

INPTRA

Non-Members' Responses
2016 Membership Survey

International Network of
Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities

Demographics

- 40 respondent from 16 countries
 - USA = 13 respondents
 - Canada = 8 respondents
 - Singapore = 4 respondents
 - Australia = 3 respondents
 - Other countries (11 single responses) included:
Bahamas, Belize, Bosnia & Herzegovina,
Catalonia/Spain, Greece, Ireland, Malta, Morocco,
Nigeria, Philippines, and Sri Lanka

Demographics (continued)

- 16 of 40 respondents identified themselves as regulators
- 7 of 40 identified themselves as academics
- 17 of 40 identified themselves as something else and generally in clinical practice

Regulatory system status

- 76% Well established
- 10% Developed, but new
- 15% In development
- 2% No regulatory system in place
- 10% Other:
 - 3 from US (either do not know or want to change)
 - 1 from Sri Lanka (System available but no authority for PTs in the process)

Interest in International PT Regulation

- Some individuals identified their interest simply based on their role/job as regulators or academics
- What follows are topics or subjects of their interest in international PT regulation

What is your interest in international physiotherapy regulation?

- Regulation in general = 8
- Continuing competence = 4
- Mobility = 4
- Credentials of FEPT = 4
- Profession = 4
- PT education, qualifications, equivalency & basic competency = 4
- Scope, practice standards & uniformity = 3
- Other topics listed with one response: Discipline, telehealth, global interest, evidence based & networking

Issues your *organization* views as a priority

- 70% Continuing Competence
- 55% Licensure/registration of international PT
- 55% Accreditation of PT education
- 52% Workforce mobility
- 50% Issues of discipline & complaints
- 45% Improving regulatory systems
- 45% Communicating with PTs
- 35% Licensure/registration renewals
- 22% Engagement with patients & patient groups
- 18% Developing a regulatory system
- 1% Over-regulation

Issues most important to you *personally*

- Competence (initial & continuing) = 8
- Mobility/globalization of health professions = 5
- Education accreditation (academic & clinical) & equivalency = 5
- Discipline & complaints = 4
- Title protection = 3
- Evidence based practice = 2
- Government intervention/over-regulation = 2
- International PTs = 2
 - Continued

Issues most important to you *personally*

- Single responses:
 - Communications with physiotherapists
 - Physical therapist assistant regulation
 - Examination
 - Maintenance of licensure
 - Professional engagement
 - Fraudulent billing
 - Eliminating unwarranted barriers for internationally educated physiotherapists
 - Regulation should cover education, practice & research
 - Telehealth
 - PT informatics & interoperability

INPTRA webcasts viewed

- 56% 2015 Scope of Practice: Canada, UK & US
- 48% 2015 Scope of Practice: Australia & NZ
- 41% 2013 PT Prescribing Rights
- 37% 2014 Mobility of PTs in Europe
- 26% 2015 Telehealth
- 22% 2014 Telepractice
- 22% 2013 Quebec-France accord
- 22% 2013 Direct access around the world
- 15% 2014 PT in Philippines & NZ

Webcast value

Fully Agree	Some What Agree	Neutral	
47%	37%	11%	Webcasts are informative & help me understand issues in PT regulation
57%	23%	20%	Webcasts cover a sufficient range of relevant topics
53%	23%	23%	Webcasts frequency meets my needs
52%	31%	17%	Webcasts give me access to valuable regulatory information

Reason for not attending webcasts

- 5 = Unaware of webcast
- 9 = Time constraints
- 5 = Timing of the webcasts
- 1 = Below their knowledge level
- 1 = Did not relate to current position

INPTRA meetings attended

- 14 reported attending the 2015 Singapore meeting
- 3 reported attending the 2011 Amsterdam meeting
- 5 reported attending the 2007 Vancouver meeting

Plan on attending 2017 INPTRA meeting in Cape Town, South Africa?

- 10 - Yes
- 16 - No
- 11 – Not sure
 - Financial restrictions were the majority responses to “not sure”

Preferred modes of presentations

%	
79%	Webcast
55%	News articles
48%	White papers
34%	Video presentations
31%	In-person presentations
3%	Other

Other collaborative opportunities that you would like?

- Interactive page for questions/comments that could be posted
- Written reports of the meetings
- Moderated forum on regulatory issues
- Regular email reminders

Frequency of visiting website

- 88% or 30 individuals reported visiting
- 12% or 4 individuals reported not having visited

Response	% and raw number
A few times per year	57% (17)
A few times per month	23% (7)
A few times per week	3% (1)
Never	17% (5)

Information sought on INPTRA website

- Mission
- Telehealth,
- Scope of practice
- Webcast info
- Resources: articles, presentations
- International developments & Network News
- Policy information
- Competences of practise
- Membership
- General Information

What would increase your use of the website?

- Crosswalks between the different countries with best practices
- Stimulating forum
- Access to wider range of resources
- Publication of academic papers
- Routine updates from various countries on regulation, competences & mobility
- Data on international migration of PTs

INPTRA website value

Fully Agree	Some what Agree	Neutral	
71%	11%	18%	List of contact info of regulatory authorities is valuable
56%	33%	11%	Information related to Standards & Scope of Practice is informative
52%	30%	19%	Regulatory Resources page is valuable
48%	33%	19%	Country profiles are informative

Critical things you want to know about PT regulation

- Current trends & issues
- Changes & future of practice & regulation to enhance access & safety
- Role of regulation in Social Media
- What are the “guidelines”?
- Standards of education & discipline
- Competencies & scope
- Accreditation, education, regulation, scope, continuing competence and workforce demographics by country
- How can I learn personally about practicing around the world?
- Resources to PT professional association to strengthen regulation
- How to get PT act in our country or any country?

Topics you are interested in reading or hearing about

- Accreditation
- Competency assessment
- Foreign educated PTs
- Telehealth
- Big Data, PT informatics
- Globalization
- Specialization
- Latest treatment techniques
- Education
- Discipline
- How does INPTRA fit with WCPT?
- Correlation between regulatory systems and quality PT

What can INPTRA do for you or your country to meet regulatory goals?

- Provide information & best practices on current issues across all countries
- Continue updating the website
- Assist in our mutual recognition arrangements with other countries
- Provide a framework & best practice resources
- Funding
- Provide advice & support our association thru letters & documents sent to the health ministry
- Provision of internationally accepted documents related to regulation

What valuable service could INPTRA offer to you or your country?

- Share uncommon conditions & management/treatments of best practice
- Help the public understand the role of PT
- Help facilitate regulation with governments
- Consult on regulatory development

What topics would you like more Information on?

%	
81%	Overlap of education, accreditation & regulation
74%	Continuous professional development
63%	Ethics & standards of practice
48%	Disciplinary guidelines & processes
48%	Advanced practice
41%	Mentorship programs
41%	Telehealth
26%	Support personnel

Other feedback

- INPTRA is an excellent organization doing an amazing job with limited resources. Well done!
- Focus of INPTRA should be stakeholders where regulation is in development.
- Opportunity to meet every few years meets my needs.