

## Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of sub group of experts to examine the representation on Draft Minimum Standards for Physiotherapy Centre under Clinical Establishments Act and finalise the draft for the same was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.K.Gupta, HOD Dept of PMR, LHMC and Associated Hospitals on 21/8/2014 at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

The member secretary, Dr Anil Kumar informed and clarified the definition of Clinical Establishment as prescribed under the Act. The Clinical Establishment should belong to any recognised system of medicine which is owned, controlled or managed by Government, Dept of Government, a trust or a Corporation or a local authority and a single doctor. He further informed that physiotherapy is not a separate recognised system under the Act.

Physiotherapy representative informed that the definition of physiotherapy as prescribed under Delhi Council of Physiotherapy Act may be taken for defining the physiotherapy Minimum Standard. The Chairman pointed out that physiotherapy is not an independent recognised system by Government of India and stand alone physiotherapy centre under the control of a physiotherapist is not covered under Clinical Establishment Act. He further stated that physiotherapist on its own cannot diagnose a medical problem and is not competent to advise investigations or to prescribe the treatment required. He also stated that the Delhi Council act is for both Physiotherapy and Occupational therapy. There are only two states where such Act/Council for physiotherapy exist namely Delhi and Maharashtra. Even the definition given under the Delhi and Maharashtra are not matching. The physiotherapy Council representative Dr. Asha Goyal also agreed that the definition given under the Delhi Council Act is controversial. The chairman suggested that physiotherapy should be categorised under allied health care discipline which is also recommended by the subcommittee on categorisation under Clinical Establishments Act.

After discussion and detailed deliberations, following changes in the draft document of minimum standards for physiotherapy centre were agreed.

1. Definition would be modified as under: -

A Physiotherapy centre is an Allied Health Care establishment providing, physical therapy services by a physiotherapist to patients with a recent prescription or referral from a licensed medical doctor (physician/surgeon). Depending on the disease condition, a review and re-prescription by a treating medical doctor is required for continuing physiotherapy services.

**2.1 Change 'one or more physiotherapists' in place of 'two or more physiotherapy practitioners'**

2.2.1. c) add:- shortwave diathermy

2.2.1. f) Delete:- only delete **(with electro diagnostic facility)**

2.2.2. e) Delete:- de-lorme's shoes and change weight cuffs into weight cuffs (optional)

**6.1 Replace whole with 'Physiotherapist as per the scope of the physiotherapy centre shall be registered with State physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy council, wherever applicable.**

Annexure 4: The qualification of physiotherapist as BPT and DPT awarded till 1991 to be added.

(It was pointed by Dr Asha Goyal that until 1991 the diploma in physiotherapy of the duration of two and a half year to three and half year was also the recognised qualification so they may also be permitted under the human resource for physiotherapy centre.)

Annexure – 3 II.

under Emergency Equipment

S.No.1 Delete resuscitation equipment Ambu Bag/airway

S.No.2 Delete oxygen concentrator/cylinder portable

Annexure 3 III: Modify list of Physiotherapy Equipments as under

No-7 laser (optional)

No-9 **delete : (electro diagnostic facility)**

No. 12 Any other electrotherapy equipment (delete)

No-19 tilt table as (optional)

No-25 Dump bells/weigh cuffs (optional)

No-28 any other exercise therapy equipment (delete)

No-33 Hydrotherapy pool or hubberd tank (optional)

Physiotherapists raised the question that how can yoga doctor be allowed to prescribe physiotherapy treatment. It was informed that physiotherapy is a part of allopathy treatment and crosspathy is not allowed as per Supreme court order/judgement.

The committee members were of the view that they are not against the legal redressal which may be sought by physiotherapist where law making authorities may make them independent and responsible for their act.

