A Report of the INPTRA/WCPT Digital Physical Therapy Practice Task Force
Objectives

- To introduce the Digital Practice Task Force
- To provide an overview of the report
- To engage in discussion about regulatory issues related to digital practice
- Share next steps
The Task Force

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Thoughts about the Report

- Represents the work in developed countries
- Requires global input
- Consider this a starting point for discussion
Definition and Purpose

• Definition: Digital Practice is a term used to describe health care services, support and information provided remotely via digital communication and devices.

• Purpose: To facilitate effective delivery of physiotherapy services by improving access to care and information and managing health care resources.
The Report

Concluding Remarks: The Future

5 Core Sections

- Advantages
- Current Limitations
- Current Evidence Base
- Regulatory Issues
- Educational Implications
Key Messages

Benefits to:
• Service users
• Service providers
• Society

Advantages of Digital Practice
Key Messages

Current Limitations:
• Service user
• Technology
• Insurance and funding
• Training
• Research
• Regulation

Once we accept our limits, we go beyond them
Albert Einstein

Limitations of Digital Practice
Key Messages

• Digital practice is about the future
• Global trends
• Strategic focus
• Growing research base
• Emerging evidence create new opportunities

Evidence Base
Key Messages

• Registration/Licensure
• Scope of Practice
• Standards of Practice
• Code of Ethics
• Privacy and Confidentiality
• Definition of Practice
• Safety and Crisis Management
• Competence
• Guidelines and Service User Information

Regulatory Issues
Key Messages

• Implications for entry and post-entry level education
• Need for educational standards
• Need to build digital literacy capacity
The Future

- Advocacy
- Collaboration
- Contribute to the Evidence Base
- Leadership
Let’s Hear from the Task Force Members
• If you were to regulate Digital Physiotherapy, what would be your top priority?
• Does the provider need to be licensed where the provider is located or where the service user is located?
With so many emerging technologies coming on daily... How can we minimize the regulatory barriers?
Let’s Talk