Country: Poland

Education:
1. How many physiotherapy education programs are in this country?
   65

2. Are the education programs accredited by an agency or association?
   a. Is this accreditation specific to physiotherapy?
      The accreditation is cooperated by Polish Chamber of Physiotherapists together with Ministry of Higher Education and is PT specific

3. What is the entry-level degree needed to practice in physiotherapy?
   Since 2018 we introduced the 5 year MSc degree, ended with National Exam and mandatory 6 months apprenticeships. The education is provided by Medical University or University of Physical Education and Sport

4. Are there any post-professional degree programs?
   4 year specialization in physiotherapy, PhD on the faculty of physiotherapy

5. Please list suggested websites regarding physical therapy education:
   www.physiopoland.pl

Practice:
1. Do patients have direct access or is physiotherapy performed under the direction of a physician?
   Direct access is unlimited on the private sector. In the public health sector in order to get reimbursement physiotherapists need to collect doctor referral. Since January 2019 the public sector requires physiotherapist's consultation. Therefore, a patient with a doctor referral is obliged to visit a physiotherapist, who is the one that decides about a therapeutic process and is responsible for providing medical documentation. The documentation is a base to get reimbursement.

2. How many physiotherapists are licensed in your country?
   64,000

3. What is the professional designation used by practicing PTs? Is this term protected by legislation?
   The profession of physiotherapy is an independent health care profession, due to an Act on Profession of Physiotherapy

4. Do you have PTAs or other support personnel? Are they certified/registered/licensed?
   No, we do not have PTAs or other support personnel
5. Name the professional association that advocates for physiotherapy in your country.
   Polish Chamber of Physiotherapists (PChP)

6. Are there standards of practice in your country?
   Yes, included in the Act on Profession of Physiotherapy (access in English on: https://kif.info.pl/act-profession-physiotherapy/)

7. Is there a code of conduct in your country?
   Yes, included in the Act on Profession of Physiotherapy (access in English on: https://kif.info.pl/act-profession-physiotherapy/)

8. Is any continuing professional development required for re-registration/renewal?
   In development

9. Please list suggested websites regarding physical therapy practice
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Regulation:

1. What is the regulatory model and model description in the country?
   The Polish Chamber of Physiotherapists (PChP) is a professional governing organization associating and representing all physiotherapists in Poland with the right to practice their profession. PChP grants and oversees physiotherapy licenses and otherwise acts as the competent authority responsible in Poland for the profession of physiotherapy, which is the profession of public trust. The Act established physiotherapy as a regulated profession in Poland, the profession of physiotherapy is recognized as an independent medical profession, a physiotherapist can independently provide medical services in the area of physiotherapy.

2. Is registration required to practice? (If so, what organization does a practitioner register with?)
   Yes, the registry is provided by the Chamber

3. Is licensure necessary to practice in your country?
   Yes.

4. Is there a national examination required prior to practice? (If yes, list the exam agency name and website).
   Yes but only since 2017. Thus, the first national exam will be provided in 2022 Center for Medical Examination, https://www.cem.edu.pl

5. Do you have a defined scope of practice and if so who defines the scope?
Scope of practice is included in the Act and its secondary legislation, as well as other statutory provisions regulating the provision of health care in Poland.

6. **What is the website of the organization that represents physiotherapy regulators in your country?**
   
   www.physiopoland.pl