

ONCOLOGY SECTION, APTA

PROFESSIONAL FACT SHEET GUIDELINES

1. Limit to five pages for Professional Fact Sheets
2. Provide brief background information about the topic
3. Write for professionals
4. Provide evidence for recommendations
5. Provide current references
6. May include additional reading list if space permits
7. Outline Guidelines for Professional Fact Sheets (outline may be modified based on topic)
 - a. Topic
 - i. What is the topic?
 - ii. What is the definition?
 - iii. What is the description?
 - b. Risk factors
 - c. Signs and symptoms
 - d. Precautions
 - e. Tests and measures (include evidence of reliability and validity of tools)
 - f. Physical therapy diagnosis
 - g. Physical therapy goals
 - h. Physical therapy interventions
 - i. Education
 - j. References
 - k. Additional resources and/or links to resources
8. All Fact Sheets for Professionals should include the following:
 - a. **Getting in touch with a physical therapist:**

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) offers a “**Find A PT**” database at www.apta.org Or follow the link to this database by visiting APTA’s Oncology Section **public resources** page at <http://www.oncologypt.org>
 - b. **Who are physical therapists?**

Physical therapists are experts in movement and function, especially when movement involves changes in “normal” movement patterns. Physical therapists are licensed by the state in which they practice, and most hold

masters or doctoral degrees. Physical therapists are dedicated to promoting health and wellness of all Americans through preventing functional decline and the development of certain conditions. To learn more about physical therapy and physical therapists, please visit the American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA's) Web site at www.apta.org

c. **Disclaimer**

This (write name of fact sheet) fact sheet is a public service from APTA and the Oncology Section of the APTA. It is not intended to be a comprehensive overview of this subject. *(please put this statement in italics)*

- d. Name of Author, credentials, and submission date (date will be changed to approval date after Fact Sheet is reviewed and approved for publication on the Web Site by the Board of the Oncology Section)