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9 practice questions for Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) DCLAW , each with its answer key and an explanation. Answer a question before you read its key — the explanation is worth more once you have committed.

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QUESTION 1

SINGLE CHOICE

Which credential must an applicant for physical therapy licensure in the District of Columbia hold from an accredited program?

- ☐ A Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree
- ☐ B Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) degree
- ☐ C Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy
- ☒ D Any of the above, provided the program was accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education

ANSWER D

WHY The DC Physical Therapy Practice Act permits applicants who have graduated from a professional physical therapy education program accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to apply for licensure, regardless of whether the degree awarded is a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree.

QUESTION 2

SINGLE CHOICE

To obtain initial licensure as a physical therapist in the District of Columbia, an applicant must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) administered by:

- ☐ A The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
- ☒ B The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)
- ☐ C The DC Department of Health
- ☐ D The National Board for Certification in Physical Therapy

ANSWER B

WHY The NPTE is developed and administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) and is required for initial licensure in the District of Columbia, as established by the DC Board of Physical Therapy.

QUESTION 3

SINGLE CHOICE

Under the DC Physical Therapy Practice Act, which statement about the role of a physical therapist assistant (PTA) is correct?

- ☐ A The PTA may perform an initial evaluation and establish a plan of care independently
- ☒ B The PTA may provide selected physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist
- ☐ C The PTA may delegate additional interventions to unlicensed personnel without oversight
- ☐ D The PTA is authorized to discharge a patient from physical therapy services

ANSWER B

WHY PTAs in the District of Columbia work under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist and may assist with selected interventions. Initial evaluation, plan of care development, discharge decisions, and delegation of interventions are responsibilities reserved for the licensed physical therapist.

QUESTION 4

SINGLE CHOICE

A physical therapist in the District of Columbia is treating a minor child whose parent refuses consent for a treatment that the therapist judges clinically necessary. What is the therapist's ethical and legal obligation?

- ☐ A Proceed with treatment without consent if the therapist believes it is necessary
- ☒ B Obtain informed consent from the parent or legal guardian before proceeding, except in an emergency
- ☐ C Refer the case to another provider without discussion
- ☐ D Wait until the patient turns 18 to obtain consent

ANSWER B

WHY Informed consent for a minor must be obtained from the parent or legal guardian before non-emergency treatment. The therapist must respect the parent's decision while advocating for the patient and discussing the clinical implications of refusal.

QUESTION 5

SINGLE CHOICE

If a licensed physical therapist is selected for a continuing competency audit by the DC Board of Physical Therapy, the licensee must:

- ☐ A Resubmit proof of passing the NPTE
- ☒ B Provide documentation of completed continuing competency activities as required by the Board
- ☐ C Pay an additional licensure tax
- ☐ D Complete a new supervised clinical internship

ANSWER B

WHY When audited, licensees must provide documentation of completed continuing competency activities as required by the Board's rules. Retaking the NPTE, paying additional taxes, and completing new clinical internships are not part of the continuing competency audit process.

QUESTION 6

SINGLE CHOICE

A physical therapist in the District of Columbia reasonably suspects that a patient has been the victim of elder abuse. What action is required by law?

- ☐ A Report the suspicion to the DC Board of Physical Therapy only
- ☒ B Report the suspicion to the appropriate District of Columbia authorities, such as Adult Protective Services
- ☐ C Document the suspicion in the patient's chart and take no further action
- ☐ D Inform the suspected perpetrator and document the conversation

ANSWER B

WHY DC law requires certain professionals, including physical therapists, to report suspected elder abuse to the appropriate authorities, such as Adult Protective Services. Reporting only to the Board, documenting without reporting, or informing the suspected perpetrator would not satisfy the legal duty.

QUESTION 7

SINGLE CHOICE

If a physical therapist licensed in the District of Columbia fails to renew the license by the expiration date and does not place the license on inactive status, the licensee is considered to be:

- ☐ A Practicing under a temporary courtesy license
- ☒ B Practicing under an expired license, which is unauthorized practice and grounds for disciplinary action
- ☐ C Authorized to continue practicing until the next renewal cycle
- ☐ D Required only to pay a late fee without additional consequences

ANSWER B

WHY Practicing with an expired license in the District of Columbia constitutes unauthorized practice and is grounds for disciplinary action by the Board. The therapist must timely renew or formally place the license on inactive status to remain in compliance.

QUESTION 8

SINGLE CHOICE

For purposes of meeting the DC Physical Therapy Practice Act continuing competency requirements, a licensee is most likely to have activities accepted when they are:

- ☐ A Self-studies that were not documented
- ☒ B Activities approved by a recognized continuing education provider and documented with certificates or transcripts
- ☐ C Informal case discussions with colleagues without any record
- ☐ D Activities provided only by manufacturers of durable medical equipment

ANSWER B

WHY The DC Board generally accepts continuing competency activities that are approved through recognized providers and that can be documented through certificates, transcripts, or other records. Undocumented self-study, unrecorded case discussions, and manufacturer-only programming are less likely to be accepted on audit.

QUESTION 9

SINGLE CHOICE

Under the DC Physical Therapy Practice Act, which task may a licensed physical therapist (PT) appropriately delegate to a physical therapist assistant (PTA) who is working under the general supervision of the PT?

- ☐ A Perform an initial evaluation of a new patient referred for physical therapy services.
- ☐ B Modify an established plan of care based on new clinical findings noted by the PTA.
- ☒ C Carry out a documented therapeutic exercise program that has been established in the patient's plan of care.
- ☐ D Discharge a patient from physical therapy services once treatment goals have been met.

ANSWER C

WHY PTAs may perform selected interventions under the direction and supervision of a PT, but they may not perform the initial evaluation, alter the plan of care, or make the discharge decision. Carrying out a previously established therapeutic exercise program is an appropriate delegated task.