

## 1. General Information

The *Physical Therapy Korea* (print ISSN 1225-8962; online ISSN 2287-982X) is the official publication of the Korean Research Society of Physical Therapy. This journal is published quarterly, on February 20, May 20, August 20, and November 20. The abbreviated name is *Phys Ther Korea*. All manuscripts must be written in either Korean or English. Manuscripts should be submitted to the online submission system (<http://www.ptkorea.org/submission/>). All submitted manuscripts are peer-reviewed, consisting of three physical therapy specialists in various fields.

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The *Physical Therapy Korea* is the official publication of the Korean Research Society of Physical Therapy. It was launched in June 1994 with the aim of enhancing education quality in physical therapy, boosting relevant practices, and eventually accelerating the expertise of professionals in physical therapy in an international context. The mission of the Journal is to improve the care of patients by providing a forum for clinical researchers, basic scientists, physical therapists, and other health professionals. The *Physical Therapy Korea* publishes Original Articles, Review Articles, and Case Reports, with a focus on the following areas of interest:

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2. Alayat MSM, Alshehri MA, Shousha TM, Abdelgalil AA, Alhasan H, Khayyat OK, et al. The effectiveness of high intensity laser therapy in the management of spinal disorders: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *J Back Musculoskeletal Rehabil* 2019;32(6):869-84.

3. Cook CJ, Cook CE, Reiman MP, Joshi AB, Richardson W, Garcia AN. Systematic review of diagnostic accuracy of patient history, clinical findings, and physical tests in the diagnosis of lumbar spinal stenosis. *Eur Spine J* 2019 Jul 16. [Epub]. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00586-019-06048-4>.

• **Book:** Surname and initials of author(s). Title. Edition. City: Publisher; Year; Inclusive pages.

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4. Kisner C, Colby LA. *Therapeutic exercise: foundations and techniques*. 7th ed. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company; 2017;63-5.

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5. Szklut SE, Breath DM. Learning disabilities. In: Umphred DA editor. *Neurological Rehabilitation*. 4th ed. St Louis: Mosby; 2001;124-7.

• **Dissertation**

6. Lee WH. Effect of rotational load on the thickness and activity of abdominal muscles during shoulder horizontal abduction in lying on the foam roller in subjects with and without low back pain. Seoul, Yonsei University, Doctoral Dissertation. 2012.

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7. Foot Scientific. Elevate drop foot brace [Internet]. Utah: 2013 Mar 4 [cited 2015 Jan 15]. Available from: [www.footscientific.com/elevate](http://www.footscientific.com/elevate).

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