



## **DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES LABORATORY SAFETY GUIDELINES**

The Department understands the need for students to have time and resources available to them to practice skills taught in lecture and laboratory sessions. Therefore, the Department makes university lab space, various pieces of equipment and other supplies available to students during hours posted by the Clinical Resource and Learning Center (CLRC). This is done with the understanding that students must abide by the following:

1. Only students and faculty may use the CLRC lab space during posted CLRC hours. Students are not allowed in the labs when the CLRC is closed unless accompanied by a member of the Programs faculty;
2. Students must treat each other with respect while practicing in the university lab space;
3. All equipment must be used and any intervention (exercise or manual technique) must be performed in a safe and appropriate manner. Safe and appropriate use of a piece of equipment or performance of a particular intervention will be explained and/or demonstrated to students in regular lecture and/or lab prior to use in outside class time. This instruction will be done by course faculty and will include, but is not limited to, indications and contraindications, rationale for use, and proper application of the particular intervention;
4. It is the student's responsibility to inform his/her practice partner of any pre-existing conditions or precautions that may preclude the use of a particular piece of equipment or application of a particular intervention;
5. Students shall not practice any intervention or technique on a student whose medical history is not known to them;
6. Students shall not practice or instruct other students in techniques or interventions that were specifically learned while on clinical affiliation;
7. Students shall not engage in any formal "treatment" of anyone in the university labs;
8. The equipment in the lab and the lab space itself must be treated properly. This includes using equipment for its intended purpose, returning all materials to their proper place after use and disposing of any trash;
9. Eating and/or drinking is not allowed in the labs.

**Improper application of an intervention or technique or the improper use of laboratory equipment may result in serious injury, such as muscle strains, ligament tears, fractures, paralysis or death, to the student or practice partner. Each student assumes all of the risks associated with the use of a particular piece of equipment or the application of a particular intervention or technique.**

Students should also be aware that all of the labs in the CLRC are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by security cameras. If it is observed that students are not using the university resources in an appropriate manner, all practice hours in university facilities may be revoked.

If an emergency does occur while students are in the labs, students are reminded to call 911 and campus security at 215-762-7110 immediately. A phone is located in the exercise laboratory for your use. First aid kits are available in both labs. Additionally, any injuries, damage to laboratory equipment or other incidents should be reported to the DPT Program Director within 24 hours.

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