Physicians should not let profits get in the way of their patients’ true physical therapy needs.

“The purpose of rehabilitative care and services provided by physical therapists is to better the lives of our patients, not to be a revenue source for other health care providers.”

— APTA Committee on Referral for Profit

American Physical Therapy Association

Conflict of Interest? YES

Say NO to Referral for Profit!
Referral for Profit:

✓ Physician owned physical therapist services compromise the objectivity of clinical decision-making

✓ Physicians interfering with a patient’s right to choose his or her physical therapist

✓ Physical therapists having no autonomy to make decisions in the best interests of their patients

Put the needs of California physical therapy patients first. Say no to referral for profit.

Whose Needs Should Come First?
The patient in need of physical therapy or the physician who profits from physical therapy referrals?

In more than 30 years of looking at physician-owned physical therapy services, the following conclusions have been formed:

• Physical therapy is initiated 2.3 times more often by the physicians in self-referral arrangements.
  

• When a physician provides this expensive and excessive care, 91% of the time the care is below professional standards and considered unnecessary and fraudulent under the Medicare Program.