



## **NC Board of PT Examiners Report to the NCPTA Business Meeting**

Forsyth Medical Center

Winston-Salem, NC

May 21, 2011

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1. **Purpose of the Board:** Reminder that 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 NC Board of PT Examiners Meeting is scheduled on June 16, 2011.
2. **Appointments to the Board:** The Governor appointed D. Scott Gibson, PT, to the Board for a 2-year term to fill the unexpired term of former Board Member, Debbie Reagan. The Governor appointed Patricia Rode, PT, DPT, for a 3-year term to the Board. The Governor also reappointed Paul Garcia, MD and Gloria Lewis, Public Member for their second 3-year terms. The Board elected Stu MacRoberts, PT, as Chairman, and Pearl Rhone, PTA, as Secretary-Treasurer.

On May 5, 2011 the Call for Nominations Letter was posted on the Board's web page seeking recommendations for two (2) physical therapists and one (1) physical therapist assistant for appointments commencing on January 1, 2012. In addition, a blast email was sent to all licensees who reside in the State to let them know that the Call for Nominations Letter has been posted. NCPTA also sent out a blastcast notification. Stu MacRoberts, PT, will be completing his second term of office and is not eligible for reappointment. Patricia Hodson, PT, and Judy Edwards, PTA, have completed one term of office each and are eligible for reappointment.

3. **Continuing Competence:** The first 2-year Continuing Competence Reporting Period ended on December 31, 2010. There were 9,509 licensees in the First Reporting Period and 8,750 renewed by the January 31, 2011 deadline (92.02%). The large majority of the licensees who failed to renew were out-of-state licensees or retirees.

Approximately 300 licensees who renewed failed to complete their continuing competence activities by the December 31, 2010 deadline; however, they did complete the requirements by January 1, 2011. As these licensees failed to complete the continuing competence by the December 31, 2010 deadline, the Board determined that it would issue these licensees an Advisory Letter and also audit their continuing competence activities for the First Reporting Period. Kathy Arney, PT, Continuing Competence Consultant is currently in the process of conducting these audits. In addition, other audits will be conducted from a list of licensees who are randomly selected.

The online Continuing Competence Reporting Tool is available for licensees to enter information into reporting periods 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. It has been updated to include features for claiming "carry-over" points for those in the 2009-2010 to 2011-2012 reporting period. Licensees are encouraged to read the directions to properly use the tool.

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4. **Online Renewal:** The Board mailed a postcard notice at the end of October, 2010 notifying licensees that renewals should be completed online. In addition, it sent blastcast emails on December 1, 2010, December 15, 2010, December 21, 2010, and January 7, 2011 clarifying the continuing requirements for online renewal. In addition, staff responded to approximately 3,000 telephone calls and emails regarding continuing competence and online renewal.
5. **Newsletter:** The next Board Newsletter will be posted on the Board's webpage by August 31, 2011.
6. **Address Information:** Remember to keep Board apprised of current home and work addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses. A license renewal reminder card will be mailed the first of November.
7. **Questions and Answers:**

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

**Summary of Disciplinary Complaints**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total Cases Reported and Investigated	56	47	47	47	50	54	54	50	59	54	47	45
Total advertising complaints	20	15	17	15	14	13	7	12	16	7	8	8
Total "other" complaints	20	22	20	25	25	34	31	23	30	32	29	31
Total failure to renew	16	10	10	05	11	13	16	15	15	15	10	6

**Summary of Complaints That Were Resolved**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total Cases Dismissed	11	03	13	07	11	06	19	17	11	09	08	16
Total Licenses Surrendered	00	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	00	01	01	00
Total Renewals Denied							01	01	00	00	00	00
Total Suspensions Issued	02	04	05	02	02	01	01	00	04	05	03	02
Total Probations Issued	02	03	01	01	00 *	02	02	02	04	02	00	01
Total Warnings Issued	05	02	01	06	02	02	02	03	02	04	04	03
Total Reprimands Issued	15 ***	10 ***	00 **	00 **	00 **	00 **	00**	00**	00**	00**	00**	00**
Total Letters of Concern written ( <i>Not considered "disciplinary action"</i> )	03	03						00**	00**	00**	00**	00**
Total Letters of Caution / Advisory Letters written ( <i>Not considered "disciplinary action"</i> )	01	04	12	07	16	22	20	20	25	17	13	12
Total Letters sent re advertising	19	11	18	14	10	5	6	3	16	09	06	12
Chemical Dependency Program									01	01	02	04
Other	00	02	00	00	00	02	02	01	00	00	02	03
Cases still pending	01	05	00	03	08	21	00	08	03	02	09	04

(\* 1 is included with suspension)

