



Ethics and Jurisprudence for SC Physical Therapists: Practical Applications for Everyday Practice

October 15, 2026

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Pelham Medical Center Gibbs Cancer Center - 2759 SC-14, Greer, SC

Program Description: Is it a rule? Is it a law? Is it a policy? Or Is it just the right thing to do? Physical therapist in today's complex healthcare environment are faced with frequent challenges in discerning how to navigate the tangled web of Federal Regulations, State Laws, Commercial Insurance Payer Policies and Facility Policies all while trying to do what is right for the patient. In this course we will break down the difference between State law and Federal laws. We will distinguish the difference in supervisory rules for different settings and different payers. We will delineate how SC State Law differs from payer regulations. We will discuss what professionalism means in physical therapy and how to navigate professionalism issues with staff. We will learn a process for evaluating ethical and legal dilemmas. We will use case studies to apply the information to realistic cases so that participants can see how to apply this information to daily practice.

Target Audience: Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants

At the conclusion of this program, each participant will be able to:

- Articulate 5 key laws and regulations that govern healthcare practice for physical therapists in South Carolina
- Articulate documentation requirements for all SC physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.
- Define the key principles of ethics.
- Analyze an ethical case study and develop a resolution plan
- Distinguish between legal and ethical issues presented in case studies
- Define professionalism.
- Articulate a resolution plan for a professionalism challenge
- Perform a self assessment and develop a personal action plan for improvement.

Program Fee: \$15 (To Cover Dinner Cost)

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Program Instructor: Robbie Leonard, PT, DPT, CHC has over 35 years of clinical and administrative experience in rehabilitation. She has provided continuing education seminars nationwide in the area of Medicare, compliance, billing and coding, administration and neurological rehabilitation. She has taught in the academic setting at the Medical University of South Carolina and Western Carolina University. Robbie has owned a private practice and has served as the VP of Administration for a multi-state private practice with over 250 employees and 35 clinics. Dr. Leonard is certified in Healthcare Compliance by the National Compliance Certification Board. Robbie owns Robbie Leonard Consulting and is the co-founder and Senior Consultant for 8150 Advisors.

Level: BASIC

Instructional Method: Lecture

Focus Area of Course: Ethics, Jurisprudence, Professionalism

Continuing Education Credit:

Physical Therapy: In Process

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