

NEWS RELEASE

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**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST BECOMES
CERTIFIED HAND THERAPIST**

Physical Therapy, etc. is pleased to announce that they now have two full time Certified Hand Therapists on staff. Occupational Therapist Missie Zeger recently earned certification and joins Cheryl Oyler who is also an Occupational Therapist and Certified Hand Therapist at Physical Therapy, etc.

Certification as a hand therapist requires five years of clinical experience including 4,000 hours or more of direct practice in hand therapy. In addition, the Certified Hand Therapist must pass a comprehensive test of advanced clinical skills and theory. Many hours of continuing education are required to maintain certification. Certified Hand Therapists are uniquely qualified to meet the needs of people with injuries, illness or surgeries affecting the upper extremity especially the hand.

There are only about 5,000 Certified Hand Therapists in the country and only three in the Chambersburg placing Missie in a very limited group of clinicians.

Ms. Zeger is accepting referrals at 717-263-5147.