

2017 SPEAKERS



Leslie Adrian, PT, DPT, MPA

Director of Professional Standards, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (USA)

Leslie Adrian is the Director of Professional Standards for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Leslie oversaw the research, writing, and publication of the FSBPT paper ***Telehealth in Physical Therapy: Policy Recommendation for Appropriate Regulation***. Over the last five years, Leslie has extensively researched methods of increasing licensure portability, co-authoring many resources for Federation members on the topic. Leslie has been on the front edge of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact initiative from background research to current legislative efforts. Leslie's responsibilities include responding to the needs of member state boards, tracking relevant legislative activities, and developing standards for internationally educated physical therapists.



Raul G. Agustin

Member, Professional Regulatory Board of Physical Therapy, Professional Regulation Commission (Philippines)

Raul is a member of the Professional Regulatory Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy, Professional Regulation Commission and represents the board at the Technical Committee for Physical Therapy Education, Commission on Higher Education. He is also a lifetime member of the Philippine Physical Therapy Association, Inc.



Olufunke T. Akanle, PT, MScPT (Ibadan), MScPT (Lagos), FIHIMCN, MICA

Registrar/CEO, Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Registration) Board of Nigeria

Olufunke T. Akanle, PT, MScPT (Ibadan), MScPT (Lagos), FIHIMCN, MICA, is the Registrar/CEO, Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Registration) Board of Nigeria (MRTB). The MRTB regulates the training and practice of seven professions in Medical Rehabilitation: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Audiology, Orthotics and Prosthetics, Osteopathic and Chiropractic Medicine. Statutorily, as the Registrar of the Board, she has led accreditation visitation teams on several occasions for clinical & academic institutions accreditation on-site visits; she has convened Curriculum development and upgrading for Physiotherapy training program (DPT) and for other Medical rehabilitation Professions. She is also a member of the curriculum review committee for West African Health Organization (WAHO), of the Economic Community of West African Countries (ECOWAS). The WAHO is the West Africa regional agency charged with the responsibility of safeguarding the health of the peoples in the sub-region by ECOWAS. Olufunke was also one of the three panelists for an INPTRA Regulatory Bodies Webinar presentation in 2016.



Seyi Ladele Amosun, PhD, PGDip Health Professional Education
University of Cape Town, South Africa

Seyi Ladele Amosun has been a physiotherapist for about 40 years, with over 30 years in physiotherapy education. He has been privileged to engage in attempts to upgrade diploma training programs in Africa to university degree levels. He was part of the faculty in South Africa that developed the first upgrading program, which has successfully empowered the graduates who returned to their countries to start degree programs. This offered opportunity to get involved in curriculum development in different African countries. In order to make informed contributions, he obtained a postgraduate diploma in Health Professional Education.



Alison Bell

Practitioner member, Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Ali Bell is a practitioner member of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia and also a member of the Board's Registration and Notifications Committee. Ali is a lecturer (second year coordinator, Physiotherapy program) at the University of South Australia, and a Director of Physio to Fit (various services e.g. professional development for physiotherapists, assistants). Ali has been involved in the regulation of physiotherapists in Australia since 1995 and held positions in related professional associations since the 1980s.



Elaine Buckley

Chair of Council, Health and Care Professions Council (UK)

Elaine Buckley was appointed Chair of Council in 2015, following an 18 month appointment as a registrant member of Council. Elaine qualified as a physiotherapist in 1981. She was appointed as Orthopedic General Manager in 1993. She then moved into higher education over 20 years ago, her most recent role was Assistant Dean in the Faculty of Health and Wellbeing, providing academic leadership in areas of academic quality and enhancement. She has also led on international development projects including working with governments in countries such as Iraq and Libya, advising and supporting on the development of their healthcare workforce.



Fiona Campbell

Senior Physiotherapist Advisor, College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (Canada)

Fiona worked as a clinical PT for almost 20 years before joining the regulatory body for physiotherapists in Ontario, Canada. Fiona's main role is interfacing with physiotherapists and other stakeholders about the rules and regulations governing practice. In a new, exciting College initiative, Fiona visits PTs in their practice sites and local venues talking directly with the profession about regulatory changes and hears first-hand how this impacts practice.



Dr. Charles Flynn

Chair, Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Charles Flynn has been a practitioner member of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia since 2009 and was appointed National Board Chair by the Australian Health Ministers in 2016. Charles has been a private practitioner in regional Victoria since 1980 and achieved a Doctor of Philosophy from Melbourne University in 2003 with the thesis Clinical recognition and treatment of segmental instability of the lumbar spine. Amongst other member appointments, Charles is a member of the AHPRA Research and Data Committee.



