



PHYSICAL THERAPY ADVOCACY

WHAT IS ADVOCACY?

In Physical Therapy (PT), advocacy is the active practice of supporting, educating, and empowering patients and the profession itself to ensure access to high-quality care, protect rights, and improve health outcomes and professional advancement.

WHY AND HOW?

Why?

Advocacy is crucial in physical therapy because it improves patient outcomes, builds patient trust, expands access to care, empowers patients to take control of their health, and strengthens the profession by influencing policies that shape healthcare delivery

How?

The [APTA website](#) has a page all about advocacy and how to apply and use your voice for things that are important to you!

SOME THINGS YOU CAN ADVOCATE FOR!

1

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Advocacy

#FixMedicareNow

This act to bring light to meaningful reforms to the medicare physicaion fee schedules to imporve payment and provide stabilityfor practices.

2

Telehealth Advocacy

As telehealth has shown to be more effective in treating patients/expanding care access, since 2020, its important to advocate that it continues to expand care and permit Pt's and PTA's to treat patients in this manner.

3

Education and Workforce Advocacy

PT is now recognized as an essential health care service, but we are still often excluded from state and federal programs that would keep individuals from pursuing careers in the field through student loan debt relief, etc.



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