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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(MARK ONE)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED September 30, 2010**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_**

*COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-11151*

**U.S. PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC.**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

NEVADA  
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF  
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

76-0364866  
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

1300 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH, SUITE 300,  
HOUSTON, TEXAS  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

77042  
(ZIP CODE)

**REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (713) 297-7000**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

As of November 3, 2010, the number of shares outstanding (issued less treasury stock) of the registrant's common stock, par value \$.01 per share, was: 11,641,288.

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

U. S. PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA)

	September 30, 2010 (unaudited)	December 31, 2009
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 9,720	\$ 6,429
Patient accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,226 and \$1,830, respectively	23,900	22,300
Accounts receivable — other, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$81 and \$42, respectively	1,500	1,331
Other current assets	2,944	2,959
Total current assets	38,064	33,019
Fixed assets:		
Furniture and equipment	32,491	31,973
Leasehold improvements	19,240	19,012
	51,731	50,985
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	38,546	36,646
	13,185	14,339
Goodwill	67,327	57,247
Other intangible assets, net	7,448	5,955
Other assets	930	869
	<u>\$ 126,954</u>	<u>\$ 111,429</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable — trade	\$ 1,224	\$ 1,292
Accrued expenses	13,450	12,459
Current portion of notes payable	379	1,013
Total current liabilities	15,053	14,764
Notes payable	100	—
Revolving line of credit	—	400
Deferred rent	900	1,027
Other long-term liabilities	4,387	3,013
Total liabilities	20,440	19,204
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
U. S. Physical Therapy, Inc. shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 500,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized, 13,856,025 and 13,828,470 shares issued, respectively	139	138
Additional paid-in capital	44,114	43,210
Retained earnings	85,729	75,632
Treasury stock at cost, 2,214,737 shares	(31,628)	(31,628)
Total U. S. Physical Therapy, Inc. shareholders' equity	98,354	87,352
Noncontrolling interests	8,160	4,873
Total equity	<u>106,514</u>	<u>92,225</u>
	<u>\$ 126,954</u>	<u>\$ 111,429</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**U. S. PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF NET INCOME**  
**(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)**  
**(unaudited)**

	<u>Three Months Ended September 30,</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended September 30,</u>	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net patient revenues	\$ 51,748	\$ 49,578	\$ 152,823	\$ 146,533
Management contract revenues and other revenues	1,650	1,459	5,083	4,460
Net revenues	<u>53,398</u>	<u>51,037</u>	<u>157,906</u>	<u>150,993</u>
Clinic operating costs:				
Salaries and related costs	27,991	26,823	82,406	78,656
Rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other	10,162	10,179	30,500	30,490
Provision for doubtful accounts	695	1,001	2,463	2,576
Closure costs	19	49	34	83
Total clinic operating costs	<u>38,867</u>	<u>38,052</u>	<u>115,403</u>	<u>111,805</u>
Corporate office costs	<u>5,798</u>	<u>5,790</u>	<u>17,114</u>	<u>17,049</u>
Operating income	8,733	7,195	25,389	22,139
Interest and other income, net	1	2	583	7
Interest expense	<u>(50)</u>	<u>(93)</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>(294)</u>
Income before taxes	8,684	7,104	25,777	21,852
Provision for income taxes	<u>2,507</u>	<u>1,964</u>	<u>7,435</u>	<u>6,085</u>
Net income including noncontrolling interests	6,177	5,140	18,342	15,767
Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	<u>(2,302)</u>	<u>(2,039)</u>	<u>(6,844)</u>	<u>(6,290)</u>
Net income attributable to common shareholders	<u>\$ 3,875</u>	<u>\$ 3,101</u>	<u>\$ 11,498</u>	<u>\$ 9,477</u>
Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders:				
Basic	<u>\$ 0.33</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.99</u>	<u>\$ 0.81</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.33</u>	<u>\$ 0.26</u>	<u>\$ 0.97</u>	<u>\$ 0.80</u>
Shares used in computation:				
Basic	<u>11,667</u>	<u>11,570</u>	<u>11,634</u>	<u>11,734</u>
Diluted	<u>11,889</u>	<u>11,748</u>	<u>11,862</u>	<u>11,781</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**U. S. PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**  
**(unaudited)**

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income including noncontrolling interests	\$ 18,342	\$ 15,767
Adjustments to reconcile net income including noncontrolling interests to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,276	4,439
Provision for doubtful accounts	2,463	2,576
Equity-based awards compensation expense	919	1,213
(Gain) loss on sale of business and sale or abandonment of assets, net	(350)	103
Deferred income tax	1,104	190
Other	(175)	(406)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in patient accounts receivable	(3,616)	(513)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable — other	(169)	192
Decrease (increase) in other assets	95	(32)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	664	1,534
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	229	(546)
Net cash provided by operating activities	23,782	24,517
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	(2,670)	(3,282)
Purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired	(8,846)	—
Acquisitions of noncontrolling interests	(553)	(135)
Net proceeds on sale of fixed assets and business	897	53
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,172)	(3,364)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(7,236)	(7,429)
Purchase and retirement of common stock	(1,401)	(5,586)
Proceeds from revolving line of credit	36,800	17,450
Payments on revolving line of credit	(37,200)	(25,450)
Payment of notes payable	(734)	(1,026)
Excess tax benefit from stock options exercised	48	44
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	404	57
Net cash used in financing activities	(9,319)	(21,940)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	3,291	(787)
Cash — beginning of period	6,429	10,113
Cash — end of period	\$ 9,720	\$ 9,326
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Income taxes	\$ 6,168	\$ 6,946
Interest	\$ 139	\$ 268
Non-cash investing and financing transactions during the period:		
Purchase of business — seller financing portion	\$ 275	\$ —

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**U. S. PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**  
**(unaudited)**

U. S. Physical Therapy, Inc.

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock		Total Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total
	Shares	Amount			Shares	Amount			
Balance December 31, 2009	13,829	\$ 138	\$ 43,210	\$ 75,632	(2,215)	\$ (31,628)	\$ 87,352	\$ 4,873	\$ 92,225
Issuance of restricted stock	93	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancellation of restricted stock	(10)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	31	1	403	—	—	—	404	—	404
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	—	—	48	—	—	—	48	—	48
Compensation expense — restricted stock	—	—	872	—	—	—	872	—	872
Compensation expense — stock options	—	—	47	—	—	—	47	—	47
Purchase of business	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,858	3,858
Sale of business	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(92)	(92)
Purchase and retirement of treasury shares	(87)	—	—	(1,401)	—	—	(1,401)	—	(1,401)
Purchase of noncontrolling interests	—	—	(466)	—	—	—	(466)	(87)	(553)
Distributions to noncontrolling interest partners	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(7,236)	(7,236)
Net income	—	—	—	11,498	—	—	11,498	6,844	18,342
Balance September 30, 2010	<u>13,856</u>	<u>\$ 139</u>	<u>\$ 44,114</u>	<u>\$ 85,729</u>	<u>(2,215)</u>	<u>\$ (31,628)</u>	<u>\$ 98,354</u>	<u>\$ 8,160</u>	<u>\$ 106,514</u>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**U.S. PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**September 30, 2010**  
(unaudited)

**1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. The Company primarily operates through subsidiary clinic partnerships, in which the Company generally owns a 1% general partnership interest and a 64% limited partnership interest. The managing therapist of each clinic owns, directly or indirectly, the remaining limited partnership interest in the majority of the clinics (hereinafter referred to as "Clinic Partnership"). To a lesser extent, the Company operates some clinics, through wholly-owned subsidiaries, under profit sharing arrangements with therapists (hereinafter referred to as "Wholly-Owned Facilities").

