



World Confederation for Physical Therapy

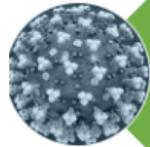
Perspectives from professional associations during COVID-19

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WCPT collated a hub of resources and information for physiotherapists about COVID-19, including:

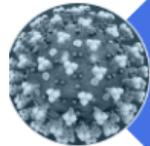
- guidelines, in a number of languages, for physiotherapy management for COVID-19 in acute hospital settings
- digital physical therapy practice and telehealth
- free courses on COVID-19, infection prevention and control on Physiopedia

<https://www.wcpt.org/news/Novel-Coronavirus-2019-nCoV>



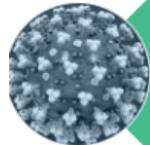
Campaigns: COVID-19 and physiotherapy

Find out more about campaigns related to COVID-19 and physiotherapy



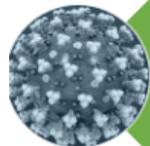
COVIDPhysio Registry

Find out what is going on: projects and activities to support the global profession and responses to the pandemic



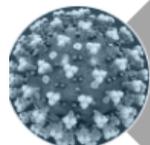
Practice based resources

Covering acute care, infection prevention and control, MSK, guidelines, education on COVID management, digital/telehealth and private practice



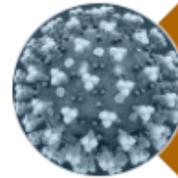
Education based resources

Supporting changes in physiotherapist entry level education



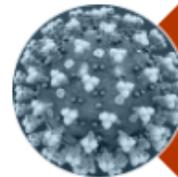
Health and wellbeing of physiotherapists

Looking after the mental health and wellbeing of physiotherapists



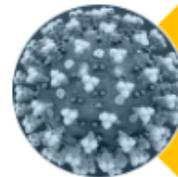
For the general public

Includes advice in support of self management



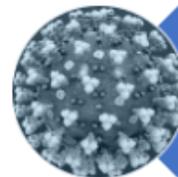
WCPT member organisations' resources

Materials produced to support members in their country but may be of relevance to others



World Health Organization

For clinicians, managers, policy makers, and the general public



Other organisations

Find out what other organisations and evidence based information providers have produced



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#PPE4PT



Across the globe physiotherapists are being placed in unacceptable risk because they are not being provided with the correct **personal protective equipment** that they need - such as gloves, gowns and masks - to do their jobs.

WCPT members across the world all report challenges in obtaining the **personal protective equipment** they need to do their jobs safely.

WCPT members report physiotherapists are being encouraged to see patients without having the appropriate level of **personal protective equipment**.

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Advocacy toolkit



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As a member of the World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA) we have called on governments around the world to prioritise support for healthcare workers in the front line against coronavirus.

In February 2020, WHPA called on governments and healthcare organisations to support front line healthcare workers in any way they can, but especially and urgently through the supply of crucial **personal protective equipment**.

<https://www.whpa.org/news-resources/statements/world-health-professionals-calling-governments-prioritise-support>



WCPT has called for immediate action from the G20 heads of state and government to ensure the security of the supply chain of **personal protective equipment**.

In a joint WHPA letter, the presidents of the WHPA organisations have called for a consistent and fair approach for all health professionals and healthcare workers who are 'literally putting their lives on the line' to save people from coronavirus.

<https://www.wcpt.org/news/WCPT-calls-for-immediate-action-from-G20-leaders-on-personal-protective-equipment>



Support for WCPT member organisations



Write to government officials

- Use the template letter, which can be translated and adapted (you can add your organisation's logo), to lobby your government for access to **personal protective equipment** for your members.
- Use the factsheets produced for this campaign to explain the **personal protective equipment** issue.
- Publicise you are campaigning on **personal protective equipment** on your website eg: <https://www.csp.org.uk/news/2020-03-31-csp-demands-urgent-action-ppe>
- Use the **#PPE4PT** hashtag on social media to share your actions on the campaign for **personal protective equipment**.



Engage your members

Encourage your members to:

- Contact their local politicians to explain that physiotherapy, as a health profession, has a critical role to play in maintaining the health and wellbeing of the community during a pandemic.
- Lobby their local politicians to prioritise the health and wellbeing of the physiotherapy profession.
- Use the #PPE4PT hashtag on social media to share the campaign and demand action.



Create a coalition of health care professionals

- Physiotherapists are not alone. All health care professionals are impacted.
- WCPT is working globally with our WHPA partners to campaign on **personal protective equipment**.
- Which local organisations in your country represent doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, occupational therapists and other health care professionals?
- Can you work together to collectively draw attention to the **personal protective equipment** campaign so all health care professionals can work safely?



WCPT can further assist your advocacy efforts by writing a letter to your health minister in support of any campaigning you undertake.

To discuss this, please contact Jonathon Kruger jkruger@wcpt.org or Rachel Moore rmoore@wcpt.org

WCPT will amplify any successes achieved by our member organisations on our website and through social media.



WCPT convened an education taskforce has published a briefing paper on the immediate impact on the higher education sector and response to delivering physiotherapist entry level education.

Established a register of physiotherapy-related work in progress in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides a hub to support opportunities for collaboration and to avoid duplication of effort.

Rehabilitation to optimize health and functioning outcomes

Shifting advocacy efforts to establishing frameworks for rehabilitation for both COVID-19 and non COVID-19 patients.