## **NBCE PHYSIOTHERAPY TEST PLAN AND WEIGHTINGS**

The test plan is the blueprint from which each NBCE examination is constructed. The diagram below illustrates that Thermotherapy is one of the Physiotherapy categories and that approximately thirteen percent of the test questions deal with that category.

# Physiotherapy Thermotherapy (11%) • Hot moist packs • Ultrasound • Cryotherapy EXAMPLES

#### **PHYSIOTHERAPY TEST PLAN**

In the test plan that follows, the weightings (the emphasis devoted to each category) appear as a percentage beside each category. The test plan also reflects examples within each category.

## **Thermotherapy (11%)**

- · Hot moist packs
- Ultrasound
- Cryotherapy

# **Electrotherapy (11%)**

- Interferential current
- · High voltage therapy
- Electrical muscle stimulation
- TENS
- Microcurrent

#### **Mechanotherapy (10%)**

- Cervical/lumbar traction
- Massage, vibration and trigger point therapy
- Bracing/orthotics
- Taping

## **Phototherapy (5%)**

- Cold laser
- Ultraviolet

## **Functional Assessment (10%)**

- Gait
- Movement patterns
- Muscle imbalances

# **Exercise Physiology (7%)**

- Neurobiology of training and conditioning
- Biochemistry of training and conditioning

## **Endurance Training (6%)**

- · Aerobic capacity and adaption
- Cardiovascular rehabilitation

#### Muscle Rehabilitation (10%)

- Stretching techniques
- Strengthening protocols

## **Neuromuscular Rehabilitation (12%)**

- Balance and alignment
- Coordinated movement patterns
- Core/spine stabilization

#### **Disorder-specific Rehabilitation (18%)**

- Spine and pelvis
- Upper extremities
- · Lower extremities

#### **END PHYSIOTHERAPY TEST PLAN**

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