The Company continues to seek to attract physical and occupational therapists who have established relationships with patients and physicians by offering therapists a competitive salary and a share of the profits of the clinic operated by that therapist. The Company has developed satellite clinic facilities of existing clinics, with the result that many clinic groups operate more than one clinic location. In addition, the Company has acquired a majority interest in a number of clinics through acquisitions.

During the three months ended September 30, 2010, the Company opened five new clinics as satellites of existing clinics and closed two clinics. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company opened 13 new clinics, acquired five, sold five and closed nine. Of the 13 clinics opened, three were new Clinic Partnerships and the remaining ten were satellites of existing clinics. On February 26, 2010, the Company acquired a 70% interest in five clinics in the northeast and, on March 31, 2010, the Company sold its 51% interest in a five clinic joint venture in Texas. The Company ended September 2010 with 372 clinics.

The Company intends to continue to focus on developing new clinics and on opening satellite clinics where deemed appropriate. The Company will also continue to evaluate acquisition opportunities.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q. However, the statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. Management believes this report contains all necessary adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) to present fairly, in all material respects, the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods presented. For further information regarding the Company's accounting policies, please read the audited financial statements included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

The Company believes, and the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Controller have certified, that the financial statements included in this report present fairly, in all material respects, the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods presented.

Operating results for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results the Company expects for the entire year. Please also review the Risk Factors section included in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and Item 1A. – Risk Factors – included in this report.

*Clinic Partnerships*

For Clinic Partnerships, the earnings and liabilities attributable to the noncontrolling interests, typically owned by the managing therapist, directly or indirectly, are recorded within the balance sheets and income statements as noncontrolling interests.

*Wholly-Owned Facilities*

For Wholly-Owned Facilities with profit sharing arrangements, an appropriate accrual is recorded for the amount of profit sharing due to the profit sharing therapists. The amount is expensed as compensation and included in clinic operating costs – salaries and related costs. The respective liability is included in current liabilities – accrued expenses on the balance sheet.

## **Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Cash**

The Company maintains its cash at financial institutions. The combined account balances at several institutions may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) insurance coverage and, as a result, there is a concentration of credit risk related to amounts on deposit in excess of FDIC insurance coverage. Management believes that this risk is not significant.

### **Long-Lived Assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Estimated useful lives for furniture and equipment range from three to eight years and for software purchased from three to seven years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the related lease term or estimated useful lives of the assets, which is generally three to five years.

### **Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of**

The Company reviews property and equipment and intangible assets with finite lives for impairment upon the occurrence of certain events or circumstances which indicate that the related amounts may be impaired. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

### **Goodwill**

For 2010 acquisitions, goodwill represents the excess of the amount paid and fair value of the noncontrolling interests over the fair value of the acquired business assets, which include certain intangible assets. Historically, goodwill has been derived from acquisitions and, prior to 2009, from the purchase of some or all of a particular local management’s equity interest in an existing clinic. Effective January 1, 2009, if the purchase price of a noncontrolling interest by the Company exceeds or is less than the book value at the time of purchase, any excess or shortfall is recognized as an adjustment to additional paid-in capital.

The fair value of goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives are tested for impairment annually and upon the occurrence of certain events, and are written down to fair value if considered impaired. The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment on at least an annual basis (in its third quarter) by comparing the fair value of each reporting unit to the carrying value of the reporting unit including related goodwill. The Company operates a one segment business which is made up of various clinics within partnerships. A reporting unit refers to the acquired interest of a single clinic or group of clinics. Local management typically continues to manage the acquired clinic or group of clinics. For each clinic or group of clinics, the Company maintains discrete financial information and both corporate and local management regularly review the operating results. The Company did not combine any of the reporting units for impairment testing in any year presented because they did not meet the criteria for aggregation. For each purchase of the equity interest, goodwill, if any, is assigned to the respective clinic or group of clinics, if deemed appropriate. The evaluation of goodwill in 2010 and 2009 did not result in any goodwill amounts that were deemed impaired.

An impairment loss generally would be recognized when the carrying amount of the net assets of the reporting unit, inclusive of goodwill and other intangible assets, exceed the estimated fair value of the reporting unit. The estimated fair value of a reporting unit is determined using two factors: (i) earnings prior to taxes, depreciation and amortization for the reporting unit multiplied by a price/earnings ratio used in the industry and (ii) a discounted cash flow analysis. A weight is assigned to each factor and the sum of each weight times the factor is considered the estimated fair value. The price/earnings ratio, discount rate and residual capitalization rate factors were updated to reflect current market conditions for the third quarter of 2010 goodwill impairment test.

### **Noncontrolling interests**

The Company recognizes noncontrolling interests as equity in the consolidated financial statements separate from the parent entity’s equity. The amount of net income attributable to noncontrolling interests is included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement. Changes in a parent entity’s ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation are treated as equity transactions if the parent entity retains its controlling financial interest. The Company recognizes a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. Such gain or loss is measured using the fair value of the noncontrolling equity investment on the deconsolidation date.



When the purchase price of a noncontrolling interest by the Company exceeds or is less than the book value at the time of purchase, any excess or shortfall is recognized as an adjustment to additional paid-in capital. Additionally, operating losses are allocated to noncontrolling interests even when such allocation creates a deficit balance for the noncontrolling interest partner.

## **Revenue Recognition**

Revenues are recognized in the period in which services are rendered. Net patient revenues (patient revenues less estimated contractual adjustments) are reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from third-party payors, patients and others for services rendered. The Company has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments to the Company at amounts different from its established rates. The allowance for estimated contractual adjustments is based on terms of payor contracts and historical collection and write-off experience.

The Company determines allowances for doubtful accounts based on the specific agings and payor classifications at each clinic. The provision for doubtful accounts is included in clinic operating costs in the statement of net income. Net accounts receivable, which are stated at the historical carrying amount net of contractual allowances, write-offs and allowance for doubtful accounts, includes only those amounts the Company estimates to be collectible.

Since 1999, reimbursement for outpatient therapy services provided to Medicare beneficiaries has been made according to a Medicare Physician Fee Schedule ("MPFS") published by the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"). Under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the total amount paid by Medicare in any one year for outpatient physical therapy or occupational therapy (including speech-language pathology) to any one patient is subjected to a stated dollar amount (the "Medicare Cap or Limit"), except for services provided by hospitals. Outpatient therapy services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries by the Company's therapists are subject to the Medicare Cap, except to the extent these services are rendered pursuant to certain management and professional services agreements with inpatient facilities. In 2006, Congress passed the Deficit Reduction Act ("DRA"), which allowed the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") to grant exceptions to the Medicare Cap for services provided during the year, as long as those services met certain qualifications. The exception process initially allowed for automatic and manual exceptions to the Medicare Cap for medically necessary services. CMS subsequently revised the exceptions procedures and eliminated the manual exceptions process. Beginning January 1, 2008, all services that required exceptions to the Medicare Cap were processed as automatic exceptions. While the basic procedure for obtaining an automatic exception remained the same, CMS expanded requirements for documentation related to the medical necessity of services provided above the cap. Under the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act ("MIPPA") as passed July 16, 2008, the extension process remained through December 31, 2009. The Temporary Extension Act of 2010, enacted on March 2, 2010, extended the therapy cap exceptions process through March 31, 2010, retroactive to January 1, 2010. With respect to the MPFS, in April, the Continuing Extension Act of 2010 was signed into law which extended the zero percent update through May 31, 2010.

