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STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

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Questions

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1. What could be an outcome of improper billing practices in physical therapy?

A. Improved operational efficiency

B. Enhanced patient trust and retention

C. Legal action and loss of practice license

D. Increased business revenue

2. Can physical therapists in Ohio prescribe medication?

A. Yes, they can prescribe medication

B. No, they cannot prescribe medication

C. Only if in a hospital setting

D. Yes, with a physician's approval

3. What document must a physical therapist complete for every patient they treat?

A. Initial assessment report

B. Patient satisfaction survey

C. Plan of care document

D. Referral letter

4. What does practicing without a referral mean in physical therapy?

A. A physical therapist works without any medical oversight

B. A physical therapist evaluates and treats a patient without a prescription or referral

C. A physical therapist only provides services outside their scope of practice

D. A physical therapist consults with a PCP before providing any treatment

5. Can a physical therapist in Ohio treat a patient without a referral?

A. No, a referral is always required

B. Yes, under certain conditions

C. Yes, but only for specific conditions

D. No, only assistants can do so

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6. What is the purpose of the Code of Ethical Conduct for licensees?

A. To ensure competitive practices among licensees

B. To regulate the financial management of PT services

C. To mandate continuing education requirements

D. To report entities compromising the licensee's responsibilities

7. Are physical therapists in Ohio permitted to treat patients without a referral?

A. No, they must always have a referral

B. Yes, they have direct access but must evaluate for a referral based on conditions

C. Only if the patient has been treated before

D. Yes, but only in emergencies

8. What will happen if there is a failure to respond to or acknowledge receipt of an audit notice?

A. A warning will be issued

B. A fine

C. Disciplinary action

D. Mandatory course retake

9. Which of the following is NOT a responsibility of the Physical Therapy Section?

A. Keeping a record of proceedings

B. Depositing all fees collected

C. Direct involvement in patient care

D. Keeping a register of applicants

10. Who may supervise unlicensed personnel?

A. Only a licensed Physical Therapist

B. PT/A or SPT/A supervised in accordance with laws and rules

C. No supervision is required

D. Only other unlicensed personnel

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Answers

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1. C
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. B
6. D
7. B
8. C
9. C
10. B

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Explanations

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1. What could be an outcome of improper billing practices in physical therapy?

A. Improved operational efficiency

B. Enhanced patient trust and retention

C. Legal action and loss of practice license

D. Increased business revenue

Improper billing practices in physical therapy can lead to serious consequences, one of which is legal action and loss of practice license. Such practices might include fraudulent billing, upcoding, or submitting claims for services not rendered. These actions can violate laws, including the False Claims Act and regulations set forth by state boards and insurance companies. Consequently, if a physical therapist is found guilty of such violations, they may face legal repercussions, including fines and lawsuits, which can severely impact their professional reputation and lead to the loss of their license to practice. This loss further disrupts patient care and undermines the integrity of the health care system.

2. Can physical therapists in Ohio prescribe medication?

A. Yes, they can prescribe medication

B. No, they cannot prescribe medication

C. Only if in a hospital setting

D. Yes, with a physician's approval

In Ohio, physical therapists are not authorized to prescribe medication. The scope of practice for physical therapists is defined by state law, and it specifically includes the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunction but does not extend to the authorization of medication prescriptions. This limitation is in place because prescribing medications is typically reserved for professionals who have the requisite training and authority, such as physicians, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants. While physical therapists may work closely with interdisciplinary teams and may recommend or provide information on over-the-counter medications, they cannot legally prescribe any medications as part of their treatment regime. Understanding this distinction is crucial for practicing physical therapy within legal and ethical boundaries, ensuring patient safety and compliance with state regulations.

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3. What document must a physical therapist complete for every patient they treat?

A. Initial assessment report

B. Patient satisfaction survey

C. Plan of care document

D. Referral letter

The correct answer is the plan of care document. This document is a critical component of physical therapy practice, as it outlines the goals and treatment strategies tailored specifically for each patient based on their assessment and individual needs. The plan of care serves multiple purposes: it sets a clear direction for treatment, establishes measurable goals, and ensures continuity of care throughout the therapy process. Additionally, the plan of care must be signed by the physical therapist and may require input from a physician or appropriate healthcare professional, depending on state regulations. This document not only guides the therapist's interventions but also provides a framework for evaluating the patient's progress toward their rehabilitation goals. It is essential for documentation, communication with other healthcare providers, and meeting regulatory and billing requirements. Other options, while relevant in their own right, do not fulfill the same foundational role in patient treatment. The initial assessment report is important for evaluating a patient when they first present for therapy, but it is the plan of care that governs the ongoing treatment. Patient satisfaction surveys can provide feedback on the effectiveness of treatment but are not required for every patient. Referral letters may be necessary for initiating care from other providers, but they are not a standard requirement for the ongoing treatment of each individual patient.

