

Physical Therapy Common Terminology  
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1. abduction
2. Activities of daily living (ADL)
3. Agraphia
4. Airway clearance techniques
5. Alexia
6. Aphasia
7. Apraxia
8. Assessment
9. Assistance
10. Astereognosis
11. Ataxia
12. Athetosis
13. atrophy
14. Auscultation'
15. Balance
16. biofeedback
17. Cardiovascular
18. Cognition
19. Compensation
20. compression
21. Contracture
22. Cyanosis
23. Debridement
24. Deficit
25. Diagnosis
26. Disability
27. Discharge
28. dynamic stabilizer
29. Dysarthria
30. Dysphagia
31. Dyspnea
32. Edema
33. Episode of care
34. Erythema
35. etiology
36. Evaluation
37. Examination
38. Exercise
39. extension
40. Exudation
41. flexion
42. Functional limitation
43. Gait
44. Goal
45. Goniometry
46. gravity dependant
47. Handicap
48. Health status
49. heat complications
50. Hemianopsia
51. hydration
52. hyperextension
53. hyperplasia
54. hypertrophy
55. Impairment
56. intensity
57. Intervention"
58. isokinetic
59. isometric
60. isotonic
61. Joint integrity
62. Joint mobility
63. Kinesthesia
64. Motor function
65. Muscle tone
66. Objective
67. Orthostatic hypotension
68. Outcome
69. Oxygen saturation
70. Palpation
71. pathology
72. Perseveration
73. Plan of care
74. podiatry
75. principle of levers
76. Prognosis
77. Proprioception
78. Pulmonary postural drainage
79. radial pulse
80. Range of motion
81. reflex
82. rehabilitation
83. Rehabilitation
84. resistance
85. risk factor
86. rotary component
87. scapulohumeral rhythm
88. sets, reps and workout shorthand

89. stabilizer  
90. Strengthening  
91. synergist  
92. Systems review  
93. tension  
94. torque

95. Transfer  
96. Ulcer  
97. Ventilation  
98. weight abduction  
99. weight training exercise classification  
100. Weightbearing status