On March 23, 2010, the President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA"), which extended the exceptions process for the outpatient therapy Medicare Cap. Outpatient therapy service providers may continue to submit claims when an exception is appropriate beyond the allotted Medicare Cap for services furnished on or after January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. For physical therapy and speech language pathology service combined, and for occupational therapy services, the Medicare Cap for 2010 is \$1,860.

On June 25, 2010, the President signed into law the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act ("PACMBPRA"). The legislation increases reimbursement to providers of outpatient physical therapy for Medicare patients by 2.2% effective June 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010.

Since the Medicare Cap was implemented, patients who have been impacted by the cap and those who do not qualify for an exception may choose to pay for services in excess of the cap themselves; however, it is assumed that the Medicare Cap will continue to result in some lower revenues to the Company.

On November 2, 2010 CMS released a final ruling on the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) that includes changes to the reimbursement for Medicare related therapy services that will become effective January 1, 2011. Under MPPR, the practice expense of second and subsequent therapy codes billed in a single day will be reduced by 25%. This reduction will result in an estimated 7% rate reduction for therapy services provided in calendar year 2011 for Medicare. In addition, CMS will make changes to the Relative Value Units (RVUs) and the Geographic Practice Costs Index (GPCI) to the Resource Based Relative Value System (RBRVS) that would potentially mitigate the 7% rate reduction, assuming that Congress acts with regard to the pending Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Physician Fee Schedule reduction.

Laws and regulations governing the Medicare program are complex and subject to interpretation. The Company believes that it is in compliance in all material respects with all applicable laws and regulations and is not aware of any pending or threatened investigations involving allegations of potential wrongdoing that would have a material effect on the Company's financial statements as of September 30, 2010. Compliance with such laws and regulations can be subject to future government review and interpretation, as well as significant regulatory action including fines, penalties, and exclusion from the Medicare program.

Management contract revenues are derived from contractual arrangements whereby the Company manages a clinic for third party owners. The Company does not have any ownership interest in these clinics. Typically, revenues are determined based on the number of visits conducted at the clinic and recognized when services are performed.

### **Contractual Allowances**

Contractual allowances result from the differences between the rates charged for services performed and expected reimbursements for such services by both insurance companies and government sponsored healthcare programs. Medicare regulations and the various third party payors and managed care contracts are often complex and may include multiple reimbursement mechanisms payable for the services provided in Company clinics. The Company estimates contractual allowances based on its interpretation of the applicable regulations, payor contracts and historical calculations. Each month the Company estimates its contractual allowance for each clinic based on payor contracts and the historical collection experience of the clinic and applies an appropriate contractual allowance reserve percentage to the gross accounts receivable balances for each payor of the clinic. Based on the Company's historical experience, calculating the contractual allowance reserve percentage at the payor level is sufficient to allow us to provide the necessary detail and accuracy with its collectibility estimates. However, the services authorized and provided and related reimbursement are subject to interpretation that could result in payments that differ from the Company's estimates. Payor terms are periodically revised necessitating continual review and assessment of the estimates made by management. The Company's billing systems may not capture the exact change in our contractual allowance reserve estimate from period to period in order to assess the accuracy of our revenues, and hence, our contractual allowance reserves. Management regularly compares its cash collections to corresponding net revenues measured both in the aggregate and on a clinic-by-clinic basis. In the aggregate, historically the difference between net revenues and corresponding cash collections has generally reflected a difference within approximately 1% of net revenues. Additionally, analysis of subsequent period's contractual write-offs on a payor basis shows a less than 1% difference between the actual aggregate contractual reserve percentage as compared to the estimated contractual allowance reserve percentage associated with the same period end balance. As a result, the Company believes that a change in the contractual allowance reserve estimate would not likely be more than 1% at September 30, 2010.

### **Income Taxes**

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company recognizes the financial statement benefit of a tax position only after determining that the relevant tax authority would more likely than not sustain the position following an audit. For tax positions meeting the more-likely-than-not threshold, the amount to be recognized in the financial statements is the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement with the relevant tax authority.

The Company recognizes accrued interest expense and penalties associated with unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. The Company did not have any accrued interest or penalties associated with any unrecognized tax benefits nor was any interest expense recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and notes payable approximate their fair values due to the short-term maturity of these financial instruments. The carrying amount of the revolving line of credit approximates its fair value. The interest rate on the revolving line of credit, which is tied to the Eurodollar Rate, is set at various short-term intervals as detailed in the credit agreement.

## Segment Reporting

Operating segments are components of an enterprise for which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by chief operating decision makers in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company identifies operating segments based on management responsibility and believes it meets the criteria for aggregating its operating segments into a single reporting segment.

## Use of Estimates

In preparing the Company's consolidated financial statements, management makes certain estimates and assumptions, especially in relation to, but not limited to, goodwill impairment, allowance for receivables, tax provision and contractual allowances, that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

## Self-Insurance Program

The Company utilizes a self-insurance plan for its employee group health insurance coverage administered by a third party. Predetermined loss limits have been arranged with the insurance company to limit the Company's maximum liability and cash outlay. Accrued expenses include the estimated incurred but unreported costs to settle unpaid claims and estimated future claims. Management believes that the current accrued amounts are sufficient to pay claims arising from Company obligated costs incurred through September 30, 2010.

## Stock Options

The Company measures and recognizes compensation expense for all stock-based payments at fair value. Compensation cost recognized includes (i) compensation for all stock-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested, on January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated at the time of grant and (ii) compensation cost for the stock-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value. No stock options were granted during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009.

## Restricted Stock

Restricted stock issued to employees and directors is subject to certain conditions, including continued employment or continued service on the board, respectively. The transfer restrictions for shares granted to employees lapse in equal quarterly or annual installments over three to five years from the date of grant. Compensation expense for grants of restricted stock is recognized based on the fair value per share on the date of grant amortized over the service period. The restricted stock issued is included in basic and diluted shares for the earnings per share computation. There were 70,550 and 93,300 shares of restricted stock granted during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively. There were 63,000 and 92,000 shares of restricted stock granted during the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2009, respectively.

## 2. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The computations of basic and diluted earnings per share for the Company are as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Numerator:</b>				
Net income attributable to common shareholders	<u>\$ 3,875</u>	<u>\$ 3,101</u>	<u>\$ 11,498</u>	<u>\$ 9,477</u>
<b>Denominator:</b>				
Denominator for basic earnings per share - weighted-average shares	11,667	11,570	11,634	11,734
Effect of dilutive securities - Stock options	<u>222</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>47</u>
Denominator for diluted earnings per share - adjusted weighted-average shares	<u>11,889</u>	<u>11,748</u>	<u>11,862</u>	<u>11,781</u>
<b>Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders:</b>				
Basic	<u>\$ 0.33</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.99</u>	<u>\$ 0.81</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.33</u>	<u>\$ 0.26</u>	<u>\$ 0.97</u>	<u>\$ 0.80</u>

Options to purchase 107,250 and 177,000 shares for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and 107,250 and 688,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, were excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculations for the respective periods because the options' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common shares during the periods.

