

Application of Physical Agents/Modalities and Procedures by a Physiatrist

The physiatrist, by virtue of education, training and experience, has, in addition to general medical knowledge, unique and specific expertise relative to anatomy, biophysics, biomechanics, physiology and ergonomics.

The physiatrist is trained to treat a wide variety of conditions that includes, but is not limited to, cardiopulmonary, musculoskeletal and neurologic illnesses and injuries through the application of physical agents/modalities and procedures, including functional exercise and other medical interventions.

The scope of physiatric practice includes treatment by prescription to be carried out by the appropriate certified physical or occupational therapist. Further, the physiatrist may treat the patient directly or prescribe treatment to be given by a physician extender under his or her supervision.

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