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,¹ 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

| Date adopted: | Originally adopted at the 13th General Meeting of WCPT June 1995 as a Declaration of Principle and accompanying appendix. Declaration revised and re-approved at the 16th General Meeting of WCPT June 2007. Ethical principles approved at the 17th General Meeting of WCPT, June 2011, with an accompanying policy statement. Re-affirmed at the 18th General Meeting of WCPT May 2015. |
| Date for review: | 2019 |
| Related WCPT Policy material: | WCPT policy statements:  
  - Ethical responsibilities of physical therapists and WCPT members  
WCPT endorsements:  
  - Endorsement: Rights of the child  
  - Endorsement: The United Nations standard rules on the equalisation of opportunities for persons with disabilities |

© World Confederation for Physical Therapy 2017

¹ 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.