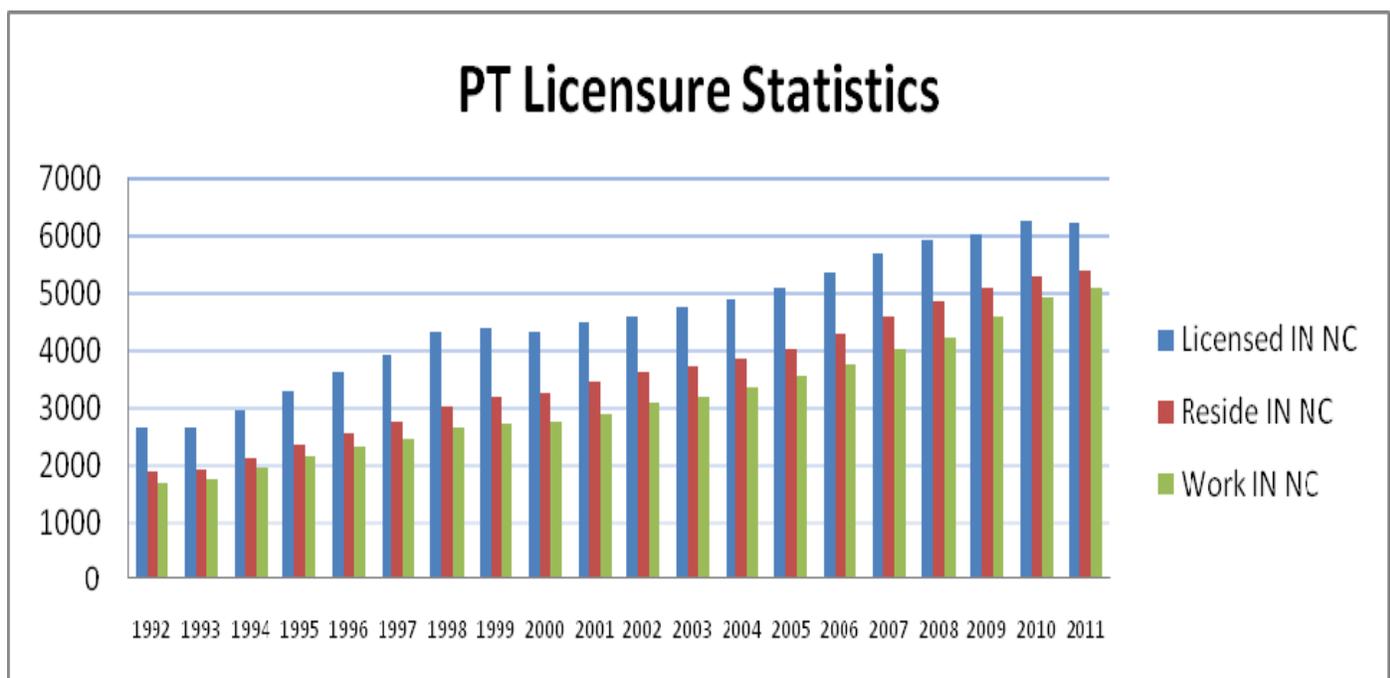
(\*\* Board basically stopped issuing Reprimands when the requirement changed that would require that reprimands to be "public" disciplinary action.)

(\*\*\* Overwhelming majority of Reprimands were issued for Failure to Renew. At that time, Reprimands were not considered disciplinary action.)

## Physical Therapist Statistics – Spring, 2011 Report

May 2011

DATE (May)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	2654	1890	1682
1993	2662	1934	1770
1994	2971	2131	1957
1995	3281	2350	2151
1996	3619	2556	2333
1997	3924	2771	2471
1998	4322	3009	2649
1999	4403	3191	2716
2000	4320	3268	2742
2001	4503	3447	2887
2002	4601	3619	3074
2003	4762	3729	3192
2004	4874	3855	3368
2005	5081	4037	3541
2006	5353	4294	3479
2007	5680	4603	4026
2008	5921	4855	4234
2009	6022	5076	4582
2010	6254	5278	4917
2011	6229	5380	5081



## Physical Therapist Assistant Statistics – Spring, 2011 Report May 2011

DATE (May)	LICENSED IN NC	RESIDE IN NC	WORK IN NC
1992	942	786	713
1993	987	840	777
1994	1136	960	896
1995	1302	1101	1021
1996	1476	1232	1150
1997	1674	1399	1256
1998	1835	1548	1360
1999	1929	1640	1350
2000	1937	1686	1358
2001	2037	1786	1458
2002	2082	1841	1553
2003	2136	1907	1594
2004	2192	1944	1658
2005	2279	2016	1755
2006	2386	2111	1830
2007	2489	2208	1915
2008	2590	2298	1979
2009	2622	2372	2112
2010	2692	2418	2223
2011	2719	2464	2300

