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This posting is meant to clarify Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA) activity and position regarding dry needling and participation in Washington State Board of Physical Therapy discussions about dry needling by physical therapists in Washington state.

At the request of the Washington State Board of Physical Therapy (Board of PT), a discussion about dry needling was placed on the agenda for their November 14, 2011 meeting after they, along with numerous other state licensing boards, received a letter from the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine regarding the practice of dry needling. PTWA attends all Board of PT meetings and during the November 14, 2011 meeting spoke in support of dry needling as part of physical therapist practice and offered a written statement.

The Board of PT didn't make any decisions regarding the practice of dry needling by physical therapists at the November 14 meeting and has requested no additional information from PTWA.