The restricted stock issued is included in basic and diluted shares for the earnings per share computation.

### 3. ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURE

#### Acquisition of Businesses

On February 26, 2010, the Company acquired a 70% interest in a five clinic outpatient therapy group in the northeast ("February Acquisition"). The purchase price for the 70% interest in the February Acquisition was \$9.0 million, which consisted of \$8.8 million in cash and \$200,000 in seller notes, which are payable in two principal installments of \$100,000 in February 2011 and 2012. The seller notes accrue interest at 3.25% per annum. For the February Acquisition, the Company incurred acquisition costs totaling \$0.1 million which were expensed. The consideration paid for the February Acquisition was derived through arm's length negotiations. Funding for the cash portion of the purchase price was provided by the Company's credit facility.

The purchase price plus the fair value of the noncontrolling interest was allocated to the fair value of the assets acquired, including intangible assets, and liabilities assumed based on the estimates of the fair values at the acquisition date, with the amount exceeding the estimated fair values being recorded as goodwill. During the second quarter of 2010, the Company completed its formal valuation analysis to identify and determine the fair value of tangible and intangible assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. Changes in the estimated valuation of the tangible and intangible assets acquired and the completion by the Company of the identification of any unrecorded pre-acquisition contingencies, where the liability is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated, will result in adjustments to goodwill.

The purchase price allocation is as follows (in thousands):

Cash paid, net of cash acquired	\$ 8,718
Seller notes	200
Total consideration	<u>\$ 8,918</u>

Estimated fair value of net tangible assets acquired:

Total current assets	\$ 761
Total non-current assets	390
Total liabilities	(262)
Net tangible assets acquired	\$ 889
Referral relationships	700
Non-compete	190
Tradenname	1,000
Goodwill	9,996
Fair value of noncontrolling interest	<u>(3,857)</u>
	<u>\$ 8,918</u>

The value assigned to (i) referral relationships will be amortized to expense equally over 12 years following the date of acquisition, (ii) non-compete obligations will be amortized over six years and (iii) tradenname and goodwill will be tested at least annually for impairment.

On March 1, 2010, a subsidiary of the Company purchased an outpatient therapy practice for \$100,000 ("March Acquisition"), which consisted of \$75,000 of cash and a payable of \$25,000. The purchase price was allocated \$30,000 to non-current assets and \$70,000 to goodwill. Effective July 1, 2010, a subsidiary of the Company purchased an outpatient therapy practice for \$100,000 ("July Acquisition"), which consisted of \$50,000 cash and a payable of \$50,000. The purchase price was allocated \$30,000 to non-current assets, \$20,000 to non-competition agreement and \$50,000 to goodwill. Both practices were consolidated into existing Company clinics.

The results of operations of the February Acquisition, March Acquisition and July Acquisition have been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements since the respective dates acquired. Unaudited proforma consolidated financial information for these three acquisitions has not been included as the results were not material to current operations.

#### Divestiture of Business

On March 31, 2010, the Company sold its 51% interest in a joint venture of five Texas clinics for \$974,000. The Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$578,000, which is included in other income in the consolidated statement of net income.

The operating results of these locations were not material to the operations of the Company, and therefore, the operating results of these clinics were not reclassified and reported as discontinued operations. The cash flow impact of these clinics was determined to be immaterial to the consolidated statements of cash flows.

#### 4. GOODWILL

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30 2010
Beginning balance	\$ 57,247
Goodwill acquired during the year	10,119
Goodwill written off	(39)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 67,327</u>

The goodwill written off relates to the five Texas clinics sold in March 2010.

#### 5. COMMON STOCK

In September 2001 through December 31, 2008, the Board of Directors ("Board") authorized the Company to purchase, in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, up to 2,250,000 shares of the Company's common stock. As of December 31, 2008, there were approximately 50,000 shares remaining that could be purchased under those programs.

In March 2009, the Board authorized the repurchase of up to 10% or approximately 1,200,000 shares of its common stock ("March 2009 Authorization"). In connection with the March 2009 Authorization, the Company amended its bank credit agreement to permit share repurchases of up to \$15,000,000. The Company is required to retire shares purchased under the March 2009 Authorization. Since there is no expiration date for the two share repurchase programs, additional shares may be purchased from time to time in the open market or private transactions depending on price, availability and the Company's cash position. During the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company purchased 86,522 shares for an aggregate purchase price of \$1.4 million. During the nine months ended September 2009, the Company purchased 518,335 shares for an aggregate price of \$5.6 million. No shares were purchased during the three months ended September 30, 2009. Using the September 30, 2010 closing price of \$16.72 per share, there were approximately 479,000 shares remaining that could be purchased under these programs.

#### 6. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Effective October 13, 2010, the Company amended the \$50,000,000 Credit Agreement with Bank of America ("Credit Agreement") to extend the maturity date from August 31, 2011 to August 21, 2015. In addition, the Credit Agreement was amended to adjust the pricing grid which is based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio with the applicable spread over LIBOR ranging from 1.6% to 2.5% or the applicable spread over the Base Rate, as defined in the Credit Agreement, ranging from .1% to 1%. The Credit Agreement is unsecured and has loan covenants, including requirements that the Company comply with a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio, as defined in the Credit Agreement.

## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### Our Business

We operate outpatient physical and/or occupational therapy clinics that provide preventive and post-operative care for a variety of orthopedic-related disorders and sports-related injuries, treatment for neurologically-related injuries and rehabilitation of injured workers. During the three months ended September 30, 2010, we opened five new clinics as satellites of existing clinics and closed two clinics. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we opened 13 new clinics, acquired five, sold five and closed nine. Of the 13 clinics opened, three were new Clinic Partnerships and ten were satellites of existing clinics. On February 26, 2010, we acquired a 70% interest in five clinics in the northeast and, on March 31, 2010, we sold our 51% interest in five Texas clinics. At September 30, 2010, we operated 372 clinics in 42 states. The average age of our clinics at September 30, 2010 was 7.4 years.

In addition to our owned clinics, we also manage physical therapy facilities for third parties, primarily physicians, with 13 third-party facilities under management as of September 30, 2010.

#### Selected Operating and Financial Data

The following table presents selected operating and financial data that we believe are key indicators of our operating performance.

