Licensees (PT or PTA)	60.00
Exam Cost (PT & PTA)*	370.00	Certificate Replacement	30.00
Exam Retake Fee	60.00	*plus PT or PTA Application Fee	
Verification/Transfer Fee	30.00		

## 21 NCAC 48G .0112 *Costs for Continuing Competence Activities*

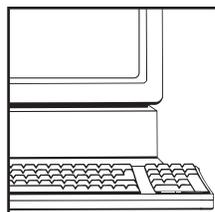
(Effective January 1, 2009)

- (a) There is no cost for approval of continuing competence activities offered by approved sponsors.
- (b) For a non-Approved provider seeking approval of a continuing competence activity offered to licensees in this State, the cost is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per activity.
- (c) For a licensee seeking approval of a continuing competence activity that is not offered by an approved sponsor, the cost is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

## N.C. Licensure Statistics

*(As of September 10, 2012)*

	Licensed	Reside	Work
PTs	6,779	5,775	5,368
PTAs	3,026	2,692	2,406



## 21 NCAC 48F .0105 CHANGE OF NAME AND ADDRESS REQUIRED

Each licensee must notify the Board within 30 days of a change of name or work or home address. [History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.27; Eff. August 1, 2002.]

Addresses can be changed by the licensee on the Licensure Board's web page ([www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org)) or by letter, fax (919-490-5106), or call the Board's office at 919-490-6393 or 800-800-8982.