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THE MIRROR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY IN PERU
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<th>Español</th>
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<th>Total population</th>
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<td>Población total (2016)</td>
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<td>Ingreso nacional bruto per cápita (en dólares, 2013)</td>
<td>Gross national income per capita</td>
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<td>Esperanza de vida al nacer h/m (años, 2016)</td>
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<td>Probabilidad de morir antes de alcanzar los cinco años (por 1000 nacidos vivos, 2017)</td>
<td>Probability of dying before reaching five years (per 1000 live births, 2017)</td>
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<td>Probabilidad de morir entre los 15 y los 60 años, h/m (por 1000 habitantes, 2016)</td>
<td>Probability of dying between 15 and 60 years old, h / m (per 1000 inhabitants, 2016)</td>
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<td>Gasto total en salud por habitante ($int, 2014)</td>
<td>Total health expenditure per inhabitant ($ int, 2014)</td>
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<td>Gasto total en salud como porcentaje del PIB (2014)</td>
<td>Total expenditure on health as a percentage of GDP (2014)</td>
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Fuente: Observatorio mundial de la salud per-pwr@paho.org
*POPULATION INSURED TO THE SYSTEM ESSALUD

11,232,379 people covered under SOCIAL HEALTH SECURITY - ESSALUD

Fuente: Gerencia Central de Seguros y Prestaciones Económicas-EsSalud

*PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN ESSALUD

Around 500 at the National Level

According MPP-2018- ESSALUD: “Medical Technician of Rehabilitation”

Ratio 01 fisioterapeuta = 22,464.758 Asegurados
Physiotherapy is a branch of allied health whose functions include analysis, interpretation, and scientific investigation of human movement, its functions are recognized in the ILO, WHO as "assessment, evaluation, diagnosis and physiotherapy treatment".

Under the current situation in Peru, belonging to medical technology by law limits our capacity to achieve international standards for our profession. As medical technologists with a specialty in PT we cannot fully perform our duties and this can negatively impact patients.
“The professional blindness of physiotherapy that we live with in Peru, needs a deep and realistic reflection; otherwise, we will be condemned to only survive, and the push for professional advancement -which is our responsibility – will remain unattainable.”
# Challenges to the Role of Physiotherapy in EsSalud

1. **There is Intrusiveness to the Physiotherapy Ex. Hospital Almenara Experience**
   - **Intrusismo**

2. **There are No Labor Competences Defined for the Physiotherapist. Ignorance of the Legal Professional Duties of the Physiotherapist.**
   - **Manual de Perfil de Puestos- EsSalud**

3. **Management of Human Resources Deficiency, Lack of Information of Real Gap and the Need for the Provision of Physiotherapy Services at Different Levels of Complexity**
   - **Puesto: “Tecnólogo Médico”**

4. **Devaluate or Non-Existing Professional Quality Impact, There is Not a Standardized System to Measure the Level of Competency of the Physiotherapist**
   - **Competencia Laboral muy básico.**

5. **Poor Academics: Assistance, Teaching and Research, the Institution - EsSalud Allows Professionals to Practice Those Three Activities in Medical Doctors But Not in Physiotherapists, in This Scenario Students Are Formed Without Academic Individualization, Identity and Professional Image.**
   - **Perfil Profesional**

6. **Lack of Identity of Policies Between Association, Scientific Societies, Professional College, Regulatory Disorder**
   - **System without proper regulations**

7. **There is No Formal Recognition of Functions of Physiotherapy Specialties in EsSalud, All Are Hired as Professional Medical Technologist with Specialty in Physiotherapy, but Under the Internal Policies it Created Denomination “Rehabilitation Technologist”**
   - **UCI, Pediatría, Amputados,**
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Threats

- Professional Intrusism
- Competences Assigned in Institutional Document of EsSalud
- Illegal Practice of Physiotherapy

Rehabilitation Medicine

Nursing Psychology Educator Etc.

Physiotherapy technicians, Nursing technician, Chiropractor
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LEGAL MATTERS

- Professional Law, and College of Physiotherapy
- **LEGAL REGULATION:** Technical standards of the Ministry of Health; Institutional regulations and directives (EsSalud)

ACADEMIC and SCIENTIFIC MATTERS

- Regulation of University curriculum
  - Getting rid of outdated and unnecessary courses
  - Critical Thinking
  - Clinical Reasoning
  - Documentation of P.T. services.

“Basic Competencies”

PROFESSIONAL and LABOR MATTERS

- Professional Identity
- Professional Image
- Respect for Physiotherapy standards.

“Work Competencies”
“It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye”

- The Little Prince
2030 VISION: TWO OPTIONS

Continue under physiatrists orders

Reinvent ourselves according to the international profile of physiotherapists and advance our skills
This story will... continue