	Ended September 30,		Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Number of clinics, at the end of period	372	367	372	367
Working days	64	64	191	191
Average visits per day per clinic	20.4	20.4	20.6	20.5
Total patient visits	483,152	479,385	1,449,281	1,429,635
Net patient revenue per visit	\$ 107.11	\$ 103.42	\$ 105.45	\$ 102.50
Statement of operations per visit:				
Net revenues	\$ 110.52	\$ 106.46	\$ 108.96	\$ 105.62
Salaries and related costs	57.93	55.95	56.86	55.02
Rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other	21.03	21.23	21.05	21.32
Provision for doubtful accounts	1.44	2.09	1.70	1.80
Closure costs	0.04	0.10	0.02	0.06
Contribution from clinics	30.08	27.09	29.33	27.42
Corporate office costs	12.00	12.08	11.81	11.93
Operating income from continuing operations	<u>\$ 18.08</u>	<u>\$ 15.01</u>	<u>\$ 17.52</u>	<u>\$ 15.49</u>

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 Compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2009

- Net revenues increased to \$53.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 ("2010 Third Quarter") from \$51.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 ("2009 Third Quarter") due to an \$3.69 increase from \$103.42 to \$107.11 in net patient revenue per visit and a slight increase in patient visits from 479,000 to 483,000. Our net patient revenue per visit has increased due to our continuing efforts to provide additional services and to negotiate more favorable reimbursement rates with payors.

- Net income attributable to our common shareholders for the 2010 Third Quarter was \$3.9 million versus \$3.1 million for the 2009 Third Quarter. Net income was \$0.33 per diluted share for the 2010 Third Quarter as compared to \$0.26 per diluted share for the 2009 Third Quarter. Total diluted shares were 11.9 million for the 2010 Third Quarter and 11.7 million for the 2009 Third Quarter.

### **Net Patient Revenues**

- Net patient revenues increased to \$51.7 million for the 2010 Third Quarter from \$49.6 million for the 2009 Third Quarter, an increase of \$2.1 million, or 4.4%, due to an increase of \$3.69 in net patient revenues per visit from \$103.42 to \$107.11 and a slight increase in patient visits from 479,000 to 483,000.
- The growth in patient visits was attributable to 20,000 visits in clinics opened or acquired between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010 (“New Clinics”), primarily due to the February Acquisition. This increase was offset by a decrease of 16,000 visits for clinics opened or acquired prior to October 1, 2009 (“Mature Clinics”).
- The \$2.1 million net patient revenues increase for the 2010 Third Quarter was attributable to New Clinics. Net patient revenues from Mature Clinics remained relatively constant between the two periods.

Net patient revenues are based on established billing rates less allowances and discounts for patients covered by contractual programs and workers’ compensation. Net patient revenues are after contractual and other adjustments relating to patient discounts from certain payors. Payments received under these programs are based on predetermined rates and are generally less than the established billing rates of the clinics.

### **Management Contract and Other Revenues**

Management contract and other revenues increased by \$191,000 from \$1,459,000 to \$1,650,000 due to higher revenues from additional management contracts in place. During the 2010 Third Quarter, we had 13 active management contracts versus 12 for the 2009 Third Quarter.

### **Clinic Operating Costs**

Clinic operating costs as a percentage of net revenues were 72.8% for the 2010 Third Quarter and 74.6% for the 2009 Third Quarter.

#### **Clinic Operating Costs — Salaries and Related Costs**

Salaries and related costs increased to \$28.0 million for the 2010 Third Quarter from \$26.8 million for the 2009 Third Quarter, an increase of \$1.2 million, or 4.4%. The \$1.2 million increase included costs of \$1.5 million attributable to the New Clinics offset by a \$0.3 million decrease in costs related to Mature Clinics. Salaries and related costs as a percentage of net revenues were 52.4% for the 2010 Third Quarter and 52.6% for the 2009 Third Quarter.

#### **Clinic Operating Costs — Rent, Clinic Supplies, Contract Labor and Other**

Rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other were \$10.2 million for the 2010 Third Quarter and for the 2009 Third Quarter. For New Clinics, rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other amounted to \$0.7 million for the 2010 Third Quarter. For Mature Clinics, rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other decreased by \$0.7 million in the 2010 Third Quarter. Rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other as a percentage of net revenues was 19.0% for the 2010 Third Quarter and 19.9% for the 2009 Third Quarter.

#### **Clinic Operating Costs — Provision for Doubtful Accounts**

The provision for doubtful accounts was \$0.7 million for the 2010 Third Quarter and \$1.0 million for the 2009 Third Quarter. The provision for doubtful accounts for patients accounts receivable as a percentage of net patient revenues was 1.3% for the 2010 Third Quarter and 2.0% for the 2009 Third Quarter. Our allowance for doubtful accounts for patient accounts receivable as a percentage of total patient accounts receivable was 8.5% at September 30, 2010, as compared to 7.6% at December 31, 2009. Our days sales outstanding was 47 days at September 30, 2010 compared to 45 days at December 31, 2009.

## Corporate Office Costs

Corporate office costs, consisting primarily of salaries and benefits of corporate office personnel, rent, insurance costs, depreciation and amortization, travel, legal, professional, and recruiting fees, were \$5.8 million for the 2010 Third Quarter and 2009 Third Quarter. As a percentage of net revenues, corporate office costs were 10.9% for the 2010 Third Quarter and 11.3% for the 2009 Third Quarter.

## Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$50,000 for the 2010 Third Quarter and \$93,000 for the 2009 Third Quarter, which represents a decrease of \$43,000, or 46.2%, due to a decrease in average borrowings outstanding during the 2010 period compared to the 2009 period. At September 30, 2010, no amounts were outstanding under our revolving credit facility. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" below for a discussion of the terms of our revolving credit facility contained in the Credit Agreement.

## Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes increased to \$2.5 million for the 2010 Third Quarter from \$2.0 million for the 2009 Third Quarter. During the 2010 and 2009 Third Quarters, the Company accrued state and federal income taxes at an effective tax rate (provision for taxes divided by the difference between income before taxes and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests) of 39.3% and 38.8%, respectively.

## Noncontrolling Interests

Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests was \$2.3 million for the 2010 Third Quarter and \$2.0 million for the 2009 Third Quarter. Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests as a percentage of operating income before corporate office costs was 15.8% for the 2010 Third Quarter and 15.7% for the 2009 Third Quarter.

## Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 Compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009

- Net revenues increased to \$157.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 ("2010 Nine Months") from \$151.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 ("2009 Nine Months") due to an increase of \$2.95 from \$102.50 to \$105.45 in net patient revenue per visit and a 1.4% increase in patient visits from 1,430,000 to 1,449,000. Our net patient revenue per visit has increased due to our continuing efforts to provide additional services and to negotiate more favorable reimbursement rates with payors.
- Net income attributable to our common shareholders for the 2010 Nine Months was \$11.5 million versus \$9.5 million for the 2009 Nine Months. Net income was \$0.97 per diluted share for the 2010 Nine Months as compared to \$0.80 per diluted share for the 2009 Nine Months. Total diluted shares were 11.9 million for the 2010 Nine Months and 11.8 million for the 2009 Nine Months.

## Net Patient Revenues

- Net patient revenues increased to \$152.8 million for the 2010 Nine Months from \$146.5 million for the 2009 Nine Months, an increase of \$6.3 million, or 4.3%, due to an increase of \$2.95 in net patient revenues per visit from \$102.50 to \$105.45 and a 1.4% increase in patient visits from 1,430,000 to 1,449,000.
- The growth in patient visits was attributable to 45,000 visits in New Clinics, primarily due to the February Acquisition, offset by a decrease of 26,000 visits for Mature Clinics.
- The \$6.3 million net patient revenues increase for the 2010 Nine Months included \$5.1 million from New Clinics and \$1.2 million from Mature Clinics.

