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**Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board**

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Physical therapists who hold the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree, whether it is an entry-level degree or a transitional DPT, may use the title “Doctor” in the clinical setting. Likewise, physical therapists who have academic credentials, such as Ph.D., Ed.D., etc., when the degree was earned from an appropriately accredited educational institution, may also use the title “Doctor” in the clinical setting.

Whenever a physical therapist uses the title “Doctor”, it is good practice for the therapist to make certain that other health professionals and the public know that the individual is a physical therapist. For example, in introductions, the therapist might say “my name is Dr. Doe, Physical Therapist.” When a signature is required, the appropriate sequence for credentials is the therapist’s name, followed by the regulatory designation (PT), followed by the degree. For example, an ID badge might read “Jane Doe, PT, DPT.” A physical therapist who does not hold a doctoral degree as described above may not use the title “Doctor.”

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