

APTA ETHICS AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

CHARGE

With respect to ethical matters the committee shall:

- a. Interpret the APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession
- b. Propose revisions of APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession
- c. Make revisions, as necessary, to the documents that interpret the Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession and disseminate these documents for the management of judicial affairs.
- d. Review and comment on matters pertaining to ethics in existing and proposed Association policies and positions adopted by the House and Board and other initiatives or activities of the Association.
- e. Publish opinions and other materials that address current and emerging ethical situations.
- f. Promote activities for the dissemination of information and educational materials related to Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession and interpretive documents.
- g. Collaborate with and be a resource to component ethics committees or liaisons.
- h. Review and make recommendations to the APTA Board of Directors on a new [Disciplinary Action Procedural Document](#) by November 1, 2025 for implementation for the APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession.

With respect to judicial matters the committee shall:

- a. Consult with the Board on development of Association policy adopted by the Board related to disciplinary action as a result of ethical complaints.
- b. Process reported violations of relevant provisions of APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession in accordance with Association policy adopted by the Board.
- c. Make final decisions in disciplinary proceedings against a member, subject to appeal to the Board by the member.
- d. Publish sanctions against members who are determined to have engaged in unethical conduct.

Additional duties:

- Review and adjudicate complaints filed to the APTA's ethics programs consistent with the [Disciplinary Action Procedural Document](#) and report on number, classification and decisions determined on an annual basis.
- Actively promote activities for the dissemination the APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession.
- Promote activities for the dissemination of information and educational materials related to integration of best practice of ethical behaviors within clinical practice.
- Review and recommend revisions to the [Disciplinary Action Procedural Document](#).
- Advise the APTA Board of Directors on proposed and existing Association policies and positions as requested. Coordinate and collaborate with other APTA appointed groups and stakeholders, when doing so can further the work of the committee.
- Submit an annual report to the Board of Directors.

All APTA appointed groups shall conduct their work to support APTA's Mission, Vision, Strategic Plan, and APTA adopted policies and positions. All appointees shall agree to the APTA Volunteer Commitment.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTEES

Shall be:

- A Physical Therapist member in good standing.

In order to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety, an EJC member shall not serve concurrently as a component president or on a component committee charged with processing judicial complaints in that component

MEETINGS

This committee holds one annual funded in-person meeting and meets virtually on a monthly basis, as needed.

SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP

The group shall consist of one APTA Board chair who is a physical therapist member, selected annually by the APTA President, and a minimum of six additional Physical Therapist members.

TERMS OF APPOINTEES

With the exception of the Board chair, committee members shall serve three-year terms and shall not serve consecutive terms for appointments beginning in 2026 or thereafter. APTA members shall not serve on more than one board-appointed group at a time with the exception of APTA Board members.

Proviso: Members of the EJC appointed prior to 2025 shall complete their terms as appointed originally with one of these members rotating off in each of the following years: 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029. One additional member will be appointed annually in 2026 and 2027, and 2028 (all with three year terms); and beginning in 2029, the annual number of appointments over a three year span will be two (2029), two (2030), and one (2031) with this cycle continuing in successive years (all with three year terms).