Total number of physical therapist members of MOs in the South America Region of WCPT: 456,198

Total number of practising physical therapists in the South America Region of WCPT: 307,176

Total number of physical therapist members of MOs in WCPT: 5,987

Total number of practising physical therapists in the world: 1,587,607
Practising physical therapists per 10,000 population in the South America Region of WCPT

The above map shows the number of reported practicing physical therapists per 10,000 of the population within the South America Region of WCPT.
The above diagram shows the reported member organisation size for the South America region of WCPT.
SOUTH AMERICA REGION

DIRECT ACCESS

Is there direct access in your country?

In the region 33% of respondents reported that people are permitted to access physical therapy services directly.

PRIVATE PRACTICE

Is private practice allowed in your country?

In the region 89% of respondents reported having no legislation to prevent private practice.

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In the region, 78% of respondents reported that regulation is required to practice.

In the region, all respondents reported that support personnel are part of the workforce.
SOUTH AMERICA REGION

EDUCATION

Minimum level of entry level education

- Grad Diploma: 1
- Bachelor Degree: 7
- Diploma: 1

Highest post professional degree program

- Research and Prof Doctorate: 1
- Research Doctorate: 2
- Masters Degree: 2
- Grad Diploma: 1
- Bachelor Degree: 1
- None: 2

In the region the highest post professional degree program ranges from Bachelors to Research and Professional Doctorate.

In the region the minimum physical therapy entry level education ranges from Diploma to Graduate Diploma.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Entry level Student organisation

In the region 78% of respondents report that a Student organisation exists.

Educated for autonomous practice

In the region 44% of respondents report that students are educated for autonomous practice.
In the making of this profile, data from the WCPT Country Profile 2017 was used. Data that was not available was substituted with information from the WCPT Country Profiles 2015.

Normally data in the WCPT Country Profile is submitted by the Member Organisations. Data on the size of the Member Organisations came from all sources available to WCPT.

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