



## **Announcement of the Physical Therapy Council Regarding the Competence of Physical Therapists**

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To act in accordance with Section 7 (1) and (2) of the Practice of Physical Therapy Act B.E. 2547 (2004), which prescribes the objectives of the Physical Therapy Council to promote education, research, and the professional practice of physical therapy, as well as to regulate, supervise, and establish standards for physical therapy services, the Council hereby determines the minimum competencies required for the professional practice of physical therapists for the purpose of effective human resource management. The Council, therefore, issues this announcement as follows:

Clause 1, The competencies required of physical therapists shall consist of the following:

Professional knowledge and skills

- 1.1 Professionalism
- 1.2 Scholarship and lifelong learning
- 1.3 Leadership

Clause 2, “Professional knowledge and skills” shall mean the ability to conduct examinations, establish diagnoses and prognoses, plan, manage, and evaluate physical therapy interventions to achieve therapeutic objectives aimed at correcting physical impairments resulting from disease or abnormal movement. This includes the prevention, correction, and rehabilitation of physical deterioration and disability, as well as the promotion of physical and mental well-being. Such practice shall be based on critical thinking, systematic problem-solving combined with evidence-based approach to support sound decision-making, appropriate patient management, and effective communication.

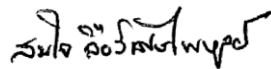
Clause 3, “Professionalism” shall mean practicing the profession with dedication and pride, upholding virtue, morality, professional ethics, and respecting values, beliefs, and human dignity. It includes flexibility and adaptability to dynamic social and cultural conditions, taking responsibility for the outcomes of one’s practice, and ensuring that no actions pose risks to the safety of patients or related parties.

Clause 4, “Scholarship and lifelong learning” shall mean having a strong desire for knowledge, continuously learning and improving oneself, and effectively transferring knowledge to others. It includes the ability to access data and information, critically evaluate such data, and apply it correctly and creatively in professional practice.

Clause 5, “Leadership” shall mean the ability to work effectively within a team, acting as a leader or a follower as appropriate to the situation. It includes listening to and providing opportunities for colleagues and related individuals to fully demonstrate their competencies, thereby achieving set goals while maintaining good relationships.

This announcement is hereby made for acknowledgment and compliance by all concerned.

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