

Recent ABPTRFE Accreditation Actions

May 19-20, 2024

Candidacy Granted	Effective Date
Connecticut Orthopaedics Orthopedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Duke University School of Medicine Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Orthopedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Henry Ford Medical Group Orthopedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
James H. Quillen VA Geriatric Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Madison Wisconsin VA Geriatric Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Medical University of South Carolina Geriatric Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Memorial Hermann Upper Extremity Athlete Fellowship	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Michigan Medicine-MedSport Sports Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Monterey Spine and Joint Orthopaedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
North American Institute of Orthopaedic Manual Therapy Sports Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Oklahoma City VA Orthopaedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Orlando Health and University of Central Florida Women's Health Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Orthopaedic Residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Belmont University	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Performance Optimal Health Orthopedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Prisma Health Neurologic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Sacred Heart University and Connecticut Childrens Pediatric Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
SPEAR Physical Therapy Orthopedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Stanford Health Care Acute Care Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
UF Health Jacksonville Acute Care Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
University Hospitals Neurologic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
University of Mississippi Medical Center Orthopedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
University of Southern California Women's Health Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
University of Toledo Medical Center Orthopedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
University of Washington Sports Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026

VA Central Iowa Health Care System Geriatric Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Valley Health Hospital Outpatient Rehabilitation Orthopaedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
West Virginia University Sports Division 1 Fellowship	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2026
Candidacy Denied (Actions are Subject to Appeal and Are Not Yet Final) See Attached ABPTRFE Decision Letters	Effective Date
None	
Initial Accreditation Granted	Effective Date
Arcadia University Sports Residency	May 31, 2024 to January 31, 2029
Atrium Health Women's Health Residency	May 31, 2024 to January 31, 2029
Brooks Rehabilitation Orthopaedic Residency-Orlando	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2029
Houston Methodist The Woodlands Neurologic Residency	May 31, 2024 to January 31, 2029
Sinai Rehabilitation Center and University of Maryland Neurologic Residency	May 31, 2024 to January 31, 2029
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System Orthopedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2029
The Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia Sports Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2029
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2029
University of Pittsburgh Sports Division 1 Fellowship	May 31, 2024 to January 31, 2029
West Virginia University Oncology Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2029
Initial Accreditation Denied (Actions are Subject to Appeal and Are Not Yet Final) See Attached ABPTRFE Decision Letters	Effective Date
None	
Renewal of Accreditation Granted	Effective Date
Baylor Scott and White Institute for Rehabilitation Oncology Residency	September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2034
Corewell Health East Neurologic Residency	May 31, 2024 to January 31, 2029
Duke University Health System Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship	September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2034
East Tennessee State University Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship	September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2034
Evidence in Motion Orthopaedic Residency	September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2034
Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Centers Orthopaedic Residency	September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2034
Upstream Rehab Institute Orthopaedic Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2033
Renewal of Accreditation Denied (Actions are Subject to Appeal and Are Not Yet Final) See Attached ABPTRFE Decision Letters	Effective Date
None	
Show Cause Directive	
Hands On Diagnostics Clinical Electrophysiology Residency	May 31, 2024 to September 30, 2024
Voluntary Withdrawal of Accreditation (by Program)	Effective Date

International Academy of Orthopedic Medicine (IAOM) - US Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship	February 2, 2024
Administrative Withdrawal of Accreditation (Non-Compliance)	Effective Date
None	
Change in Ownership (Previous Owner)	Current Owner
None	

May 23, 2024

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Dear Dr. Kostopoulos:

The American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE or Board) met on May 19-20, 2024 and considered the comprehensive reevaluation of Hands On Diagnostics Clinical Electrophysiology Residency. The Board considered the February 29, 2024 program response to the Board's January 17, 2024 deferral.

The Board voted to place the program on show cause for 4 months as the program did not demonstrate compliance with ABPTRFE Quality Standards and other requirements outlined in the deferral. A program that receives a show cause directive must demonstrate corrective action and compliance with all identified Quality Standards and procedures. The issuance of a show cause directive is not an adverse decision and is not appealable.

The Board will consider the program's comprehensive reevaluation again at its September 2024 meeting. The program must address the items listed below by **July 31, 2024**. The program must submit evidence of the corrective action taken or document implementation. The burden of proof rests with the program to demonstrate its full compliance with all ABPTRFE Quality Standards.

The reasons for the Board's decision to place the program on show cause are outlined below.

- 1) **Standard 1: Mission, Goals, and Outcomes 1.5:** The program identifies key indicators it uses to annually monitor and measure the achievement of the program's mission, goals, and outcomes. Key indicators form the basis for evaluating participant performance and determining program effectiveness.

