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Expanding the scope of practice for physical therapists to include high velocity manipulation procedures is irresponsible and puts the safety of the public at risk. Unless they receive the same training as chiropractors in these techniques they will be dangerously unqualified to provide such interventions. Spinal manipulation is not a benign procedure and requires a great deal of knowledge, skill, and experience. It cannot be safely taught at a weekend seminar or continuing education class. If these techniques are added to the core curriculum of physical therapy education, and they receive the same hundreds of hours of didactic and clinical training in them as chiropractors receive, it would be reasonable that they be allowed to practice them. Without this equivalent training, physical therapists would be hazardous to the public.