



**NC Board of PT Examiners Report at the NCPTA Business Meeting
Marriott Greensboro Downtown, Greensboro, NC
October 16, 2010**

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1. **Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to regulate the practice of physical therapy in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of North Carolina. The next meeting of NC Board of PT Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2010.
2. **Appointments to the Board:**
The 2011 Ballots for appointment of one (1) physical therapist and one (1) medical doctor were mailed in late July with a return deadline of September 1, 2010. On September 22, 2010, Board Member Deborah Ragan submitted her resignation to the Governor, which opened up another position for a physical therapist on the Board to fill her unexpired term. The ballots were counted at the NCPTA Headquarters on September 10, 2010 and the candidates for appointment were forwarded to Governor Beverly Purdue on October 8, 2010.
3. **Continuing Competence:** Licensees who are in the First Reporting Period (2009-2010) will be required to complete their continuing competence on the Board's online reporting form prior to licensure renewal. Kathy Arney, Continuing Competence Consultant, has responded to more than 2,000 questions via email and telephone. Information regarding continuing competence is available on the Board's web site.
4. **Online Renewal:** Licensees are required to renew their licenses **online**. Postcards will be mailed prior to November 1, 2010 informing licensees that the renewal period will be open online from November 1, 2010 until January 31, 2011 at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and that online renewals will require a major credit card. Licensees not wanting to use a credit card will be given the option to renew online, but pay by check or money order. *(The Board **strongly** recommends that licensees renew online by January 15, 2011 to ensure that it will be processed.)*
5. **Position Statements:** At its recent meeting, the Board updated several of its current Position Statements. In addition, the Board revised its Position Statement on Intramuscular Manual Therapy (Dry Needling). Position Statements can be located on the Board's web site.
6. **Foreign Educated Physical Therapists (FEPT's):** Effective July 13, 2010, "in response to pervasive, ongoing security breaches by significant numbers of graduates of physical therapy schools from four countries", PT and PTA examinations have been suspended for graduates of programs in Egypt, India, Pakistan and the Philippines by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. For additional information, go to Federation's web site (www.fsbpt.org).

7. **Update regarding Investigations and Disciplinary Actions:**

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS FILED IN 2010 – YTD (Oct. 10, 2010)

YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Total Cases Reported and Investigated:	32
Total advertising complaints:	04
Total “other” complaints:	22
Total failure to renew	06

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS THAT WERE RESOLVED THROUGH OCT 2010

Total Cases Dismissed:	08
Total Suspensions Issued:	01
Total Probations Issued:	00
Total Warnings Issued:	03
Total Surrender of Licenses:	00
Total Revoked	00
Total Renewals Denied	00
Total Advisory Letters written:	08 (including 06 letters for failure to renew by deadline)
Total Letters sent regarding advertising:	03
Other:	00
Cases still pending:	11

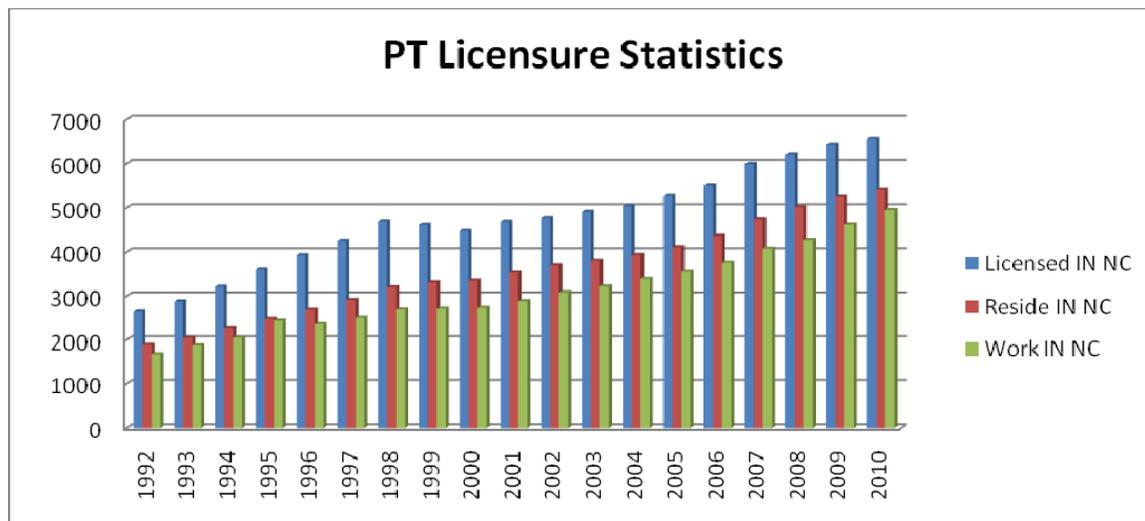
8. **Changes of Address:** As there is a rule that requires notification of the Board of address and name changes within **30 days**, as a friendly reminder, please keep the Board apprised of current home and work addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses. License renewals will be mailed the first of November.

9. **Questions and Answers:**

Physical Therapist Statistics – Fall 2010

October 2010

DATE (March)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	2654	1890	1682
1993	2881	2046	1876
1994	3207	2269	2046
1995	3602	2482	2445
1996	3933	2693	2365
1997	4262	2916	2506
1998	4688	3193	2702
1999	4612	3301	2723
2000	4477	3343	2738
2001	4678	3533	2889
2002	4767	3699	3083
2003	4912	3802	3212
2004	5044	3935	3384
2005	5280	4133	3551
2006	5524	4365	3757
2007	5994	4741	4078
2008	6215	5014	4278
2009	6442	5265	4615
2010	6574	5426	4953



Physical Therapist Assistant Statistics – Fall 2010

October 2010

DATE (March)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	942	786	713
1993	1107	931	864
1994	1251	1055	975
1995	1428	1179	1093
1996	1633	1342	1163
1997	1800	1490	1270
1998	1968	1627	1500
1999	2018	1711	1354
2000	2047	1770	1358
2001	2100	1830	1459
2002	2141	1880	1529
2003	2201	1951	1601
2004	2285	2016	1665
2005	2380	2090	1755
2006	2479	2184	1836
2007	2620	2288	1933
2008	2718	2399	2000
2009	2787	2480	2127
2010	2836	2521	2237