Physiotherapists protested the definition of physiotherapy as under the Clinical Establishments Act and they wanted the definition should encompass the provisions of state councils of physiotherapy of Delhi and Maharashtra. Further they wanted general public representative should also be called for the meeting to know their perception about physiotherapy. The draft of Minimum Standard for Physiotherapy Centre as finalised is at Annexure-II.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

## Annexure-I

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**Annexure-II**

**Draft**

**Standard No. CEA/Physiotherapy Centre- 023**

# **Clinical Establishment Act Standard for Physiotherapy Centre**

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## Introduction

**In 2010 Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010** has been enacted by the Central Government to provide for registration and regulation of all clinical establishments in the country with a view to prescribe the minimum standards of facilities and services provided by them.

The Ministry has notified the ~~N~~ational Council for Clinical Establishments+and ~~T~~The Clinical Establishments (Central Government) Rules, 2012+under this Act vide Gazette. *This Act is applicable to all kinds of clinical establishments from the public and private sectors, of all recognized systems of medicine including single doctor clinics. The only exception will be establishments run by the Armed forces.*

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## Physiotherapy Centre

### 1. Definition

A physiotherapy centre is an allied Healthcare establishment providing, physical therapy services by a physiotherapist to patients with a recent prescription or referral from a licensed medical doctor (physician/surgeon). Depending on the disease condition a review and re-prescription by a treating medical doctor is required for continuing physiotherapy services.

### 2. Scope (as applicable)

These set of common minimum standards framed shall be applicable to stand alone physiotherapy centre with one or more physiotherapists

2.1 And physiotherapy sections attached to hospitals or polyclinic.

2.2 **Various therapies under the scope is as follows:**

#### 2.2.1 Electrotherapy (Adult / Paediatrics)

- a) Hydrocollator (Hot Packs).
- b) Paraffin Wax Bath Infrared/Ultra violet radiation lamps. (Cold) . Cryotherapy.
- c) Shortwave diathermy
- d) Ultra sound Therapy (1 & 3 MHz).
- e) Electrical energy- TENS (Trans cutaneous Nerve Stimulator).
- f) Low and Medium frequency currents: IFT(Interferential Therapy)/
- g) Electrical muscle stimulator.

#### 2.2.2 Exercise therapy

- a) Shoulder exercise unit
- b) Wrist and Hand exercise units

- c) Abduction ladder
- d) Over head Pulley system/ Multiple Pulley exercise unit
- e) Weight cuffs (Optional)
- f) Dumbbell exercise set, Mat exercise (floor) mat
- g) Parallel Bars and Wall bars
- h) Examination couches (number according to the patient load)
- i) Quadriceps table, Mobilization/Stabilizing belts, Patient evaluation kit (including Goniometer, Percussion Hammer, Measuring tape etc.), Walking aids (sticks, crutches, frames and wheel chairs etc.)

### 2.2.3 Mechano Therapy

- a) Cervical and Lumber Traction systems(Intermittent and Constant) with traction table

### 2.2.4 Hydrotherapy

### 2.2.5 Manual therapy

- a) To deliver primary service in health education and health promotion.
- b) To deliver health care services of physiotherapy and rehabilitative nature.

## 3. Infrastructure Requirements

- 3.1 The physical facility shall be developed and maintained to provide safe and secure environment for patients, their families, staff and visitors. It shall be situated in a place having clean surroundings and shall comply with local byelaws in force, if any from time to time.
- 3.2 The minimum space requirement for carrying out the basic functions of the facility shall be as per Annexure 1.
- 3.3 The area shall be well illuminated, ventilated and clean with adequate water supply.

- 3.4 The total area requirement can be broadly classified into two categories viz. Common Area and Treatment area. The common area shall include facilities such as reception, waiting, toilet, consultation, etc. The treatment area shall include space requirements for main equipment and for ancillary services.
- 3.5 The facility shall be adequately provided with working space to allow orderly and logical placement of equipment, material and movement of personnel so as to maintain safe operations.
- 3.6 The space requirement in treatment area shall be as per as per the scope of service and workload. The ancillary area like facility for storage (cabinet etc), facility for backup equipment like UPS/generator etc. shall also be available, *please refer to Annexure 1.*
- 3.7 Common area can be shared between the different divisions/sections of the centre/HCO. Within the centre various work sections can also share the resources and space however not compromising the quality of work.
- 3.8 The physiotherapy centre shall have a prominent board/signage displaying the name of the centre in local language at the gate or on the building.
- 3.9 The following other signage shall be well displayed in the language understood by the local public in the area:
- a) Name of the physiotherapist with registration number.
  - b) Fee structure of the physiotherapist/ physical therapy services.
  - c) Timings (For ex . from 8am -2pm)
  - d) Services provided within the facility