The program updated Exhibit 2; however, the program did not enter the status of goal achievement in 2023 for the Key Indicators associated with Goal 7. Instead, 2023 and 2024 dates were entered into the 2023 column for Goal 7. The program must update Exhibit 2 to show the status of goal achievement in 2023 for all Key Indicators associated with Goal 7.

- 2) **Standard 2: Curriculum Design and Instruction: 2.2.1: Program Length:** The program provides a systematic set of learning experiences that address the knowledge, skills, and affective behaviors the participant needs to achieve the program outcomes within a set period of time. Residency/Fellowship programs are completed in no fewer than ten (10) full-time equivalent months and in no more than sixty (60) months.

There continues to be discrepancies in the program's length as noted by conflicting information published on the program's website, which indicates that residents can complete the program in 18-months even though the program submitted a substantive change application to extend the program length. ABPTRFE received confirmation from the program prior to approving the substantive change, that the intent was to change the program length from 18 months to 60-months for all residents. The website further states that the resident can take up to a maximum of 5 years to complete the program. As stated, this indicates that residents have the option of completing the program early.

The program needs to clearly communicate that the program is a 60-month (5-year) program and submit evidence of how this change was communicated to all current residents including their acknowledgment of the extended program length.

- 3) **Standard 2: Curriculum Design and Instruction: 2.5: Completion:** The program verifies that the participant meets completion requirements. The program director awards a certificate of graduation to the participant who completes the program. The certificate is issued in accordance with the ABPTRFE Policies and Procedures Authorized Statement and signed by the program director and administrators of the sponsoring organization. A certificate is only issued once the participant completes all program requirements.

The published authorized statement remains incorrect. The name of the program is incorrect. It currently reads as “Hands On Diagnostics” and should read as “Hands on Diagnostics Clinical Electrophysiology Residency”. Further, it does not include “post” within the term professional.

The program must revise and resubmit the graduate certificate that reflects the correct authorized statement of, *“Hands On Diagnostics Clinical Electrophysiology Residency is accredited by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education as a postprofessional residency program for physical therapists in clinical electrophysiology.”*

- 4) **Standard 5: Assessment, Achievement, Satisfaction, and Effectiveness: 5.7: Outcomes Publication:** The program annually publishes outcomes data that communicates program performance indicative of participant achievement. Outcomes data must be published on the program’s website. Information shall be no more than one “click” away from the program’s home webpage. At a minimum, programs publish their program completion rate.

The program did not provide the source data to substantiate its claim that 50% of the residents who sat for the 2023 ABPTS board-certification examine were graduates of the Hands On Diagnostics Clinical Electrophysiology Residency program considering there are two accredited clinical electrophysiology residency programs. The program stated on Exhibit 2 for Year 7 to “see note” for Key Indicator 1.3: Program completions pass the board exam; however, the “note” was missing.

The Board remains concerned by the frequency and accuracy of how the program measures and consistently documents achievement of its outcomes.

In addition to the corrective actions needed for the above Quality Standards, ABPTRFE continues to identify editorial inaccuracies that must be corrected by **July 31, 2024**:

- 1) **Standard 1: Mission, Goals, and Outcomes 1.3:** The program identifies goals that are reflective of the defined area of practice. The program goals support the achievement of the mission and communicate the ongoing efforts necessary to support continued sustainability.

All references to the program throughout the website and resident handbook must state “Hands On Diagnostics Clinical Electrophysiology Residency”. All references to American Academy of Clinical Electrodiagnosis or the term Clinical Electrodiagnosis must be removed. The program must submit evidence that it conducted a thorough review and consistently corrected this error by submitting documentation of the updates.

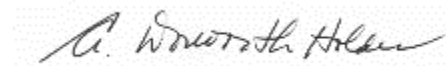
- 2) **Standard 3: Program Delivery, Director, and Faculty: 3.6: Faculty:** Individuals qualified by education and experience comprise the program’s faculty based on their roles and responsibilities. The program’s faculty possess the academic background, professional

experience, and ongoing professional development to ensure the delivery of quality residency/fellowship education. Programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, and identities and/or statuses. Programs strive for diversity and a culture of inclusion among faculty, particularly with regard to historically underrepresented groups.

The program listed 17 faculty members and their qualifications; however, it did not use the ABPTRFE form template. The program must correctly complete [Exhibit 9: Faculty Qualifications Chart](#) including accurate data for all 17 faculty members.

ABPTRFE's approach to accreditation emphasizes practices of continuous improvement and quality enhancement driven by the program's mission. The accreditation process does not assume a single model for improvement but reflects an understanding that continuous improvement is a process that can follow various paths to demonstrate excellence in residency and fellowship education. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact ABPTRFE staff.

Sincerely,



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