Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
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Ted Strickland
Executive Director
Jeffrey M. Rosa

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Dear [redacted]:

This letter is in response to your correspondence regarding whether dry needling is permitted under the Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act.

It is the position of the Physical Therapy Section that nothing in the Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act prohibits a physical therapist from performing dry needling. Performance of trigger point therapy is consistent with the knowledge and skills of licensed physical therapists. As with any specialized procedure, the physical therapist must demonstrate competency in the modality.

The Section thanks you for your correspondence. Please visit the Board's website (www.otptat.ohio.gov) to review the Physical Therapy Practice Act, newsletters, and other information. Should have any additional questions, please contact the Board at (614) 466-3774 or via e-mail at board@otptat.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,
The Physical Therapy Section

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