INPTRA Regulation Profile

Country: France

Regulatory Model

To practice physiotherapy in France, one needs to hold a French State diploma, or an equivalent qualification from other European countries, and to be registered to the Order Board.

Model Description

- The physiotherapist education lasts 5 years and grants 300 ECTS. The 4 specific education years spent in a Physiotherapist training institute (IFMK) come after 1 preparatory year within a post-secondary institution, mainly medical schools.
- The Order of Physiotherapists is a private organism performing a public service mission. It is the one and only organisation that gathers and represents all physiotherapists practicing in France, indifferently from their status, location and mode of practice.
- The very first objective of the French Order of Physiotherapist is to ensure patient safety and care quality.
- In order to fulfil this goal and the related missions, the Order relies on 1 national council, 13 regional and inter-regional councils and 100 departmental councils. It ensures the board management, true indicator of the professions demographics. It checks the competences of all practitioners willing to practice in France, wherever they graduated from, and controls that all physiotherapists comply with their continuous professional development requirements.
- It ensures the dissemination of good practices and the respect of professional and ethical rules.

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