

Does the Provider-Patient Relationship Continue after Discharge	
Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Rules, VIII. Disciplinary Action (A)(1)	Engaging in any type of sexual conduct of a verbal or physical nature or engaging in a sexual/romantic relationship, including, but not limited to kissing, sexual contact, and sexual intercourse, with a current patient or with any person who was treated as a patient within the preceding six months
District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act, §3-1205.14 (23)(D)	Sexual contact with a former patient or client when the patient or client may still be vulnerable by virtue of the power imbalance that existed in the practitioner-patient or practitioner-client relationship , even if the relationship may appear to be or is mutually consensual when such contact is likely to have an adverse impact on the patient or client;
Idaho Statutes Title 54, Chapter 22 Practice of Physical Therapy 54-2219 (10)(c)	(c) A former patient means a patient for whom the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant has provided physical therapy services within the last twelve (12) months ; and (d) Sexual or romantic relationships with former patients beyond the period of time set forth herein may also be a violation if the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant uses or exploits the trust, knowledge, emotions or influence derived from the prior professional relationship with the patient;
Louisiana Administrative Code, Subpart 2, Subchapter D, §345 (B)(5)	Sexual misconduct between a licensee and a former patient after termination of the therapist–patient relationship may also constitute unprofessional conduct if the sexual misconduct is a result of the exploitation of trust, knowledge, influence or emotions derived from the professional relationship;
New Jersey 13:39A-3.10 SEXUAL MISCONDUCT (c)	A licensee shall not engage in sexual contact with a patient with whom he or she has a patient-therapist relationship. The patient-therapist relationship is ongoing for purposes of this section, unless: 1) Physical therapy is terminated by way of written notice to the patient and is documented in the patient record; and 2) The last physical therapy provided by that licensee was rendered more than three months ago.
Virginia Administrative Code, Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy 112-20-190	Sexual contact between a practitioner and a former patient. Sexual contact between a practitioner and a former patient after termination of the practitioner-patient relationship may still constitute unprofessional conduct if the sexual contact is a result of the exploitation of trust, knowledge, or influence of emotions derived from the professional relationship.
Washington Administrative Code 246-915-182 (4), (5)(a)(b)	A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall not engage, or attempt to engage, in the activities listed in subsection (1) of this section with a former patient, client or key party within two years after the provider-patient/client relationship ends.

	<p>After the two-year period of time described in subsection (4) of this section, a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall not engage, or attempt to engage, in the activities listed in subsection (1) of this section if:</p> <p>(a) There is a significant likelihood that the patient, client or key party will seek or require additional services from the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant; or</p> <p>(b) There is an imbalance of power, influence, opportunity, or special knowledge of the professional relationship.</p>
International examples	
Physiotherapy Alberta (Canada) College and Association, Standards of Practice, Glossary	A patient is deemed discharged and no longer a patient if there have been no physiotherapy services provided for one year (365 days).
College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (Canada) Boundaries and Sexual Abuse Standard (3)	<p>Physiotherapists must not enter into intimate or romantic relationships with former patients unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least one year has elapsed since the patient was discharged from physiotherapy care, • the imbalance of power inherent in the therapeutic relationship between the physiotherapist and the patient no longer exists, and • the patient is no longer dependent on the physiotherapist.
Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand, Sexual and Emotional Boundaries Standard (1.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sexual relationship with a former patient is not recommended. As therapist-patient relationships are individual, the Board has no specific rules on when it is acceptable, or not, to have a relationship with a former patient. • A sexual relationship with a former patient is never acceptable when the patient is discharged for the sole purpose of starting a relationship, or if there is any use of the power imbalance gained from the therapist-patient relationship