

**How the MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
differs from  
the MISSISSIPPI PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION**

The **Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy** is a licensing and disciplinary agency whose mission is to protect the public from unauthorized, unqualified, and improper physical therapy practitioners. The **Mississippi Physical Therapy Association (MPTA)** is a professional organization whose mission is to advance the practice of physical therapy by contributing to scientific knowledge of physical therapy, disseminating this knowledge, and applying this knowledge through professional practice. While the Board and MPTA often work together, there is a major distinction between their regulatory and guild functions. To learn more about MPTA, visit their web site at [www.mspta.org](http://www.mspta.org)