Net patient revenues are based on established billing rates less allowances and discounts for patients covered by contractual programs and workers' compensation. Net patient revenues are after contractual and other adjustments relating to patient discounts from certain payors. Payments received under these programs are based on predetermined rates and are generally less than the established billing rates of the clinics.

## Management Contract and Other Revenues

Management contract and other revenues increased by \$623,000 from \$4,460,000 to \$5,083,000 primarily due to additional management contracts in place.



## **Clinic Operating Costs**

Clinic operating costs as a percentage of net revenues were 73.1% for the 2010 Nine Months and 74.0% for the 2009 Nine Months.

### **Clinic Operating Costs — Salaries and Related Costs**

Salaries and related costs increased to \$82.4 million for the 2010 Nine Months from \$78.7 million for the 2009 Nine Months, an increase of \$3.7 million, or 4.8%. The \$3.7 million increase included costs of \$3.2 million attributable to the New Clinics and a \$0.5 million increase related to Mature Clinics. Salaries and related costs as a percentage of net revenues were 52.2% for the 2010 Nine Months and 52.1% for the 2009 Nine Months.

### **Clinic Operating Costs — Rent, Clinic Supplies, Contract Labor and Other**

Rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other were \$30.5 million for the 2010 Nine Months and for the 2009 Nine Months. For New Clinics, rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other amounted to \$1.4 million for the 2010 Nine Months. For Mature Clinics, rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other decreased by \$1.4 million for the 2010 Nine Months. Rent, clinic supplies, contract labor and other as a percentage of net revenues was 19.3% for the 2010 Nine Months and 20.2% for the 2009 Nine Months.

### **Clinic Operating Costs — Provision for Doubtful Accounts**

The provision for doubtful accounts was \$2.5 million for the 2010 Nine Months and \$2.6 million for the 2009 Nine Months. The provision for doubtful accounts for patients accounts receivable as a percentage of net patient revenues was 1.6% for the 2010 Nine Months and 1.8% for the 2009 Nine Months. Our allowance for doubtful accounts for patient accounts receivable as a percentage of total patient accounts receivable was 8.6% at September 30, 2010, as compared to 7.6% at December 31, 2009. Our days sales outstanding was 47 days at September 30, 2010 compared to 45 days at December 31, 2009.

## **Corporate Office Costs**

Corporate office costs, consisting primarily of salaries and benefits of corporate office personnel, rent, insurance costs, depreciation and amortization, travel, legal, professional, and recruiting fees, were \$17.1 million, or 10.8% of net revenues, for the 2010 Nine Months and \$17.0 million, or 11.3% of net revenues for the 2009 Nine Months.

## **Interest and Other Income**

Other income in the 2010 Nine Months included a pre-tax gain of \$578,000 from the sale of our 51% interest in a five clinic Texas joint venture.

## **Interest Expense**

Interest expense was \$195,000 for the 2010 Nine Months and \$294,000 for the 2009 Nine Months, which represents a decrease of \$99,000, or 33.7%, due to a decrease in average borrowings outstanding during the 2010 period compared to the 2009 period. At September 30, 2010, no amounts were outstanding under our revolving credit facility. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" below for a discussion of the terms of our revolving credit facility contained in the Credit Agreement.

## **Provision for Income Taxes**

The provision for income taxes increased to \$7.4 million for the 2010 Nine Months from \$6.1 million for the 2009 Nine Months. During the 2010 and 2009 Nine Months, the Company accrued state and federal income taxes at an effective tax rate (provision for taxes divided by the difference between income before taxes and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests) of 39.3% and 39.1%, respectively.

## **Noncontrolling Interests**

Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests was \$6.8 million for the 2010 Nine Months and \$6.3 million for the 2009 Nine Months. Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests as a percentage of operating income before corporate office costs was 16.1% for the 2010 Nine Months and the 2009 Nine Months.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We believe that our business is generating sufficient cash flow from operating activities to allow us to meet our short-term and long-term cash requirements, other than those with respect to future acquisitions. At September 30, 2010, we had \$9.7 million in cash compared to cash of \$6.4 million at December 31, 2009, an increase of 51.2%. Although start-up costs associated with opening new clinics and our planned capital expenditures are significant, we believe that our cash and availability of \$50.0 million under our revolving credit facility at September 30, 2010 are sufficient to fund the working capital needs of our operating subsidiaries, corporate costs, purchases of our common stock, accrued clinic closure costs, future clinic development and investments through at least September 2011. Significant acquisitions would likely require financing under our existing revolving credit facility.

The increase in cash of \$3.3 million from December 31, 2009 to September 30, 2010 was due to \$23.8 million provided by operations, \$0.9 million of net proceeds on the sale of fixed assets and business and \$0.4 million from exercise of stock options, offset by major uses of cash which included: purchase of businesses and noncontrolling interests (\$9.4 million), distributions to noncontrolling interest partners (\$7.2 million), purchase of fixed assets (\$2.7 million), purchase of our common stock (\$1.4 million) and payments on notes payable and net reduction of the balance on the Credit Agreement (\$1.1 million).

Effective August 27, 2007, we entered into the Credit Agreement with a commitment for a \$30.0 million revolving credit facility which was increased to \$50.0 million effective June 4, 2008. Effective March 18, 2009, we amended the Credit Agreement to permit the Company to purchase up to \$15,000,000 of its common stock subject to compliance with certain covenants, including the requirement that after giving effect to any stock purchase, our consolidated leverage ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) be less than 1.0 to 1.0 and that any stock repurchased be retired within seven days of purchase. Effective October 13, 2010, we amended the Credit Agreement (“October Amendment”) to extend the maturity date from August 31, 2011 to August 31, 2015. In addition, the Credit Agreement was amended to adjust the pricing grid which is based on our consolidated leverage ratio with the applicable spread over LIBOR ranging from 1.6% to 2.5% or the applicable spread over the Base Rate, as defined in the Credit Agreement, ranging from .1% to 1%. The Credit Agreement is unsecured and has loan covenants, including requirements that we comply with a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio and consolidated leverage ratio, as defined in the Credit Agreement. Proceeds from the Credit Agreement may be used for working capital, acquisitions, purchases of our common stock, dividend payments to our common stockholders, capital expenditures and other corporate purposes. Fees under the October Amendment include a closing fee of \$15,000 and an unused commitment fee ranging from .1% to .25% depending on our consolidated leverage ratio and the amount of funds outstanding under the Credit Agreement. On September 30, 2010, no amounts were outstanding on the revolving credit facility resulting in \$50.0 million of availability, and we were in compliance with all of the covenants thereunder.

Historically, we have generated sufficient cash from operations to fund our development activities and to cover operational needs. We plan to continue developing new clinics and making additional acquisitions. We also from time to time purchase the noncontrolling interests in our Clinic Partnerships. Generally, any acquisition or purchase of noncontrolling interests is expected to be accomplished using a combination of cash and financing. Any large acquisition would likely require financing.