Susan Glover Takahashi, BSc (PT), MA (Ed), PhD

Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto (Canada)

Dr. Susan Glover Takahashi has a degree in Physical Therapy and a Masters and a Doctorate degree in Education. Her career has included clinical work and leadership in physiotherapy and for almost 10 years, she was the Executive Director at the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators. Currently, she is the Director of Education, Curriculum Integration & Research in the Postgraduate Medical Education office at the University of Toronto and an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Medicine. Her research includes studying performance and competence in health professionals and designing curriculum programs and systems to support competence.



Dr. Sally Gosling

Assistant Director, Practice & Development, The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, UK

Dr. Sally Gosling is an assistant director of practice & development for the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP), the professional and representative body for physiotherapists and physiotherapy support workers and students in the UK. She leads CSP work relating to education, workforce development and professional regulation. She has led projects on professionalism, including production of the CSP's *Code of Members' Professional Values and Behaviours* and government-funded initiatives across the allied health professions, all founded on the CSP's outcomes-based approach to continuing professional development (CPD). She has represented the CSP and other member organisations on a number of UK regulatory body working groups to set and update standards.



Lyn Green

Community member, Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Lyn is a Community Member of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia since August 2012. She is also a member of the Board's Continuous Improvement Committee, and a member of the AHPRA cross-professional Statutory Offences Working Group and Panels reference Group. Lyn is an educational professional with 31 years experience across a wide range of educational services. During the last 14 years of her education career, Lyn held school Principal and Deputy Principal positions within the Queensland Education system. Lyn also has experience in teaching at Primary and Tertiary levels.



Michael Guthrie

Director of Policy and Standards, Health and Care Professions Council (UK)

Michael Guthrie has been Director of Policy and Standards at the Health and Care Professions Council since 2009. Michael's responsibilities include setting and reviewing professional standards; working with key stakeholders including government to bring further professions into statutory regulation; and representing the HCPC on numerous working groups at national level. Michael has led the development of a dedicated research strategy and is passionate about using robust research evidence to inform regulatory decision making. Michael holds an MSc in Public leadership and management from the University of Warwick.



William A. Hatherill

Chief Executive Officer, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and Chair, INPTRA Board of Directors (USA)

William A. Hatherill has over thirty years of experience in healthcare strategy and management and has spent over 15 years as CEO of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT). His broad and deep experience includes expertise in organizational design and management, feasibility analyses, and operations, enabling companies to improve their productivity, quality, and competitiveness. Prior to joining FSBPT, Bill held executive positions, including president and corporate operations officer, in a variety of organizations: Texas Tech University Health Science Center, American Medical International, Republic HealthCorp, and St. Paul HealthCorp. Bill has also enjoyed a successful consulting career.



Cherie Hearn

Practitioner member, Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Cherie was appointed as a practitioner member to the Physiotherapy Board of Australia in 2015 and prior to that had been a member of the Board's Registration and Notifications Committee. Cherie is the Director of Physiotherapy Services at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane where she is responsible for strategic development, leadership, financial and operational management for the physiotherapy service for over 150 staff. Cherie has been involved in public sector physiotherapy for many years and holds a Masters of Health Science (Health Management) and is a Fellow of the Australasian College of health Service Management.



Jill Humphreys

Executive Officer, Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Jill is the Executive Officer for the Physiotherapy Board of Australia, as well as for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia, and is an employee of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Jill holds a Masters of Health Policy from Sydney University and has been involved with health regulation since 2010. Prior to this, Jill was a policy officer and manager of assessment of overseas trained health practitioners for two specialist medical colleges.



Emmanuel B. John, PT, DPT, PhD, MBA

Associate Professor & Chair, Chapman University, Irvine, California (USA)

Emmanuel B. John, PT, DPT, PhD, MBA, is Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Physical Therapy, Chapman University, Irvine, CA, USA. Dr. John received his BSc Physiotherapy degree from the University of Lagos, Nigeria, a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Alabama State University, a PhD in Rehabilitation Science from University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, USA, and a Master of Business Administration from Louisiana State University, LA. Dr. John has been involved as a consultant and as an Accreditation Onsite Visitor for the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Registration) Board of Nigeria. He has national (USA) and international (Nigeria) accreditation experiences.



Nancy R. Kirsch, PT, DPT, PhD

Board of Directors, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (USA)

Nancy Kirsch is from the USA. She is the Director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She currently serves on the licensing board in New Jersey and is President of the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. She was President of the NJ Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association and was a member and chair of the APTA national Ethics and Judicial Committee. Her research interests are in professionalism, ethics and regulation and how these areas intersect or diverge from one another.



