



## Meet Your Board Chair

Tony Ganim is the current Chair of the Joint OTPTAT Board. He is a licensed Physical Therapist, and this is his third year on the Board.

*I have been a licensed PT since 2002 and have worked in outpatient orthopedics and sports therapy in both health systems and private practice. Over the past 13 years I have worked in various leadership roles within Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center and currently serve as the director for MSK rehabilitation.*

What led you to apply for the Board?

*Two years ago I was asked if I had an interest in serving on the Board. It was not an opportunity I had really considered too much prior to that since I was unaware of how people were selected to serve. Once presented with the idea I was excited by the chance; a decision I have not regretted as I enter my last year of what I hope is my first of three terms.*

What is your favorite part of Board service?

*There have been so many things I have enjoyed about the experience of serving on the Board, including; learning how the rules and laws impact different aspects and settings of rehabilitation, getting to know the people that I have the honor of serving with, and working with a team that helps shape the way in which rehabilitation is delivered in our state.*

Do you have any advice for Board license holders?

*I have 2 thoughts on this question. First, check out a Board meeting every now and then. That way you can gain an appreciation of how decisions are made and what issues are presented to the Board. Second, PLEASE don't try to do things the easy way when a little more effort will save you a lot of strife down the road. From my experience on the Enforcement Committee in the PT section so many issues come to us because someone had tried to take a short cut, ignore their own ethics in a moment of weakness, or compound issues going on in their personal lives by making poor decisions in their professional life. These issues do eventually catch up with you.*

## Telehealth Guidance

The Board has received a great number of inquiries related to telehealth. COVID-19 has presented many challenges to the way professionals across all settings of health care perform their work. It has certainly sped up the use of telehealth in unprecedented ways.

Here is information from the Board with regard to telehealth. Please note that the Board cannot interpret the policies of billing agents.

Telehealth is permitted under all practice acts for occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic trainers, orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics. Additionally, the professional sections offer the following advice:

## Occupational Therapy

It is the position of the Ohio Occupational Therapy Section that an occupational therapy practitioner is required to hold a valid, current license in the State of Ohio to serve any clients residing in Ohio. Therefore,

out of state occupational therapy personnel must hold a valid Ohio license to treat clients in Ohio via telehealth.

A client's appropriateness to be treated via telehealth should be determined on a case-by-case basis, with selections based on occupational therapist judgment, client preference, technology availability, risks and benefits, and professional standards of care. An OT is responsible for all aspects of occupational therapy care provided to a client and should determine and document the technology used in the provision of occupational therapy. Additionally, the OT is responsible for ensuring the technological proficiency of those involved in the client's care.

Given that in the telehealth clinical setting the client and therapist are not in the same location and may not have established a prior in-person

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In support of Governor DeWine's initiative to control the spread of COVID-19, our office staff is now working remotely. If you call our office hours between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., please leave a message and a staff member will call you back as soon as possible. We strongly encourage you to email us at [Board@otptat.ohio.gov](mailto:Board@otptat.ohio.gov) for a quicker response. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time.



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## Schedule of upcoming OTPTAT Board meetings:

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SECTION MEETING

NOVEMBER 12 9:00 AM

+1 614-721-2972 United States, Columbus (Toll) Conference ID: 373 028 724#

### ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS AND PEDORTHICS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 18 2:00 PM

+1 614-721-2972 United States, Columbus (Toll) Conference ID: 714 476 260#

### PHYSICAL THERAPY SECTION MEETING

NOVEMBER 19 9:00 AM

+1 614-721-2972 United States, Columbus (Toll) Conference ID: 846 799 41#

### ATHLETIC TRAINERS SECTION MEETING

NOVEMBER 20 8:00 AM

+1 614-721-2972 United States, Columbus (Toll) Conference ID: 677 403 757

*Meetings are held virtually via Microsoft Teams*

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relationship, it is critical, at least initially, that the identities of the physical therapy providers and client be verified, as well as informed consent be obtained.

The Section recommends that you contact the occupational therapy board in any state where the client resides to explore the requirements for practicing via telehealth in that state. In addition, the Section recommends that you review the American Occupational Therapy Association's Position Paper: Telerehabilitation (AOTA, 2018) for additional guidance on occupational therapy practice via telehealth.

### ***Physical Therapy***

It is the position of the Physical Therapy section that the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must be licensed in the state in which the patient is located at the time of the physical therapy evaluation and treatment for the provision of telehealth services. In addition, as with all practice settings, a physical therapy evaluation and the establishment of a physical therapy plan of care is required, including when the physical therapy service is provided via telehealth.

A client's appropriateness to be treated via telehealth should be determined on a case-by-case basis, with selections based on physical therapist judgment, client preference, technology availability, risks and benefits, and professional standards of care. A PT is responsible for all aspects of physical therapy care provided to a client and should determine and document the technology used in the provision of physical therapy. Additionally, the PT is responsible for ensuring the technological proficiency of those involved in the client's care.

Given that in the telehealth clinical setting the client and therapist are not in the same location and may not have established a prior in-person relationship, it is critical, at least initially, that the identities of the physical therapy providers and client be verified, as well as informed consent be obtained.

