

**HACKETTSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROCEDURE MANUAL
DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS**

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POLICY

A patient's progress is continually monitored and their status reevaluated in preparation for discharge. The discharge is discussed with the patient and discharge plans and instructions are clear prior to discharge.

PROCEDURE

Patients receiving therapy will be discharged from Physical and/or Occupational Therapy under the following conditions:

1. The patient/therapy goal(s) has been reached.
2. The patient who has been receiving therapy is scheduled for surgery. New therapy orders are required after surgery.
3. The patient has been involved in an incident; i.e., a fall, stat procedure.
4. A physician puts the patient on hold.
5. The patient is no longer making functional progress in therapy.

For inpatients, the ordering physician should be notified of lack of progress and reason for termination of services.

For outpatients, a discharge summary report will be completed and sent to referring physician.