Dr. Maurice Mars

Head of The Department of Telehealth, Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine, University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)

Maurice Mars MBChB, MD is Professor of TeleHealth at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is editor of the *Journal of the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth* and serves on the editorial boards of several eHealth journals. Mars is a past President of the South African Telemedicine Association and served on the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Health Technology in South Africa. Mars is active internationally, serving on committees of the American Telemedicine Association, International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth, the International Medical Informatics Association and is a member of the BRICS Telemedicine Experts Group. His Department provides postgraduate education in both medical informatics and telemedicine to students in several African countries.



Katya A. Masnyk

CEO, Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators

Katya Masnyk is the CEO of the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators and a self-proclaimed “policy wonk.” Katya is committed to promoting regulatory excellence through a strong commitment to the public interest. She also has a keen interest in system transparency and the public reporting of performance indicators. Katya has published and presented publicly on board governance, policy development, strategic planning and the use of performance indicators and public reporting in a comprehensive quality improvement cycle. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of the Canadian Network of Agencies for Regulation. Katya completed a B.A. and a Master’s of Health Sciences from the Johns Hopkins

University. She immigrated to Toronto in 1991 to study health policy and has remained in Canada ever since.



Dianne Millette

Registrar, College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia (Canada)

Dianne has been involved in physiotherapy regulation since 1988 and is currently the Registrar of the College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia. Dianne is a new member of the Board of INPTRA and is a member of the International Scientific Committee of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy. Dianne is a physiotherapist and completed a Master's of Science, Health Administration from the University of Toronto in Ontario Canada.



Lorin Mueller, PhD, SHRM-SCP

Managing Director of Assessment, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (USA)

Lorin Mueller, PhD, SHRM-SCP is the Managing Director of Assessment at the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), where he oversees the development and validation of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). Prior to joining FSBPT, Lorin was a Principal Research Scientist at the American Institutes for Research, where he consulted on educational and workforce development research for a wide range of applications and occupations, such as health careers, national security, human resources, logistics, and air traffic control.



Denis Pelletier, PT, M.Sc.

President, Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec

After completing physical rehabilitation therapy training in 1986, Mr. Pelletier went on to graduate in physiotherapy from Ottawa University in 1991. In 2011, he earned a Master's degree in kinanthropology at Sherbrooke University. He also obtained a certificate in teaching in 2006. A clinician for 22 years now, he served as an instructor at the School of Rehabilitation in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Sherbrooke University and taught in the Department of Physical Rehabilitation Techniques at Cégep de Sherbrooke and has been an OPPQ trainer since 2005. He is president of OPPQ since May 30, 2014.



Bernadette M. Reyes

Ms. REYES graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Physical Therapy from the College of Allied Medical Professions of the University of the Philippines in 1974. She holds a Masters degree in Hospital Administration. Prior to her current appointment she practised in clinical settings in her country and in the United States. She has been a Member of the Regulatory Board for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy of the Professional Regulation Commission since 2002. Currently she is Chairperson of the Continuing Professional Education Council for Physical Therapy. She is a recipient of numerous awards and recognition from the Philippine government, the national organization and the private sector. She was President of the Philippine Physical Therapy Association from 1989-1992.



Marc Seale

Chief Executive and Registrar, Health and Care Professions Council (UK)

Marc Seale is the Chief Executive and Registrar of the Health and Care Professions Council since November 2001. Marc has been a member of numerous Government committees and working groups, a Non-Executive Director of three NHS Trusts and served as President of the Council of Licensure Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). A scientist by training, Marc's career has been spent working in a variety of commercial organisations. These have included Inmarsat, the satellite Inter Governmental Organisation (IGO), and British Gas. His responsibilities have covered general management, finance and marketing.



Saurab Sharma

Assistant Professor, Kathmandu University School of Medical Sciences, Nepal

Saurab Sharma is an Assistant Professor at Kathmandu University School of Medical Sciences, Nepal and a subject committee member for physiotherapy at Nepal Health Professional Council (NHPC). He collaborated with (national and international) physiotherapy experts to improve quality of physiotherapy education and practice in Nepal. He led several projects including (but not limited) to: (1) revision of the code of conduct for physiotherapy practice within the country; (2) revision of minimum requirement for starting an entry level physiotherapy course in Nepal; and (3) development of license examination policy for practicing physiotherapy in Nepal.



