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## Top 10 Things A Physical Therapist Should Know

1. It's against the law to practice on an expired license and practicing after a license expires may interfere with insurance reimbursements.
2. A physical therapist can only supervise a total of three assistive personnel, regardless if the individuals are PTAs, aides, massage therapists, students, or athletic trainers.
3. A physical therapist assistant (PTA) requires "responsible direction and supervision" while a physical therapy aide needs "direct supervision" by a licensed physical therapist.
4. When providing physical therapy services, physical therapists are also responsible and accountable for the billing.
5. Any person who supervises a physical therapist shall report to the Colorado Physical Therapy Licensure when a physical therapist is dismissed because of incompetence in physical therapy or failure to comply with the physical therapy practice act.
6. Grade 5 joint mobilizations, needle EMG, and IMS require a level of competence to perform such procedures.
7. A sexual or intimate relationship with a patient is inappropriate while a patient-physical therapist relationship exists.
8. A physical therapist cannot receive, offer, or give commissions, rebates, or other forms of remuneration for the referral of clients.
9. A physical therapist must notify the Colorado Physical Therapy Licensure of any malpractice judgment or settlement of malpractice claims within ninety (90) days of the judgment or settlement.
10. A physical therapist cannot be an employee of a physician owned physical therapy clinic.