#### **4. Furniture & Fixtures**

- 4.1 Furniture and fixtures shall be available in accordance with the activities and workload of the physiotherapy centre.
- 4.2 The furniture and fixtures shall be functional all the time. *For indicative list of items refers to Annexure 2. (This list is indicative and not exhaustive).*

#### **5. Equipment/Instruments**

- 5.1 The physiotherapy centre shall have essential equipments as per Annexure 4.

- 5.2 Other physiotherapy equipments as per the scope of service and work load requirement shall be available.
- 5.3 Adequate space for storage of equipments
- 5.4 All equipment shall be in good working condition at all times. Periodic inspection, cleaning, maintenance of equipments should be done.

## **6. Human Resource**

- 6.1 Physiotherapist as per the scope of the physiotherapy centre shall be registered with State physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy Council, wherever applicable.
- 6.2 The services provided by the physiotherapy professionals shall be in consonance with their qualifications, training and registration.
- 6.3 Personnel record containing personal and professional information shall be maintained for each staff.
- 6.4 Periodic skill enhancement/up gradation /refresher trainings shall be provided for all categories of the staff relevant to their job profile. *For Human resource requirement refer to Annexure 3.*

## **7. Support Service**

- 7.1 Support services like registration, billing, waste management, etc., can be shared with the hospital.
- 7.2 Support Staff: In a physiotherapy centre minimum one support staff shall be available to meet the care treatment and service needs of the patient. However number may depend upon the workload and scope of the service being provided by the clinical establishment.

## **8. Legal/statutory Requirements**

- 8.1 Every application must be accompanied with the documents confirming compliance with local regulations and law.

## **9. Record Maintenance and Reporting**

- 9.1 **Copies of all records and statistics shall be kept with the clinical establishment concerned for at least 3 or 5 years or in accordance with the CEA act.**

- 9.2 **All clinical establishments shall be responsible for submission of information and statistics in time of emergency or disaster or epidemic situation or as required from time to time by National Council CEA 2010.**

## 10. Process

- 10.1 **Registration:** Every patient visiting the physiotherapy centre shall be registered.

- 10.2 **Assessment and plan of care** The physiotherapist card/slip of every registered patient must bear the minimum following legibly at every visit: Working diagnosis as provided by the treating medical doctor who has referred the patient, Relevant history and examination findings, Plan of care listing the exercises and physical modalities, Signature and date of the physical therapist, A review and re-prescription from the treating medical doctor after three weeks for continuing plan of care.

### 10.3 Infection Control:

- a) The physiotherapy centre shall take all precautions to control infections like practicing hand hygiene etc.
- b) Availability of clean water for hand washing /liberal use of sanitizer shall be maintained throughout the working hours of the physiotherapy centre.
- c) Sanitation and hygiene of the toilets if available shall be maintained.
- d) Mopping of all patient care areas with disinfectant shall be done at least once a day.

### 10.4 Safety Considerations

- a) The establishment shall make effort shall to take care of patient safety aspects like patient fall, etc.
- b) The establishment shall make effort to keep the centre pest and termite free.

### 10.5 Biomedical waste Management

- a) Biomedical waste shall be managed in accordance with the BMW management and handling Rules, 1998.

## **10.6. First Aid**

- a) Provision shall be made for providing First Aid.
- b) Contact details of ambulance hospital etc shall be available.
- c) Staff shall be trained on BLS.

