Policy Challenges and Opportunities

THE ISREALI PHYSIO’S EXPERIENCE

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IPTS
• Small organizations
• Limited means
• Health ministry
• Strong healthcare service org.
• Old inadequate legislation
• “Recognition of Professional Standing”
• Direct access to the courts
• Scope of practice: "PHYSIOTHERAPY"
• Private Members' Bill
• direct access, specialization, scope of practice
• Co-operation & leadership
Statistics is on our side....

**Lifetime prevalence of LBP up to 85%**

This is also true for members of parliament
Where we’re at

- We got our legislation
- Direct access
- Specialization
- A fully professional advisory committee
- Scope of practice
Expanding Scope Of Practice

- Physical Activity For Special Populations
  - Life Style Diseases
  - Elderly
  - Children With Special Needs
  - “Chronic” Patients
EAPANDING = EXTENDING