

TERMS OF REFERENCE

National Physiotherapy Advisory Group¹

Mission

The National Physiotherapy Advisory Group (NPAG), representing and accountable to its constituent members, collaborates and communicates regarding strategic matters affecting quality physiotherapy services in Canada.

Composition

The NPAG comprises physiotherapy organizations that are national in scope, support the mission of the NPAG, and provide informational, human, and financial resources for collaborative activities.

Member organizations are:

- Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (The Alliance)
- Canadian Council of Physiotherapy University Programs (CCPUP)
- Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA)
- Physiotherapy Education Accreditation Canada (PEAC)

Each member organization provides up to two representatives to participate in NPAG meetings, at least one of whom ideally is a physiotherapist. These representatives would typically include both the head of staff (i.e. CEO or Executive Director) and the head of the organization (i.e. President or Chair) from each organization. The representatives are accountable to their respective member organization.

Core Belief

The members of the NPAG believe that there is merit in working together on matters of mutual interest related to their respective mandates to regulate, educate, represent, as well as advocate for the profession. Collaborative efforts aim to promote the development of quality standards at all levels, resulting in the provision of safe and effective physiotherapy practice.

Values

The following values guide all NPAG activities:

- Collaborative initiatives undertaken by the NPAG support the Vision, Mission and Values of all member organizations.
- Equity in partnership is built on consultation throughout all stages of collaborative initiatives.

¹ The terms physiotherapy and physiotherapist can be considered synonyms for physical therapy and physical therapist and can be used interchangeably.

Activities

The members agree to work together to:

- Coordinate the work of the regulatory bodies, professional association, accrediting organization and universities on matters of mutual interest to the greatest extent possible.
- Share information and insights with respect to current and evolving issues.
- Coordinate the development of standards, guidelines, and positions that can be adopted to the greatest extent possible by all.

Operational Guidelines

- Each member organization is responsible for selection and funding of its representative(s) to participate in NPAG.
- The representative(s) of the member organizations:
 - will bring their respective member organization's perspective to NPAG discussions
 - will regularly inform their respective member organization of the work of the NPAG
 - should have the authority to make operational decisions
- The secretariat
 - rotates on a bi-annual basis among member organizations
 - assumes responsibility for the costs of teleconferences, face-to-face meetings, and website hosting
- Meetings:
 - agendas are organized by the secretariat based on the input of all representatives
 - at least one face-to-face meeting will take place annually with commitment of attendance by all meeting representatives
 - additional telephone meetings are held on an as-needed basis, but no less than annually
- Collaborative initiatives are agreed upon by all members.
- Funding models are developed as required using a flexible approach.