SCPT Practice Resource
Reports

<u>Standards of Practice for Physical Therapists and Practice Resources</u>
Along with the implementation of the Standards of Practice document (as of September 1, 2022), Practice Guidelines are being transitioned to Practice Resources. Practice Resources are educational documents for physical therapists when considering broader topics that may involve multiple standards or regulations.

As part of the transition, Practice Guidelines will be renamed Practice Resources until they can be incorporated into new revamped Practice Resources.

The Physical Therapists Act and SCPT Bylaws, which includes the Ethical Code, and the Standards of Practice document are the approved documents for physical therapy practice in Saskatchewan providing the foundation for which practitioners are governed within the regulatory environment.

<u>Background</u>
Reporting a client's needs and response to treatment is ongoing throughout the physical therapy intervention. Reports must be timely and contain accurate and objective information about a client's assessment, treatment plan, intervention strategy and discharge plan.

<u>The SCPT Code of Ethical Conduct provides</u>:

<u>A. Responsibilities to the Client</u>

10. Respect the confidentiality, privacy, and security of client information in all forms of communication.

11. Use electronic communication and social media and other forms of digital technology professionally and respectfully, conforming to confidentiality guidelines.

<u>Practice Resource</u>

The physical therapist:

(1) Ensures written and verbal reports are clear and unambiguous, and explains physical therapy terms when necessary;

(2) Ensures written and verbal reports respect the client's dignity and ethno-cultural individuality;

(3) Bases recommendations and conclusions on an objective analysis of client response;

(4) Protects confidentiality of client information in all personal communication and/or physical therapy reports;

(5) Ensures final discharge recommendations and conclusions respond to original findings, referral questions and appropriate issues; and

(6) Ensures the client and/or family is:

a) informed about all personal financial costs associated with the report;

b) informed about the purpose and content of interim and final reports; and

c) given the opportunity to ask questions