## Annexure – 1

**Minimum infrastructure requirements shall be as follows:**

S.No		Minimum Area
1	Reception, Waiting & Consultation	Reception, waiting, consultation room etc. shall be adequate as per the requirement and workload of the physiotherapy center
2	Ancillary area / space	Ancillary area/space for storage of records, reagents, consumables, stationary etc including eating area for staff shall be available in accordance with the workload
3	Electrotherapy (Adult / Paediatrics)	Minimum one chamber of 10 ft.X7 ft for Diathermy unit and another chamber of same size for other electrotherapy modalities with examination couches, linen and electric fitting of required load, as per the specifications of the modalities. Separate space for Wax Bath and Hydrocollator as per the patient load and equipment specifications
4	Exercise Therapy	Minimum one consultation room (15 ftX10 ft at least), Treatment rooms/cabins (at least three of 10ftX10ft each) and space for the Parallel bars, Gait training and Floor/mat exercises. The centre should have essential facilities like wash basins, wash rooms etc.
5	Mechano Therapy	Minimum one chamber of 10 ft.X7 ft to accommodate Cervical and Lumber Traction systems (Intermittent and Constant) with traction table and other material so as to provide adequate working space to carry out safe procedure.
6	Manual therapy	Manual therapy couch or the Examination couch. can be accommodated in the Exercise therapy space.
7	Hydrotherapy	Optional. If there, should be placed in the separate chamber of the size as per the equipment specifications. For example if Hubbard's equipment is used, it requires a chamber of not less than 15ftX15ft along with the facility of changing room and wash room.

## Annexure -2

### Furniture and Fixtures

S.N.	ARTICLES
1.	Table
2.	Chairs
3.	Examination Table/couch
4.	Screens
5.	Foot Step
6.	Stools
7.	Storage Cabinet for records etc.
8.	BMW storage area

### Annexure- 3

Indicative list of minimum equipment/instrument required is as follows:

#### I. Essential Equipment:

S. No.	Name of the equipment	Minimum Specifications	No. of equipment
1	Stethoscope		1
2	Thermometer	Digital	1
3	Torch (flash lights)		1
4	Sphygmomanometer(B.P. Apparatus)	Digital	1
5	Weighing machine(Optional)	Adult	1

#### II. Emergency Equipment:

S. No.	Name of the Equipment	Minimum Specifications	No. of Equipment
3	Fire Extinguisher	-	1

#### III. PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENTS

The physiotherapy equipment relevant to the scope and workload shall be available as follows:

PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENTS DETAILS	
<b>Electrotherapy Equipment's</b>	
1	Short Wave Diathermy
2	Ultrasonic Therapy
3	Interferential Therapy
4	Hot Pack Unit
5	Paraffin Wax Bath
6	TENS
7	LASER (Optional)
8	Muscle Stimulator
9	Cold Packs

10	C.P.M.
<b>Exercise Therapy Equipment's</b>	
13	Shoulder Wheel
14	Over Head Pulley
15	Wall Ladder
16	Supinator Pronator Exerciser
17	Heel Exerciser
18	Ankle Exerciser
19	Parallel Bars (optional)
20	Tilt Table (optional)
21	Walker / Crutches / Canes
22	Stationary Bicycle
23	Treadmill (Optional)
24	Vibrator for Chest Physiotherapy(Optional)
25	Swiss Ball (Optional)
26	Dumbbells / Weight Cuffs (Optional)
27	Gripper / Gel Balls (Optional)
28	Thera Bands / Thera Tubes (Optional)
29	Spiro meter (Optional)
30	Peak flow meter(Optional)
31	Hydrotherapy (Optional)
<b>Mechano Therapy</b>	
32	Traction Unit (Cervical/ Lumbar)
<b>Manual therapy</b>	
33	Manual Therapy couch/Examination couch (Optional)
<b>Hydrotherapy</b>	
33	Hydrotherapy pool or Hubberd tank (Optional)

**Annexure- 4**

**Minimum human resource requirement shall be as follows:**

<b>S. no.</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Minimum Qualifications (from recognized university)</b>	<b>Registration with the concerned council (if applicable)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	Physiotherapist-1	BPT from recognized university/DPT awarded till 1991 from recognized University	State Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy Council	Where council registration is not applicable, registration shall be done with Indian association of physiotherapy