

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN**  
**WORLD CONFEDERATION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY (WCPT)**  
**AND**  
**INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PHYSIOTHERAPY REGULATORY AUTHORITIES (INPTRA)**

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**BACKGROUND**

The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) and the International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) have agreed to this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen the bonds between the two organisations.

While there has been cooperation between the two organisations over the years there has never been a formal document that commits to undertaking activities of joint interest and mutual benefit.

It is clear that closer collaboration between the two global organisations will assist us to achieving our respective strategic goals. Any collaborative undertaking must ultimately benefit our memberships.

**PARTNERSHIP**

*WORLD CONFEDERATION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY*

- Recognises INPTRA as the leading international authority on excellence in physiotherapy regulation, ensuring safe and competent practice
- Supports the mission of INPTRA to promote and contribute to the continuous development of leading regulatory practice through education, information sharing and other collaborative activities with key stakeholders worldwide.

*INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PHYSIOTHERAPY REGULATORY AUTHORITIES*

- Recognises WCPT as the sole international voice representing the global physical therapy community.
- Supports the mission of the WCPT to:
  - unite the profession internationally;
  - represent physical therapy and physical therapists internationally;
  - promote high standards of physical therapy practice, education and research;
  - facilitate communication and information exchange among member organisations, regions, subgroups and their members;
  - collaborate with national and international organisations; and
  - contribute to the improvement of global health.

*INPTRA and WCPT*

- Recognise that the evolution of the physical therapy is dependent on having appropriate levels of professional regulation.
- Recognise that advancements of the profession should always be balanced against protection of the public.

- Recognise that greater understanding of best practice regulation will support the development of the physical therapy profession internationally.
- Recognise that the physical therapy profession works in a globalised world and facilitating greater workforce mobility is a key to delivering better health outcomes.

#### **PRINCIPLES**

- INPTRA and WCPT recognise the independence of their respective organisations to develop and advocate policies relevant to their membership.
- INPTRA and WCPT support greater communication between the leadership of each organisation.
- INPTRA and WCPT will diligently proceed in good faith, and make reasonable efforts and cooperate with each other, to achieve the activities set out in this document.

#### **AGREEMENTS**

##### *Information exchange*

The WCPT and INPTRA agree to share information in a timely manner on matters of mutual interest. To support this exchange, the CEO and Chair of each organisation will meet via teleconference twice each year. The Board of the respective organisations will aim to meet every two years.

##### *Activities*

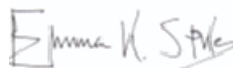
The two parties agree to collaborate on matters of joint interest and mutual benefit as agreed to from time to time and listed in the attached schedule, which may be modified from time to time, by letter agreements.

#### **REVIEW**

This MOU was signed on February 3, 2017 and will be reviewed in 2019.



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## INPTRA / WCPT MOU: Schedule 1

### *White Paper*

INPTRA agree to lead efforts to develop and disseminate a "white paper" relating to the global practice and regulation of providing telehealth physical therapy rehabilitation services (the "White Paper").

### *WCPT workforce practice activities*

WCPT agree to include the INPTRA perspective in work being developed on the physical therapy assistant's workforce and advanced physical therapy practice.