Country: Nepal

Education:
1. How many physiotherapy education programs are in this country?
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2. Are the education programs accredited by an agency or association?
   a. Is this accreditation specific to physiotherapy?
      Bachelor of Physiotherapy but we also have Physiotherapy assistant courses (we call it Certificate Level in Physiotherapy).

3. What is the entry-level degree needed to practice in physiotherapy?
   Bachelor of Physiotherapy but we also have Physiotherapy assistant courses (we call it Certificate Level in Physiotherapy).

4. Are there any post-professional degree programs?
   Not yet. Master of Physiotherapy is in the planning stage at Kathmandu University with an aim to start within 2020.

5. Please list suggested websites regarding physical therapy education:

Practice:
1. Do patients have direct access or is physiotherapy performed under the direction of a physician?
   Patients have direct access to physiotherapy in Nepal but most patients are historically referred by orthopedic surgeons.

2. How many physiotherapists are licensed in your country?
   1,000

3. What is the professional designation used by practicing PTs? Is this term protected by legislation?
   Physiotherapist is the professional designation and is protected by legislation.

4. Do you have PTAs or other support personnel? Are they certified/registered/licensed?
   Yes we have Physiotherapy Assistants and Physiotherapy Aids. Both are registered in Nepal Health Professional Council.

5. Name the professional association that advocates for physiotherapy in your country.
   Nepal Physiotherapy Association

6. Are there standards of practice in your country?
Yes, which is in the phase of revision.

7. **Is there a code of conduct in your country?**
   Yes, which is in the phase of revision.

8. **Is any continuing professional development required for re-registration/renewal?**
   Not yet. This has been proposed in the revised code of conduct which needs approval.

9. **Please list suggested websites regarding physical therapy practice**

Regulation:

1. **What is the regulatory model and model description in the country?**

2. **Is registration required to practice? (If so, what organization does a practitioner register with?)**
   Registration in Nepal Health Professional Council is required to practice physiotherapy in Nepal.

3. **Is licensure necessary to practice in your country?**
   Registration is mandatory. Licensure exam has been proposed and approved, which has not yet been implemented.

4. **Is there a national examination required prior to practice? (If yes, list the exam agency name and website).**
   Not yet. Licensure exam has been proposed and approved, which has not yet been implemented.

5. **Do you have a defined scope of practice and if so who defines the scope?**
   Scope of practice in current code of conduct is defined but has been improved in the current proposed revised code of conduct.

6. **What is the website of the organization that represents physiotherapy regulators in your country?**
   [https://www.nhpc.org.np/](https://www.nhpc.org.np/)