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National Physical Therapy Month highlights the evolution of our profession and the significant impact we have in sustaining health and preventing disability.

Advanced Training

The significant change in the physical therapy profession is advanced education. The American Physical Therapy Association is raising standards. As a result, universities are offering transitional DPT degree programs for practicing therapists. The DPT degree is required for advanced practice roles.

Direct Access

The advent of Direct Access to physical therapy demonstrates the advancement of the profession and the ability of physical therapists to provide treatment to patients. Through Direct Access, patients can receive the treatment they need without a physician referral.

Direct Access is available in every state. However, regulations and requirements vary by state. The transition to Direct Access continues, and patients can see their therapists and receive the treatment they need.

As a result of the advanced training of physical therapists, they are leading innovative treatment and techniques. The result is that patients receive the best care and improved results.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

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