

# Information sheet

## WCPT's web-based discussion forum gets the world of physical therapy connected

### What is the WCPT discussion forum?

The forum provides the opportunity for physical therapists to exchange ideas, collaborate, share information and develop networks. It has been set up in response to suggestions from member organisations and physical therapists worldwide.

The forum provides you with the ability to post and respond to questions on topics of professional interest. It is available to anyone. All you have to do is register with the WCPT website.

By contributing to the forum, you'll not only be getting answers yourself – but helping colleagues around the world.

Further information on registering and getting started on the forum, is provided on the next page.

### How is information organised on the forum?

There are different strands of discussion in the forum. WCPT administrators set up different “boards” on general topic areas. Within these, there are different discussions on specific aspects of that topic – which you can start yourself. You will be able to join any existing discussion.

If you have an idea for a board please email Rachel Moore at [rmoore@wcpt.org](mailto:rmoore@wcpt.org)

### How do I know when new messages have been posted?

If you don't have time to keep logging in to check for new posts, you can ask to be notified by email whenever someone posts a new message on a particular board or topic, or replies to one of your messages.

### Getting people involved

The more physical therapists can publicise the discussion forum and encourage physical therapists to engage, the more valuable a resource it will be for physical therapists worldwide. Logon now at [www.wcpt.org/smfforum](http://www.wcpt.org/smfforum)

## How to join the web-based discussion forum

### Accessing the forum

- Go to [www.wcpt.org](http://www.wcpt.org) and select "FORUM" from the left hand menu
- Remember that all visitors to our website can access the forum and read messages that have been posted
- If you would like to post a message yourself you must first register with the WCPT website

### Registering with the WCPT website

- Go to [www.wcpt.org/user/register](http://www.wcpt.org/user/register)
- Choose a username/password and provide some brief personal details

### Posting a message

- Boards on similar themes are grouped together on the forum under categories such as; International Work & Study, Global Health, Professional Issues, Professional Practice, Education and Research & Development
- To view messages on a board click the board name
- Within each board are topics, with discussion on discrete areas
- If you want to discuss a new issue on a board, you can create a new topic by clicking the new topic button, just above the existing topics
- New boards can only be set up by forum administrators. If you have an idea for a new board please send details to Rachel Moore at [rmoores@wcpt.org](mailto:rmoores@wcpt.org)

### Replying to a message

- If you want to reply to a message in an existing topic you simply use the reply button

### Getting email notifications

You can request email notifications - alerting you when someone posts a new message on a particular board or topic, or replies to one of your messages.

- This can be done at either board or topic level by clicking the notify button
- You can review which boards/topics you have requested notifications on, and change these settings. Just select "profile" from the left hand menu, and under "modify profile" select "notifications and email"

### Looking for help?

If you have any problems or questions there is a help facility which can be accessed from the left menu. Or you can post a message on the "WCPT forums - questions and support" board.