



**International Organisation of
Physical Therapists in Paediatrics**

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Our Mission:

- The purpose of the International Organization of Physical Therapists in Paediatrics is to provide a means by which WCPT members having a common interest in children and their families may meet, confer, and promote these interests.



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OBJECTIVES of the IOPTP

- 1. To foster co-operation between physical therapists practicing in Paediatrics throughout the world.
- 2. To encourage improved standards and consistency of practice in Paediatrics care by physical therapists.
- 3. To advance practice by communication and exchange of information.
- 4. To encourage scientific research and promote opportunities for the spread of knowledge of new developments in the field of Paediatrics.
- 5. To assist WCPT member countries in the development of recognized subsections in Paediatrics.



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- Established in 2007, the IOPTP is a recognized subgroup of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy.
- The IOPTP is a non-governmental affiliation of physical therapists and their member countries who share an interest in promoting the health of children worldwide.
- The IOPTP Members are the recognized sub-sections of the parent Physical Therapy Associations recognized by the World Confederation for Physical Therapy.



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Membership Levels in the IOPTP

- Full Member
 - A Paediatrics sub-section from each WCPT Member Organization may be admitted to membership
- Member Elect
 - A sub-section, as the principal organization representing Paediatrics may, while awaiting confirmation of Member status at a General Meeting, become a Member Elect for the period between approval by the Executive Committee and confirmation of Membership at the next General Meeting
- Associate Member
 - A WCPT Member Organization which has not as yet a Paediatrics sub-section in place, but wishes to achieve full membership in the future, or is too small to ever have a recognized sub-section.



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Member Countries of the IOPTP

MEMBER	Year Joined	# of Members
Australia	2007	484
Canada	2007	410
Denmark	2007	391
Germany	2011	200
Hong Kong	2007	114
Ireland	2007	228
Italy	2007	300
Netherlands	2007	990
New Zealand	2007	141



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Member Countries of the IOPTP

MEMBER	Year Joined	# of MEMBERS
Norway	2007	647
South Africa	2007	150
Sweden	2007	661
Switzerland	2008	450
Taiwan	2008	100
UK	2007	1207
USA	2007	4952
TOTAL - 16		



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Countries Who Have Expressed Interest in Becoming Member

COUNTRY	
Bahamas	Nigeria
Belgium	Panama
Bermuda	Turkey
Brazil	Trinidad Tobago
Iceland	Ukraine
Japan	Zambia
Korea	

Plans for coming years

- Conduit for information on –
 - Guidelines
 - Fact sheets
 - Educational materials
- Data base on –
 - Lecturers
 - Post professional courses
 - National meetings
 - Student exchange programs



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Future Plans

- Conduit for information on –
 - Guidelines
 - Fact sheets
 - Educational materials
 - List serv/discussion board
- Data base on –
 - Available Lecturers
 - Post professional courses
 - National meetings
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- Conference in 2013
- Cosponsorship of courses in member countries
- Explore collaborative research opportunities for members
- Encourage member involvement on IOPTP committees



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EDUCATION SURVEY

ENTRY LEVEL DEGREE	BS	MS	Doctorate
	Australia Denmark Netherlands New Zealand Norway Switzerland Taiwan	Canada	Australia (1 program) Turkey US



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Length of Program (not including prerequisites)	2 years	3 years	4
	Canada (post BS)	Australia Denmark Netherlands US (post BS)	New Zealand Norway Switzerland Taiwan Turkey



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Students required to have paediatric experience	YES	NO	Depends on Academic Institution
	Norway Taiwan Turkey	Australia Canada Denmark New Zealand Switzerland	US



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Standards of Practice for Paediatric Practice Developed	YES	NO
	Australia New Zealand Switzerland	Canada Denmark Norway Taiwan Turkey US



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Specialization Available through University of PT Association	YES	NO
	Australia Canada Denmark Turkey US	New Zealand Norway Switzerland Taiwan



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Sample courses in area of paediatrics:

- ☺ Neurology, orthopaedics and developmental disability
- ☺ Clinical reasoning
- ☺ Child development (includes posture and gait)
- ☺ Adaptive equipment
- ☺ Evaluation and Assessment tools
- ☺ Goal directed training
- ☺ Family-centered care
- ☺ Interview skills
- ☺ Motor control and motor learning



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Sample courses in area of paediatrics:

- ☺ Exercise prescription
- ☺ Biomechanics
- ☺ Cardiopulmonary
- ☺ Treatment concepts/ techniques (NDT, SI, Vojta)
- ☺ School based PT
- ☺ Early Intervention
- ☺ NICU
- ☺ Motor learning



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Percentage of Paediatric PTs in Different Settings

	AUS	NZ	SWITZ	TAIWAN	TURKEY
Hospitals	30	18	25	30	10
OP clinics	30	16	45	33	70
Schools	10	34	20	25	10
Government agencies	25			10	5
Home Care	5	30	10	2	5



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Percentage of Paediatric PTs working with different age groups

	New Zealand	Switzerland	Taiwan	Turkey
Infants and Toddlers	75	45	30	10
Children	15	30	40	65
Adolescents	10	20	10	10
Adults with Lifelong Disabilities	0	5	10	5