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## Guidance Regarding the Requirements for Physical Therapists to Qualify as a Spinal Manipulation Clinical Supervisor in Washington State

*Disclaimer:* This is an advisory document only and doesn't imply qualification to be a clinical supervisor. Individual physical therapists are solely responsible for ensuring they meet the qualification specified in the law, primarily RCW18.74.190, and WAC 246-915-380 and 246-915-381.

### Clinical Supervisors – Who Qualifies

You may not be your own clinical supervisor.

You do not need to apply to be a clinical supervisor. You just need to meet one of these qualifications:

- Be a Washington state licensed physical therapist with a spinal manipulation endorsement.
- Be a licensed chiropractor.
- Be a licensed osteopathic physician or osteopathic surgeon.
- Physical therapists who do not have the endorsement but who have one of the following credentials also qualify to be a clinical supervisor for another Washington state licensed physical therapist seeking the endorsement:
  - Fellows and residents, those with an OCS certification, and those with one of the following manual therapy certifications:
    - Certified Functional Manual Therapist
    - Institute of Physical Art
    - Certified Manual Physical Therapist
    - North American Institute of Orthopaedic Manual Therapy/NAIOMT
    - Certified Orthopedic Manual Therapist
    - Maitland Australian Physiotherapy Seminars/MAPS
    - Ola Grimsby Institute
    - NAIOMT
    - Manual Therapy Certification
    - Evidence in Motion/EIM
    - University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences
  - Other certifications may be approved by the Board of PT

Clinical supervisors do not need to have the endorsement to act as clinical supervisors. Although in many cases the clinical supervisors will qualify for the spinal manipulation endorsement, they will need to apply for the endorsement if they would like to treat their patients using spinal manipulation.

Physical therapists from other states will meet the supervisory requirements until July 1, 2020. This provision will expire after July 1, 2020, at which time only in-state supervisors will be able to serve as qualified supervisors.