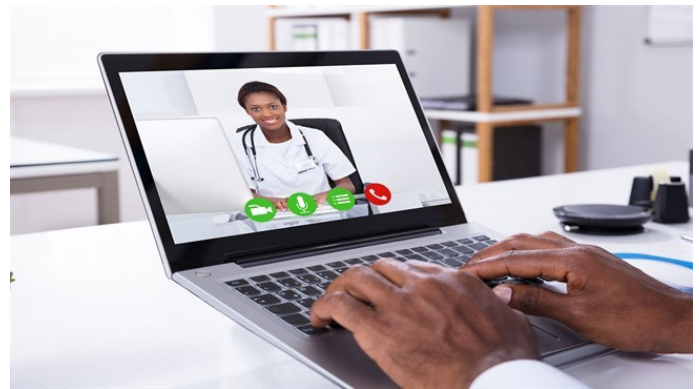
### ***Athletic Training***

It is the position of the Ohio Athletic Trainers Section that an athletic trainer is required to hold a valid, current license in the State of Ohio to serve any person residing in Ohio. Therefore, out of state athletic training personnel must hold a valid Ohio license to treat clients in Ohio via telehealth.

The Section recommends that you contact the appropriate licensing board in any state where the client resides to explore the requirements for practicing athletic training via telehealth in that state. The Section also recommends that any athletic trainer who is providing telehealth services follow all established laws and rules related to non-telehealth athletic training such as consent, scope of practice, standard operating procedures, ethics, documentation, standard of care and referrals.

### ***Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics***

[ABC Statement on Telehealth in Orthotics & Prosthetics and FAQs](#)



## **OTA and AT renewals due December 1; PTA, LP, LP, LPO, LPed renewals start November 1 through January 31, 2021**

The OTPTAT Board appreciates your timely attention to the renewal of your license, as required by law. Please log into the Ohio eLicense Center at [https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh\\_communitieslogin](https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh_communitieslogin) to renew your license. Preferred browser is Google Chrome. If you need assistance logging in, please contact (855) 405-5514 Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. You do not need to submit your continuing education certificates during your renewal, but please retain them in case you are selected for audit. First time renewals do not have to complete continuing education.

For **PTAs**: Renewals open on November 1 and the deadline is January 31, 2021. You must have completed twelve hours of Ohio approved continuing education between February 1, 2019-January 31, 2021. You can check to be sure your continuing education is Ohio approved by visiting the Ohio Physical Therapy Association website at <https://www.ohiopt.org/page/ContinuingEducation>. Additionally, the Board is pleased to announce that the jurisprudence assessment module is now available. Please go to <https://www.fsbpt.org/Our-Services/Jurisprudence-Assessment-Module-JAM-Services/Ohio> for more information and to take the JAM. The cost of the JAM is only \$48 and it counts for two continuing education hours. Note: the JAM is optional for this PTA renewal but will be required starting for the 2023 renewal.

For **OPP** licenses: Renewals open on November 1 and the deadline is January 31, 2021. You must have completed the following number of hours of continuing education between February 1, 2019-January 31, 2021:

- **Orthotist** – 25 hours
- **Prosthetist** – 25 hours
- **Prosthetist-Orthotist** – 35 hours
- **Pedorthist** – 18 hours

For **OTAs** and **ATs**: Recent legislation, House Bill 197, has extended the deadline for expiration of all licenses issued by the state of Ohio until December 1, 2020. As a result, the expiration date for all **OTA** and **AT** licenses has been adjusted to December 1, 2020 in the Ohio eLicense system. The deadline for completion of your required continuing education (CE) is unchanged. If you renew your license without completing your CE, you are out of compliance. If you are audited, you will have to submit an explanation which will be considered by the Board, and you may be subject to discipline. If you believe you qualify for a waiver due to hardship, you may do so by logging into eLicense Ohio and choosing the option to request a CE waiver on your license record.

If you do not wish to renew your license, no further action is required from you at this time. However, you will continue to receive renewal reminders since your expiration date is approaching. Simply ignore these reminders if you do NOT wish to renew. If you have any questions, please contact us at [Board@otptat.ohio.gov](mailto:Board@otptat.ohio.gov).

**Formal Board Actions Taken by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
and Athletic Trainers Board**

September 2020

Mary Tocarchick

PTA000881

**Sanction:** Voluntary surrender/simultaneous revocation.

**Basis for Action:** Tocarchick provided three (3) contact hours of continuing education completion within the reporting period of February 1, 2017, to January 31, 2019.

**Board Action Date:** 9/17/2020

Robert Young

PTA004027

**Sanction:** Voluntary surrender/simultaneous revocation.

**Basis for Action:** Young provided zero (0) contact hours of continuing education completion within the reporting period of February 1, 2017, to January 31, 2019.

**Board Action Date:** 9/17/2020

Kyle Loudenslagel

PTA009413

**Sanction:** Loudenslagel shall pay a \$500.00 fine which shall be paid within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this agreement; Loudenslagel shall submit twelve (12) hours of Ohio approved continuing education credits earned between February 1, 2017 and January 31, 2019 in which verification of completion must be submitted to the Enforcement Division of the board no later than 30 days upon ratification of this agreement; Loudenslagel shall be audited for continuing education completion for the 2021 renewal cycle; Loudenslagel to provide a copy of the Consent Agreement to any current and future employers during agreement term.

**Basis for Action:** On January 30, 2020, Loudenslagel was selected for a continuing education audit. Loudenslagel failed to respond to the audit notice letter by the July 17, 2020 deadline.

**Board Action Date:** 9/17/2020

Vicki Glatz

PTA000804

**Sanction:** Glaze shall pay a \$50.00 fine which shall be paid within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this agreement; shall complete one (1) contact hour of Ohio approved continuing education credit within thirty (30) days of the consent agreement effective date; Glaze shall be audited for continuing education completion for the 2021 renewal cycle; Glaze shall develop a personal action plan to ensure future compliance with the continuing education requirements submitting said plan within 45 days of the consent agreement effective date; provide a copy of the Consent Agreement to any current and future employers during agreement term.

**Basis for Action:** Glatz provided eleven (11) contact hours of continuing education completion within the reporting period of February 1, 2017, to January 31, 2019 .

**Board Action Date:** 9/17/2020