

## WCPT ethical principles

The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) expects physical therapists to:

- respect the rights and dignity of all individuals
- comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy in the country in which they practise
- accept responsibility for the exercise of sound judgement
- provide honest, competent and accountable professional services
- provide quality services
- receive a just and fair level of remuneration for their services
- provide accurate information to patients/clients,<sup>1</sup> to other agencies and the community about physical therapy and the services physical therapists provide
- contribute to the planning and development of services which address the health needs of the community

Approval, review and related policy information	
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<b>Related WCPT Policy material:</b>	WCPT policy statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ethical responsibilities of physical therapists and WCPT members</li></ul> WCPT endorsements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Endorsement: Rights of the child</li><li>• Endorsement: The United Nations standard rules on the equalisation of opportunities for persons with disabilities</li></ul>

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<sup>1</sup> The term patient/client is used in this document as a generic term to refer to individuals and groups of individuals who can benefit from physical therapy interventions/treatments.