4. What does practicing without a referral mean in physical therapy?

A. A physical therapist works without any medical oversight

B. A physical therapist evaluates and treats a patient without a prescription or referral

C. A physical therapist only provides services outside their scope of practice

D. A physical therapist consults with a PCP before providing any treatment

Practicing without a referral means that a physical therapist is evaluating and treating a patient without a prescription or referral from a medical professional. This option is correct because it indicates that the physical therapist is working independently and is confident in their ability to assess and treat the patient without the need for a referral. Option A is incorrect because it suggests that the physical therapist is not under any medical oversight, which is not necessarily true. Option C is also incorrect because it implies that the physical therapist is only providing services that are beyond their scope of practice, which is not the case for practicing without a referral. Option D is incorrect because it suggests that the physical therapist is consulting with a primary care physician before providing any treatment, which may not always be necessary for practicing without a referral.

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5. Can a physical therapist in Ohio treat a patient without a referral?

A. No, a referral is always required

B. Yes, under certain conditions

C. Yes, but only for specific conditions

D. No, only assistants can do so

A physical therapist in Ohio can indeed treat a patient without a referral under specific conditions. This is permitted due to regulations that recognize the ability of physical therapists to evaluate and manage certain conditions directly, especially when the therapist is qualified and has the necessary training. The law in Ohio allows for direct access to physical therapy services, meaning that patients can seek treatment without a referral from a physician or other healthcare provider, provided that the physical therapist meets certain criteria. This includes having a valid license, being in good standing with the licensing board, and operating within the scope of their practice. However, if the patient's condition does not improve following a designated period of initial treatment, the physical therapist must then refer the patient to another healthcare provider for further evaluation. Understanding these regulations empowers physical therapists to be proactive in patient care and reduces barriers to accessing therapy services when appropriate.

6. What is the purpose of the Code of Ethical Conduct for licensees?

A. To ensure competitive practices among licensees

B. To regulate the financial management of PT services

C. To mandate continuing education requirements

D. To report entities compromising the licensee's responsibilities

The purpose of the Code of Ethical Conduct for licensees is to guide and regulate the behavior and actions of licensees to uphold ethical and professional standards. Option A is incorrect because the Code of Ethical Conduct is not meant to promote competition among licensees, but rather to promote fair and ethical practices. Option B is incorrect because the Code of Ethical Conduct focuses on ethical behavior, not financial management. Option C is incorrect because while continuing education may be required, it is not the primary purpose of the Code of Ethical Conduct. Therefore, the correct answer is option D as it addresses the main purpose of the Code of Ethical Conduct - to report any breaches or violations of ethical responsibilities by other entities.

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7. Are physical therapists in Ohio permitted to treat patients without a referral?

A. No, they must always have a referral

B. Yes, they have direct access but must evaluate for a referral based on conditions

C. Only if the patient has been treated before

D. Yes, but only in emergencies

Physical therapists in Ohio do have direct access to patients, which means they can evaluate and treat individuals without requiring a referral from a physician. However, this ability comes with the stipulation that if a physical therapist determines that the patient's condition requires further medical evaluation or intervention that is beyond their scope of practice, they must refer the patient to a physician or other appropriate healthcare provider. This ensures that patients receive comprehensive care and that any serious underlying conditions are identified and managed appropriately. The direct access provision is designed to make physical therapy services more accessible, allowing for quicker interventions and potentially improving outcomes for patients. Nevertheless, therapists must assess each patient's condition carefully and recognize when a referral is warranted. This framework encourages collaboration with other healthcare professionals while promoting patient autonomy and access to necessary care. In contrast, the other options do not accurately reflect the regulations surrounding direct access in Ohio. While some may suggest restrictions based on previous treatment or emergency conditions, the existing guidelines allow for evaluation and treatment without a prior referral, provided that the physical therapist adheres to the standard of care by evaluating the patient's needs responsibly.

8. What will happen if there is a failure to respond to or acknowledge receipt of an audit notice?

A. A warning will be issued

B. A fine

C. Disciplinary action

D. Mandatory course retake

If there is no response or acknowledgement of an audit notice, disciplinary action may be taken as the individual is not complying with the required process. A warning may not be issued as the individual has already failed to comply. A fine or mandatory course retake may also not be issued as it does not address the failure to properly respond to the audit notice. Therefore, C is the best option as it directly addresses the failure to respond to or acknowledge receipt of an audit notice.

9. Which of the following is NOT a responsibility of the Physical Therapy Section?

A. Keeping a record of proceedings

B. Depositing all fees collected

C. Direct involvement in patient care

D. Keeping a register of applicants

The Physical Therapy Section is responsible for keeping records of the proceedings, depositing all fees collected, and maintaining a register of applicants. However, direct involvement in patient care is not a responsibility of this section. This responsibility falls under the role of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The Physical Therapy Section oversees the regulation and promotion of the profession, such as setting standards for education and practice, issuing licenses, and handling consumer complaints.

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10. Who may supervise unlicensed personnel?

A. Only a licensed Physical Therapist

B. PT/A or SPT/A supervised in accordance with laws and rules

C. No supervision is required

D. Only other unlicensed personnel

Unlicensed personnel may be supervised by a PT/A or SPT/A in accordance with laws and rules. Option A is incorrect because it states that only a licensed Physical Therapist may supervise, which is not true. Option C is incorrect because supervision is required for unlicensed personnel. Option D is incorrect because only licensed personnel are able to supervise others.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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