

School Based OT/PT Services vs. Medical Model



School-based Services Under IDEA vs. Medical-based Services Who, What, When, Where, How

Similarities

OT, PT and SLP Providers in Schools, Homes and Clinics

- ☐ Perform assessment to determine the strengths and needs of the child
- ☐ Provide interventions to address the needs of the child
- ☐ Coach and empower parents, families and caregivers

Differences

School-based Services Under IDEA

Medical-based Services In Clinics, Homes or Hospitals

WHO is eligible?	☐ A child who is determined to be eligible for special education services	☐ A child with a diagnosis, and requires the expertise of OT, PT or SLP
WHAT is the focus of the service?	☐ Promote access to academics and participation in school activities	☐ Enhance function at home and in the community; address medical needs
WHEN is it the appropriate service?	☐ When the IEP team decides that OT, PT or SLP service is needed to help the child achieve their IEP goals	☐ When the therapist, family and/or physician, agrees on a plan of care that requires OT, PT or SLP services
WHERE is the service provided?	☐ In a location the child is expected to perform the task, including classroom, worksite, bathroom, lunchroom, etc.; separate location, if necessary	☐ In a clinic or hospital; at home or in the community
HOW is the service provided?	☐ Embedded in the actual school activity; via coaching, consultation, and collaboration; individual or group direct intervention, if necessary	☐ Individual or group direct intervention; via coaching, consultation, and collaboration; embedded in home activity for home care service

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