We make reasonable and appropriate efforts to collect accounts receivable, including applicable deductible and co-payment amounts, in a consistent manner for all payor types. Claims are submitted to payors daily, weekly or monthly in accordance with our policy or payor’s requirements. When possible, we submit our claims electronically. The collection process is time consuming and typically involves the submission of claims to multiple payors whose payment of claims may be dependent upon the payment of another payor. Claims under litigation and vehicular incidents can take a year or longer to collect. Medicare and other payor claims relating to new clinics awaiting Medicare Rehab Agency status approval initially may not be submitted for six months or more. When all reasonable internal collection efforts have been exhausted, accounts are written off prior to sending them to outside collection firms. With managed care, commercial health plans and self-pay payor type receivables, the write-off generally occurs after the account receivable has been outstanding for at least 120 days.

In connection with the February Acquisition, we incurred notes payable in the aggregate totaling \$200,000 payable in two equal annual installments of \$100,000 on February 26, 2011 and 2012, plus accrued and unpaid interest. Interest accrues at a fixed rate of 3.25% per annum. In addition, we assumed leases with remaining terms ranging from three to nine and one-half years for the operating facilities.

In connection with the acquisition of a 65% interest in an outpatient rehabilitation practice with four clinics in November 2008, we incurred a note payable in the amount of \$400,400 payable in two equal annual installments of \$200,200 which began November 18, 2009, plus accrued and unpaid interest. Interest accrues at a fixed rate of 4.00% per annum. The final principal payment and any accrued and unpaid interest then outstanding is due and payable on November 18, 2010. At September 30, 2010, the principal amount outstanding related to this note was \$200,200. In addition, we assumed leases with remaining terms ranging from nine months to three years for the operating facilities.

In connection with the acquisition of a 65% interest in Rehab Management Group (“RMG”) in October 2008, we incurred a note payable in the amount of \$157,100 payable in equal annual installments of \$78,550 which began October 8, 2009, plus accrued and unpaid interest. Interest accrues at a fixed rate of 5.00% per annum. At September 30, 2010, the principal amount outstanding related to this note was \$78,550. The final principal payment and any accrued and unpaid interest was paid in October 2010. The purchase agreement also provides for possible contingent consideration of up to \$3,781,000 based on the achievement of a designated level of operating results within a three-year period following the acquisition. In 2009, we paid \$1,200,000 of additional consideration related to RMG’s operating results for the first year. Such amount was recorded as additional goodwill.

In connection with the acquisition of a 65% interest in a multi-partner outpatient rehabilitation practice with nine clinics in June 2008, we incurred notes payable in the aggregate totaling \$950,625 payable in equal annual installments of \$475,312, plus accrued and unpaid interest, which began June 11, 2009. Interest accrues at a fixed rate of 5.00% per annum. The final principal payment and any accrued and unpaid interest then outstanding was paid in June 2010. The purchase agreement also provides for possible contingent consideration of up to \$1,500,000 based on the achievement of a designated level of operating results within a three-year period following the acquisition. There was no contingent consideration earned based on the operating results of this acquisition during the first two years.

In connection with the acquisition of a 70% interest in STAR Physical Therapy, LP in September 2007, we incurred notes payable in the aggregate totaling \$1,000,000 payable in equal annual installments of \$333,333, plus accrued and unpaid interest, with the first payment being made on September 6, 2008. Interest accrues at a fixed rate of 8.25% per annum. The remaining principal and any accrued and unpaid interest then outstanding was paid in September 2010. In addition, we assumed leases with remaining terms ranging from two months to six years for the operating facilities.

Except for RMG, in conjunction with the above mentioned acquisitions, in the event that a noncontrolling interest partner’s employment ceases at any time after three years from the acquisition date, we have agreed to repurchase that individual’s interest at a predetermined multiple of earnings before interest and taxes.

In September 2001 through December 31, 2008, the Board authorized us to purchase, in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, up to 2,250,000 shares of our common stock. As of December 31, 2008, there were approximately 50,000 shares remaining that could be purchased under these programs. In March 2009, the Board authorized the repurchase of up to 10% or approximately 1,200,000 shares of our common stock (“March 2009 Authorization”). In connection with the March 2009 Authorization, we amended our bank credit agreement to permit the share repurchases of up to \$15,000,000. We are required to retire shares purchased under the March 2009 Authorization. Since there is no expiration date for these share repurchase programs, additional shares may be purchased from time to time in the open market or private transactions depending on price, availability and our cash position. During the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2010, we purchased 86,522 shares of our common stock. During 2009, the Company purchased 518,335 shares for an aggregate price of \$5.6 million. No shares were purchased during the three months ended September 30, 2009. Using the September 30, 2010 closing price of \$16.72 per share, there were approximately 479,000 shares remaining that could be purchased under these programs.

## **FACTORS AFFECTING FUTURE RESULTS**

The risks related to our business and operations include:

- The uncertain economic conditions and the historically high unemployment rate in the United States may have material adverse impacts on our business and financial condition that we currently cannot predict.
- We depend upon reimbursement by third-party payors including Medicare and Medicaid.
- Changes as a result of healthcare reform legislation may affect our business.
- We depend upon the cultivation and maintenance of relationships with the physicians in our markets.
- We also depend upon our ability to recruit and retain experienced physical and occupational therapists.
- Our revenues may fluctuate due to weather.
- Our operations are subject to extensive regulation.
- We operate in a highly competitive industry.
- We may incur closure costs and losses.
- Future acquisitions may use significant resources, may be unsuccessful and could expose us to unforeseen liabilities.
- Certain of our internal controls, particularly as they relate to billings and cash collections, are largely decentralized at our clinic locations.

See Risk Factors in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and in Part II – Other Information – “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in this report.

## **FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

We make statements in this report that are considered to be forward-looking within the meaning under Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements contain forward-looking information relating to the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business of our Company. These statements (often using words such as “believes”, “expects”, “intends”, “plans”, “appear”, “should” and similar words) involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those we project. Included among such statements are those relating to opening new clinics, availability of personnel and the reimbursement environment. The forward-looking statements are based on our current views and assumptions and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of certain risks, uncertainties, and factors, which include, but are not limited to:

- changes in Medicare guidelines and reimbursement or failure of our clinics to maintain their Medicare certification status,
- revenue and earnings expectations;
- general economic conditions;
- business and regulatory conditions including federal and state regulations;
- changes as the result of government enacted national healthcare reform;
- availability and cost of qualified physical and occupational therapists;
- personnel productivity;
- competitive, economic or reimbursement conditions in our markets which may require us to reorganize or close certain clinics and thereby incur losses and/or closure costs including the possible write-down or write-off of goodwill and other intangible assets;
- changes in reimbursement rates or payment methods from third party payors including government agencies and deductibles and co-pays owed by patients;
- maintaining adequate internal controls;
- availability, terms, and use of capital;
- acquisitions and the successful integration of the operations of the acquired businesses; and
- weather and other seasonal factors.

Many factors are beyond our control. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Please see our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) for more information on these factors. Our forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. Except as required by law, we are under no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, regardless of the reason the statement is no longer accurate.

## **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.**

We do not maintain any derivative instruments, interest rate swap arrangements, hedging contracts, futures contracts or the like. The Company’s primary market risk exposure is the changes in interest rates obtainable on our revolving credit agreement. The interest on our revolving credit agreement is based on a variable rate. At September 30, 2010, no amounts were outstanding on our revolving credit facility.

