

State of New Mexico
Regulation and Licensing Department

Physical Therapy Board

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March 21, 2000

The New Mexico Physical Therapy Board met on March 16, 2000. After review of the documentation regarding your training in dry needling for triggerpoint therapy, the Board decided to close this case because there was no evidence presented of any violation of the New Mexico Physical Therapy Act. The PT Act does not prohibit dry needling.

Reference Section 61-12D-3, Paragraph 1, Number 2 under practice of physical therapy means: alleviating impairments and functional limitations by designing, implementing and modifying therapeutic interventions that include therapeutic exercise; functional training in self-care and community or work reintegration; manual therapy techniques, including soft tissue and joint mobilization and manipulation; therapeutic massage; assistive and adaptive devices and equipment; bronchopulmonary hygiene; debridement and wound care; physical agents; mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and patient-related instruction.

The Board will not be taking any action on this complaint unless the complainant requests the complaint be reopened. Please contact the Board office at (505) 476-7083 if you have any questions regarding the Board's decision.

Sincerely,



J.J. Walker
Administrator

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Roberta Joe, Assistant Attorney General *JL*

Enclosures: Original Documentation Regarding Training
E-Mail Received by the Board Office in Reference Dry Needling