



# *Guide to Evidence-Based Physical Therapist Practice*

## Fourth Edition

### Transition Guide

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#### **NEW AND KEY TO THIS EDITION**

A new Clinical Scenario feature has been included at the beginning of each chapter which provides context for the use of evidence in practice. Additionally, key updates to select chapters are listed below.

#### **Chapter 1: Evidence-Based Physical Therapist Practice**

- The physical therapist patient/client management model and related terminology have been updated to reflect the changes included in the American Physical Therapy Association's Guide to Physical Therapist Practice 3.0.

#### **Chapter 2: What is Evidence?**

- Hierarchies of evidence have been expanded to include application of a model for pre-appraised evidence as well as a proposed model for use with qualitative research designs.

#### **Chapter 3: The Quest for Evidence: Getting Started**

- An adaptation of the "Problem, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome" (PICO) method for developing answerable clinical questions has been added. Updated features and functionality of the most commonly used electronic search engines have been included. The American Physical Therapy Association's PTNow web portal has been added in place of the discontinued Hooked on Evidence portal. New to this edition are descriptions of the Turning Research into Practice (TRIP) database and the National Guideline Clearinghouse database.

#### **Chapter 17: Appraising Collections of Evidence: Systematic Reviews &**

#### **Chapter 18: Appraising Collections of Evidence: Clinical Practice Guidelines**

- This content, originally combined into one chapter, has been split into separate chapters to facilitate better understanding of the material and to allow for expansion of content regarding clinical practice guidelines.

#### **Chapter 19: Appraising Qualitative Research Studies**

- This is a new chapter that provides guidance regarding the quality assessment of evidence that is developed from the words that subjects and researchers use to describe experiences, perceptions, perspectives, and observations.

#### **Chapter 20: Patient or Client Preferences and Values**

- This chapter has been renumbered to reflect the changes in Chapters 17, 18, and 19.

#### **Chapter 21: Putting It All Together**

- This chapter has also been renumbered. A new scenario illustrating the search for, appraisal, and application of a qualitative research study has been added.