



## **INPTRA Statement on COVID-19 Pandemic**

The International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) wishes to express support for the many efforts undertaken by its member organizations and staff to enable physiotherapy professionals to deliver care during the COVID-19 pandemic. INPTRA encourages all physiotherapists to stay up-to-date with recommendations and protocols established by the World Health Organization and by national and local agencies to keep themselves and their clients safe and healthy. INPTRA supports flexibility in regulation where possible, but public safety continues to be our overriding priority.

INPTRA is aware that many of our member organizations are committed to making significant efforts in response to the emerging issues, including providing access to information about physiotherapists' education, training, credentials, qualifications, licensure, and disciplinary history. INPTRA is committed to coordinating with its member organizations and with international, national, and local agencies, as well as other stakeholders representing physiotherapy regulatory authorities, to play our part in ensuring the deployment of a safe and qualified physiotherapy workforce to hospitals and other entities where they are most needed and available.

As regulators, we share a common duty during this public health crisis to do what we can to enable access to safe and competent physiotherapists (See: [Guiding Principles on Physiotherapy Regulation](#)). In response to the challenges of this extraordinary and rapidly changing environment, INPTRA encourages its member organizations to provide regular communications to their stakeholders regarding the application of existing and developing regulatory standards, codes, and guidelines to enable appropriate access to competent physiotherapists and safe and effective physiotherapy care.

We recommend our member organizations and their staff heed World Health Organization, national government, and local government public health guidance. Therefore, as appropriate, regulatory authorities may need to consider remote working solutions (working from home, separating teams in different locations, etc.) and other important strategies to conform with public health guidance while ensuring vital information and services continue to be provided. The [INPTRA/WCPT Digital Practice White Paper and survey](#) may be a helpful resource for regulators and physiotherapists. INPTRA remains committed to enhancing public health, as well as ensuring public protection and patient safety. We will continue to explore ways to support our members as they respond to this evolving international situation.