Diana Sinnige, BScPT, MA

Policy & Communications Lead, Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators

Diana Sinnige is the Policy & Communications Lead at the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators. In this role, Diana conducts evidence-based policy research and development in support of physiotherapy regulators across Canada. Currently, Diana is working with regulators as they implement a memorandum of understanding drafted to remove regulatory barriers and allow access to telerehabilitation services that cross provincial and territorial borders. Diana has a BSc in Physiotherapy, an MA in Liberal Studies and a post baccalaureate Certificate in Healthcare Management.



Chris Smerdon

Quality Assurance Program Manager, College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia (Canada)

Chris obtained a BSc in Physical Therapy from the University of British Columbia in 1992 and a MSc in International Health in 2005 in Europe. Her clinical experience has been varied but primarily in pediatrics. Her work has included extended periods in low-resourced settings. Chris began working at the College of Physical Therapists of BC in 2014 as the Manager of the Quality Assurance Program, where she is responsible for the administration and ongoing development of a risk-based self-assessment, a clinical and regulatory online exam, and in the future a direct assessment of professional performance and remediation for certain physiotherapists.



Shenda Tanchak

Registrar and CEO, College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (Canada)

Shenda Tanchak has been the Registrar and CEO of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (CPO) since June 2012. She has more than 20 years of experience working in the health regulatory community. Prior to that, she worked as a lawyer, a teacher and in advertising and public relations.



Nassib Tawa

(Dr.) Physiotherapy Council of Kenya

Nassib, a South African trained physiotherapy trainer and practitioner in Kenya, holds a PhD in Physiotherapy. He currently serves as the chairperson of the physiotherapy council of Kenya, the professional regulatory authority legally mandated to regulate training, licensing and practice physiotherapy in Kenya.



Philippa Tessmann

Practitioner member, Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Pippa was appointed as a practitioner member to the Physiotherapy Board of Australia in 2009. She is currently Deputy Chair of the Board and is a private practitioner in Alice Springs. As well as this, Pippa is a lecturer for the Flinders Medical School registrar training program and for remote area nursing. Pippa's experience includes clinical practice in public and private hospitals and in a remote private practice setting, clinical education, business management and governance. Pippa's work is published in many physiotherapy journals regarding treatment of sports injuries and the opportunities presented by living in a rural and remote location.



Sanjeewa Tunpattu

Secretary (International Affairs), Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Sri Lanka

Sanjeewa Tunpattu is a senior physiotherapist of the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. He graduated from the School of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy and the Open University of Sri Lanka. He has completed Certificates in Life support for Physically Disabled from the International University of Health and Welfare, Japan.

Tunpattu has been a visiting lecturer at the University of Peradeniya, University of Colombo and School of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Sri Lanka. He has been a consultant on exercises and physical activities to the Japan International Cooperation Agency. He is a resource person for the Youth, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Unit of the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.

Tunpattu has been the secretary of the Sri Lanka Society of Physiotherapy since 2005. Also he is a members of the Executive committee of the Government Physiotherapists, association and has been the Chair of the joint working committee on ethics, professional and education development.



Ushotanefe Useh, PhD

North West University, Mafikeng Campus, South Africa

Ushotanefe Useh is a physiotherapist with over thirty-four years' experience and has been involved in physiotherapy Curriculum Development for more than seventeen years. He has practiced and lectured in more than five countries including, South Africa, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. He is a fellow of the Higher Education Academy (United Kingdom) and is completing a degree in Law. His legal training has provided him with a clearer jurisdictional understanding in professionalism and scope of physiotherapy practice. He is currently a Professor and Director of Research and Postgraduate Studies, North West University, Mafikeng, South Africa and a member of different professional organizations.



Jon Warren

Professional Advisor, Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand

Jon Warren is a New Zealand educated physiotherapist. Since graduating, Jon has worked in New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland and the US. His experience includes 20 years running his own successful private practice in Napier, New Zealand. He has represented the New Zealand profession for many years from provincial through to international levels in many capacities, including four years as President of Physiotherapy New Zealand. After five years teaching physical therapy, including ethics, in the US he returned to New Zealand in July 2016 to take up the role as professional advisor for the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand.



Richard Woolf, PT, DPT, CSCS

Assessment Content Manager, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (USA)

Richard Woolf, PT, DPT, CSCS is the Assessment Content Manager at the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT). He works closely with volunteer physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to develop the content for the National Physical Therapy Examination and related products. He is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist with the National Strength and Conditioning Association. He received his Master of Physical Therapy from Northern Arizona University and his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from A.T. Still University -- Arizona School of Health Sciences.