



## Medical Screening for the PT/PTA Team

Enhancing Patient Safety  
and Care Quality

### Course Description

This course will explore the PT and PTA team's role within an interdependent and collaborative medical model. Inherent in the responsibilities associated with this role is the ability to recognize clinical manifestations that suggest that PT and PTA communication is needed regarding a patient's health status. Professional communication between the PT and PTA, and with the patient/family member will also be a central theme.

### Learning Objectives

1. Compare and contrast the PT and PTA team's and physicians' roles and responsibilities associated with the medical screening process.
2. Evaluate patient findings and decide whether communication between the PT and PTA is warranted regarding a patient's health status.
3. Identify symptoms and signs, which warrant urgent communication between the PT and PTA.
4. Employ strategies to facilitate professional communication and interactions between PT and PTA team and ultimately between the PT and physician, including when, how and what to communicate regarding medical screening issues.

#### Credit:

**AHEC:** This program is approved for 0.6 CEU's (6 clock hours) by Pee Dee AHEC and meets SC AHEC Best Practice standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program and complete an evaluation in order to receive a certificate of attendance. No partial credit will be given.

**Physical Therapists/Assistants:** 6.0 contact hours of continuing education for .6 CEUs has been approved by SC APTA. CEUL # 163792, approved until 10/31/2026.

**Saturday,  
November 15, 2025  
8:30am-4:00pm**

**Horry Georgetown  
Technical College  
Grand Strand  
3501 Pampas, Drive  
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**Target Audience:  
Physical  
Therapists, PTAs**

**Fee: No Charge**

#### Instructor:

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William is Professor-Emeritus University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Orthopedics. He holds multiple adjunct DPT Program faculty positions and is a self-employed clinician and consultant. Dr. Boissonnault has presented nationally and internationally, and has multiple publications on primary care, direct access, medical screening and diagnostic imaging. He recently completed the 4th edition of the textbook titled; "Primary Care for the Physical Therapist, Examination and Triage." He currently serves as APTA WI's Practice Committee co-chair and Leadership Development Committee co-chair, and serves on APTA SC's Legislative Committee.



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