## **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

### **(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's management completed an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded (i) that our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and (ii) that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

### **(b) Changes in Internal Control**

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II — OTHER INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 1A. Risk Factors.**

The risk factor presented below updates and replaces a risk factor disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, and should be considered in addition to the risk factors disclosed in that Annual Report. There have been no other material changes to the Company's risk factors as set forth in "Item 1A. Risk Factors," in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

#### ***We depend upon reimbursement by third-party payors.***

Substantially all of our revenues are derived from private and governmental third-party payors. In 2009, approximately 80% of our revenues were derived collectively from managed care plans, commercial health insurers, workers' compensation payors, and other private pay revenue sources and approximately 20% of our revenues were derived from Medicare and Medicaid. Initiatives undertaken by industry and government to contain healthcare costs affect the profitability of our clinics. These payors attempt to control healthcare costs by contracting with healthcare providers to obtain services on a discounted basis. We believe that this trend will continue and may limit reimbursement for healthcare services. If insurers or managed care companies from whom we receive substantial payments were to reduce the amounts they pay for services, our profit margins may decline, or we may lose patients if we choose not to renew our contracts with these insurers at lower rates. In addition, in certain geographical areas, our clinics must be approved as providers by key health maintenance organizations and preferred provider plans. Failure to obtain or maintain these approvals would adversely affect our financial results.

Since 1999, reimbursement for outpatient therapy services provided to Medicare beneficiaries has been made according to a MPFS published by the HHS. Under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the total amount paid by Medicare in any one year for outpatient physical therapy or occupational therapy (including speech-language pathology) to any one patient is subjected to a stated dollar amount, except for services provided in hospitals. Outpatient therapy services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries by the Company's therapists are subject to the Medicare Cap, except for services provided in hospitals. In 2006, Congress passed the DRA, which allowed CMS to grant exceptions to the Medicare Cap for services provided during the year, as long as those services met certain qualifications. The exception process initially allowed for automatic and manual exceptions to the Medicare Cap for medically necessary services. CMS subsequently revised the exceptions procedures and eliminated the manual exceptions process. Beginning January 1, 2008, all services that required exceptions to the Medicare Cap were processed as automatic exceptions. While the basic procedure for obtaining an automatic exception remained the same, CMS expanded requirements for documentation related to the medical necessity of services provided above the cap. Under the MIPPA as passed July 16, 2008, the extension process remained through December 31, 2009. The Temporary Extension Act of 2010, enacted on March 2, 2010, extended the therapy cap exceptions process through March 31, 2010, retroactive to January 1, 2010. With respect to the MPFS, in April, the Continuing Extension Act of 2010 was signed into law which extended the zero percent update through May 31, 2010.

On March 23, 2010, the President signed into law the PPACA, which extended the exceptions process for the outpatient therapy Medicare Cap. Outpatient therapy service providers may continue to submit claims when an exception is appropriate beyond the allotted Medicare Cap for services furnished on or after January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. For physical therapy and speech language pathology service combined, and for occupational therapy services, the Medicare Cap for 2010 is \$1,860.

On June 25, 2010, the President signed into law the PACMBPRA. The legislation increases reimbursement to providers of outpatient physical therapy for Medicare patients by 2.2% effective June 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010.

Since the Medicare Cap was implemented, patients who have been impacted by the cap and those who do not qualify for an exception may choose to pay for services in excess of the cap themselves; however, it is assumed that the Medicare Cap will continue to result in some lost revenues to our Company.

On November 2, 2010 CMS released a final ruling on the Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) that includes changes to the reimbursement for Medicare related therapy services that will become effective January 1, 2011. Under MPPR, the practice expense of second and subsequent therapy codes billed in a single day will be reduced by 25%. This reduction will result in an estimated 7% rate reduction for therapy services provided in calendar year 2011 for Medicare. In addition, CMS will make changes to the Relative Value Units (RVUs) and the Geographic Practice Costs Index (GPCI) to the Resource Based Relative Value System (RBRVS) that would potentially mitigate the 7% rate reduction, assuming that Congress acts with regard to the pending Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Physician Fee Schedule reduction.

For a further description of this and other laws and regulations involving governmental reimbursements, see “Business — Sources of Revenue” and “— Regulation and Healthcare Reform” in Item 1 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table provides information regarding shares of the Company’s common stock repurchased by the Company during the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1)	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)
July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010	—	\$ —	—	731,628
August 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010	—	\$ —	—	731,628
September 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010	86,522	\$ 16.20	86,522	645,106
Total	86,522	\$ 16.20	86,522	645,106

- (1) In September 2001 through December 31, 2008, the Board of Directors (“Board”) authorized the Company to purchase, in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, up to 2,250,000 shares of its common stock. As of December 31, 2008, there were approximately 50,000 shares remaining that could be purchased under these programs. In March 2009, the Board authorized the repurchase of up to 10% or approximately 1,200,000 shares of the Company’s common stock. In connection with the March 2009 Authorization, the Company amended its Credit Agreement to permit the share repurchases of up to \$15,000,000. The Company is required to retire shares purchased under the March 2009 Authorization. Since there is no expiration date for these share repurchase programs, additional shares may be purchased from time to time in the open market or private transactions depending on price, availability and the Company’s cash position. During the three months ended September 30, 2010, the Company purchased 86,522 shares for an aggregate price of \$1.4 million. There were no shares purchased in the preceding six months ended June 30, 2010. The number of shares that may yet be purchased is calculated on the shares authorized to be repurchased less those repurchased, subject to this cumulative \$15,000,000 limit. Without amending the Credit Agreement, there were approximately 479,000 shares remaining that could be purchased under these programs using the September 30, 2010 closing price of \$16.72 per share.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.1	Third Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of October 13, 2010, by and among the Company and the Lenders party hereto, and Bank of America, N.A. as Administrative Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 14, 2010).
31.1*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer.
31.2*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer.
31.3*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Corporate Controller.
32*	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

\* Filed herewith

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on our behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**U.S. PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC.**

Date: November 4, 2010

By: /s/ LAWRENCE W. MCAFEE  
Lawrance W. McAfee  
Chief Financial Officer  
(duly authorized officer and principal financial  
and accounting officer)

By: /s/ JON C. BATES  
Jon C. Bates  
Vice President/Corporate Controller

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\* Filed herewith



## CERTIFICATION

I, Christopher Reading, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER READING

Christopher Reading  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: November 4, 2010

## CERTIFICATION

I, Lawrance W. McAfee, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ LAWRANCE W. MCAFEE

Lawrance W. McAfee

Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial and accounting officer)

Date: November 4, 2010

## CERTIFICATION

I, Jon C. Bates, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ JON C. BATES

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Jon C. Bates

Vice President/Corporate Controller

Date: November 4, 2010

**CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Christopher J. Reading, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Lawrance W. McAfee, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, and Jon C. Bates, Vice President and Corporate Controller of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

November 4, 2010

/s/ CHRISTOPHER J. READING

Christopher J. Reading  
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ LAWRENCE W. MCAFEE

Lawrance W. McAfee  
Chief Financial Officer

/s/ JON C. BATES

Jon C. Bates  
Vice President/Corporate Controller

This certification is made solely pursuant to the requirement of Section 1350 of 18 U.S.C., and is not for any other purpose. A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to U. S. Physical Therapy, Inc. and will be retained by U. S. Physical Therapy, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.