

# Office of Physical Therapy Licensure

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## News Update 2008

### \*Online Registration Services\*

The Division of Registrations continues to encourage usage of the Registrations Online Services.

After a simple registration process, you may now:

- **Renew** your license using a credit card as soon as your license becomes eligible for renewal
- **Update** your mailing address and contact information
- **Check** the status of a pending application

The [DLS Registration Online system](#) makes it easier for all licensed professionals to renew and update their mailing information. For detailed instructions on how to use the online system please go to this website:

<http://www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/FAQs.htm>

### New law in 2007 affecting your license renewal regarding lawful presence in the USA

Effective January 1, 2007, according to state law, only persons lawfully present in the United States can be issued a license. All applicants requesting original licensure, renewal of an active license, or reinstatement of a lapsed license must provide documented proof of lawful presence in the U.S. You must complete and sign the [Affidavit of Eligibility Form](#). No license can or will be issued without this form.

***The good news is that you can complete this form online when you use Registrations Online Services!***

You must possess at least one secure and verifiable document and include information about that document on the Affidavit itself (or provide the information during online renewal). The list of secure and verifiable documents is available to you when you renew online. We also have a web page where you can read the law, look at the Affidavit, and see the list of acceptable documents.

Visit this website: [www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/Affidavit.htm](http://www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/Affidavit.htm)

### New Program Director – Cindy Klyn

We are pleased to announce that **Cindy Klyn** is the new program director for the **Allied Health** programs. Cindy has been with the Division since 2002, serving as the Enforcement Program Manager for the Board of Medical Examiners. Prior to that, she worked at the Office of the Colorado Attorney General, the Colorado Civil Rights Division, and the State Personnel Board. Cindy comes highly recommended by the Colorado Medical Board and brings a wealth of Division knowledge and experience to the position.

### Self Report

When you receive a felony conviction or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a felony, the information needs to be reported to this office. Include a copy of the court documents along with your license information. If your physical therapy license is disciplined in another state, you need to self-report to this office. Include a copy of the disciplinary document along with your licensure information in Colorado.

All documents should be sent to: Physical Therapy Licensure, 1560 Broadway Suite 1350, Denver, CO 80202



# Legislation

## House Bill 07-1126 Leads to Two New Rules

The passage of [HB 07 1126](#) provided an authority for physical therapists to perform physical therapy on animals. The first authority to perform physical therapy on animals was issued to Martha Pease on February 25, 2008.

- *Rule 10 – Requirements for Physical Therapists to Perform Physical Therapy on Animals* provides the education and clinical requirements to obtain this authority. The [application](#) is available on our [website](#). The authority appears on the physical therapy license and in the [Automated Licensure Information System Online \(ALISON\)](#).
- *Rule 11 – Requirements for Physical Therapists to Perform Dry Needling* outlines the education required to perform dry needling. Because dry needling does not appear as an authority on the physical therapy license, proof of dry needling education does **not** need to be submitted to this office. Therefore, it is necessary to maintain a record of this education in your files.

Neither physical therapy on animals nor dry needling is an entry-level skill. Both require additional specialized education. For more information on the requirements for physical therapy on animals and dry needling, review the [Rules and Regulations](#) on our website.

## Corporate Practice

Section 12-41-124, C.R.S. of the [Physical Therapy Practice Act](#) covers more than just the requirements for the formation of a physical therapy business. It also includes where a physical therapist can be employed, contract requirements, insurance requirements for physical therapy businesses, and shareholders requirements.

# Complaints and Discipline

Between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2008, 55 new complaints were filed against physical therapists in Colorado. This is up from the 42 complaints filed between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2006.

The allegations filed against physical therapists include substandard care, practicing without a license, poor supervision of unlicensed personnel, excess treatment, sexual misconduct, felony conviction, failure to make essential entries, violations of the Corporate Practice Act, substance abuse, patient injury, false advertising, falsifying patient records, patient abandonment and insurance fraud. A total of 35 complaints were dismissed.

The following individuals were disciplined:

| Registrant's Name       | Date                 | Conduct   | Disciplinary Sanction            |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Tory Aggeler            | 08/16/07             | Unlicensed practice   | Cease and Desist                 |
| Joshua Archuleta        | 02/12/07             | Unlicensed practice   | Injunction                       |
| Raymond Armelino        | 05/14/08             | Sexual misconduct   | Voluntary Surrender              |
| John Battelli           | 01/29/07             | Unlicensed practice   | Injunction                       |
| Antonio Carter          | 11/08/06             | Unlicensed practice   | Cease and Desist                 |
| Peter Emerson           | 09/12/07<br>12/10/07 | Substandard care and failure to make essential entries in patient records | Probation<br>Voluntary Surrender |
| Matt Hammel             | 12/13/06             | Unlicensed practice   | Cease and Desist                 |
| Kristine Marsh          | 07/31/06             | Unlicensed practice   | Cease and Desist                 |
| Julie Ornelas           | 05/08/08             | Substandard care and failure to make essential entries in patient records | Probation                        |
| Vijayakumar Palaniswamy | 04/11/08             | Sexual misconduct   | Revocation                       |
| William Pugh            | 04/10/08             | Unlicensed practice   | Letter of Admonition             |

# Complaints and Discipline *(continued)*

| Registrant's Name  | Date     | Conduct   | Disciplinary Sanction           |
|--------------------|----------|---|---------------------------------|
| Michael Ricks      | 04/24/07 | Unlicensed practice   | Cease and Desist                |
| Jim Robertson, Jr. | 09/13/07 | Failure to make essential entries in patient records  | Stipulated Letter of Admonition |
| Kristin Schwarck   | 08/30/06 | Substandard care  | Letter of Admonition            |
| Steven Stalzer     | 02/27/07 | Failed to properly supervise unlicensed person and make essential entries in patient records                    | Letter of Admonition            |
| Marilyn Waples     | 01/02/08 | Unlicensed practice   | Letter of Admonition            |
| Alicia Wright      | 06/08/07 | Falsified entries in patient records and patient abandonment  | Probation                       |
| Chang Goo Yoon     | 08/15/07 | Substandard care, excessive treatment, insurance fraud and failure to make essential entries in patient records | Voluntary Surrender             |

\* To view disciplinary documents dating from January 1, 1999 to the present, please visit Registrations Online Documents (ROD) at [www.dora.state.co.us/doraimages](http://www.dora.state.co.us/doraimages)

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DORA is dedicated to preserving the integrity of the marketplace and is committed to promoting a fair and competitive business environment in Colorado. Consumer protection is our mission.



## Name and Address Changes

### Update Your Mailing Address

It is imperative that all licensees and registrants keep their mailing address updated with the Office of Physical Therapy Licensure.

The office mails renewal information to the licensee and registrant at the last address furnished to the Office of Physical Therapy Licensure.

Failure to receive such a renewal notice does not relieve the licensee or registrant of the obligation to submit a timely renewal.

You may update your mailing address at <https://www.doradls.state.co.us/>

*Thank you.*

