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Leslie Adrian, Unites States

Leslie Adrian is the Director of Professional Standards for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Her education includes a Master of Science in Physical Therapy from Ithaca College and a Master of Public Administration from Virginia Tech. She is currently pursuing a DPT from Shenandoah University. Leslie's responsibilities include authoring resource papers for state boards, tracking legislative and regulatory activities relevant to physical therapy, development of standards for non-US educated physical therapists and also the standards for the Federation's continuing competence initiative.

Katya Duvalko, Canada

Katya Duvalko is the CEO of the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators . the national federation of Canadian provincial/territorial physiotherapy regulators. The Alliance is responsible for administering the Physiotherapy Licensing exam, credentialing internationally-educated physiotherapists, and supporting member regulatory bodies through information and data sharing and policy work.

Prior to coming to The Alliance, Katya held leadership positions at the Cancer Quality Council, the Ontario Health Quality Council, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Katya has a deep commitment to and interest in serving the public interest in all matters affecting the Ontario health system.

Katya received both her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and her Master's of Health Sciences degrees from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. For her Master's degree, she specialized in Maternal and Child Health and wrote her thesis on the relationship between teen parenting and subsequent child abuse. She came to Toronto in 1991 to enter the doctoral program in health policy in the department of Health Administration at the University of Toronto. Her dissertation (in progress) studied the meaning of privatization in the health system reform initiatives of Ukraine.

Dr. Tamar Jacob, Israel

Dr Jacob is a physical therapist and senior lecturer at the Physical Therapy (PT) Department in Ariel University Center of Samaria, Israel. Her master's and PhD degrees are in public health, awarded from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Dr Jacob's academic background includes a bachelor degree in education; she is a registered teacher and has experience mainly with survey studies.

Dr Jacob was a member of the team who established the PT department in Ariel and was a deputy and the head of the departments between 2000 and 2009. She is engaged in PT undergraduate education for over thirty years. As part of her public tasks she is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the Israeli Physiotherapy Society (will be the editor in-chief from January 2013), and of the advising expertise committee of the Israeli Physiotherapy Society.

Dianne Millette, Canada

Dianne is the Registrar of the College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada and the President of the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators, the national regulatory federation in Canada. She has been involved in health professions regulation for over 24 years in Canada and the United States. Dianne is a physiotherapist and holds a Master of Health Science degree from the University of Toronto.

Paul Shinkfield, Australia

Paul is currently the Chair of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia. He was appointed as a member of the inaugural Board in 2009, elected Deputy Chair in 2010 and has previously chaired its Continuous Improvement Committee. Paul is the Discipline Lead Physiotherapy Services, Southern Tasmanian Area Health Service and Manager Physiotherapy Services at the Royal Hobart Hospital. Paul has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) from La Trobe University, Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from the University of Tasmania, Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice from the College of Law, Melbourne, and a Diploma of Business (Frontline Management) from the Institute of TAFE Tasmania. He is a member of the Australian Physiotherapy Association and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.