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Physical Therapists

Ethical Guidelines for Research

Ethical Requirements

When conducting physical therapy or other research, physical therapists are required to ensure they have obtained informed consent from the client prior to their participation in studies consistent with the requirements of the appropriate research ethics authority. This is required in the College's Standard of Practice: Informed Consent.

Most research ethics boards associated with universities and other organizations such as health authorities require studies involving human subjects to have been granted the necessary research ethics approval. The approval process usually requires researchers to review, complete, and follow the ethical guidelines in the [Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans \(TCPS 2\)](#) and complete the [TCPS 2: Course on Research Ethics \(CORE\)](#) prior to completing an ethics application.