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Jeff Lewandowski, P.T.  
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Cumming, GA 30041

Dear Mr. Lewandowski:

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy has received and reviewed your correspondence regarding dry needling.

The Board is precluded from offering legal advice, opinions, or interpretations of the Georgia Laws and Rules. You may wish to seek legal counsel for opinions and interpretations of the laws and rules. However, it does not appear that this practice is prohibited by statute.

The official laws and rules can be found on our web site at [www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/pt](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/pt). You may wish to reference laws and rules on the following topics:

- **Definition of the scope of practice of physical therapy, physical therapist, physical therapist/therapy assistant, and physical therapy aide** - O.C.G.A. § 43-33-3. All practice must meet the prevailing minimum standards of care. One such prevailing standard of care is the American Physical Therapy Association guide to Physical Therapy practice.
- **Patient referrals** - See Board rule 490-9-.02(3)(b)
- **Code of conduct for licensed physical therapists and physical therapist/therapy assistants** - Board rules 490-9-.02 and 490-9-.03
- **Remuneration for services** - Board Rules 490-9-01 & 490-9-.02. However, the Board does not have regulatory authority concerning reimbursement, billing and business practices.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Board office at (478) 207-1686.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Anita O. Martin in cursive script.

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy