

Country	AUSTRIA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		✓
- Area to be treated		✓
- Number of treatment sessions		✓
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		✓
Other (please specify)	By law it's necessary that the diagnosis and physiotherapy are included. Treatment Type, Area, Number and Frequency CAN be specified by the prescriber but it's not a must	
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		Patients can refer themselves to physiotherapists for prevention.
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	2	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Direct Access - also with reimbursement, Referral possible to other health professionals	

Additional information		
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Country	BELGIUM	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		✓
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		✓
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Patient with self-referral can get the treatment only in private clinics and for the service they have to pay without reimbursement.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist	✓	✓
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	3	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Being allowed to diagnose, referral to other health professionals and legal authorisation for self-referral for the patients.	

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Country	BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required in private clinics	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓	✓
- Area to be treated	✓	✓
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency	✓	✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?	Patients can refer themselves if they want to have a treatment in the private clinic	
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Patient with self-referral can get the treatment only in private clinics and for the service they have to pay without reimbursement.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	Physiotherapists in private system have an autonomy in assessment and treatment prescription.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	1	

What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Assessment and treatment prescription	
Additional information	No profession regulation and consequently, no autonomy for physiotherapist. Psychiatrist refer the patient to a physiotherapist	

Country	BULGARIA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓	
- Area to be treated	✓	
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency	✓	✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.		✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	There is no difference between the autonomy in the private and public systems in Bulgaria.	

The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	1	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	We would like to improve the following aspects: Physiotherapists to have the possibility to adapt specifics of the treatment in the prescription without asking the prescriber and to make functional assessment and diagnosis; The patients to have direct access to physiotherapy services;	
Additional information		

Country	CROATIA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓ – in private practice no medical referral or doctor's recommendation is required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		✓
- Area to be treated		✓
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		✓
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	✓
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	In the public sector, the costs of physiotherapy services received by the patient are covered by the national health insurance, while in the private sector the patient bears all costs, as private physical therapy practices are not approved by the national insurance to contract physical therapy services. Unlike	

	<p>direct access in the private sector, in the public sector a person with a disability must first visit a general practitioner, then a specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation, who decides whether the patient can be referred to a physiotherapist or undergo additional diagnostic tests before placement. indications for physiotherapy. Unlike direct access in the private sector, the path to physiotherapists in the public sector is extremely long, and thus directly calls into question the quality and availability of public health care.</p>	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	<p>In the private sector, physiotherapy practice is under the absolute autonomy of physiotherapists. For a patient seeking the services of a physiotherapist in the private sector, physiotherapy is available immediately and is not conditioned by a doctor's referral, ie the patient has the right to direct access to a physiotherapist. In private practice, the physiotherapist completely independently manages the physiotherapy process, from setting the indication, intervention, all the way to discharge from physiotherapy. According to the initial</p>	

	<p>assessment, the physiotherapist decides whether physiotherapy is indicated, and in accordance with the indication and the findings of the assessment, together with the patient he/she decides on a complete physiotherapy plan, based on commonly set goals and evidence of effectiveness. In the public sector, access to a physiotherapist and the implementation of physiotherapy is conditioned by a referral from a doctor, a specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation. In addition to determining the duration or episodes of physiotherapy in advance, physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists take it upon themselves to specify the content of the physiotherapy plan and program, which is in conflict with the established legal professional rules in our country. A very important difference between the private and public sectors is the time it takes for a person with a disability to receive physiotherapy services. Unlike direct access in the private sector, in the public sector a person with a disability must first visit a general practitioner, who, if he deems it justified, refers him to a specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation, and who decides whether the patient can be referred to a physiotherapist or must undergo additional diagnostic tests before setting an indication for physiotherapy. This time is crucial not only for the patient but also for the physiotherapist, and in order to achieve the common goals arising from the need for physiotherapy.</p>	
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	Inequality of practice in the private and public sectors should not be allowed.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	2	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	In the context of professional autonomy, we believe that the practice of direct access in the public and private sectors should be harmonized, which would also strengthen the professional autonomy of physiotherapists and patients' rights to equality in providing or receiving health care. Specific elements of professional autonomy that we strive for are the possibility of prescribing certain types of pain medications, and referring patients to other health professionals as well as referring to diagnostic procedures relevant to the physiotherapy process.	
Additional information	<p>The physiotherapy profession in Croatia has harmonized everything with the laws and positive regulations at the national level and the world standards of our main organization. Therefore, specialist physicians should only indicate the need for physiotherapy, but in the public sector this is not a practice, but a violation of the professional autonomy of physiotherapists prescribed and guaranteed by law. As mentioned earlier, the practice is uneven.</p> <p>Furthermore, physiotherapy as an activity carried out by a physiotherapist is not recognized by the state insurance, ie the state insurance does not want to contract or pay for services to the physiotherapist, which is a great discrimination</p>	For all hospitalised patients, physiotherapists independently determine a therapy plan / program but it must adhere to possible medical indications and contraindications.

	<p>for the whole region. In public health, the activity of physical therapy is not recognized when contracting with national insurance, ie national insurance in public health contracts only the medical activity of physical medicine and rehabilitation, under which national insurance considers it physical therapy, which is not true because the Health Care Act (it is a law that regulates complete health care services) specifically regulates the provision of physical therapy services in primary (Article 30, paragraph 2, indent 15) and secondary care (Article 32, paragraph 2), separately from the provision of physical medicine and rehabilitation.</p> <p>Specialists, through their practices of physical medicine and rehabilitation, contract their activity with the national insurance, and this national insurance implies that it is physiotherapy. The Health Care Act is at the following link: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2018_11_100_1929.html We would also like to point out that the Minister of Health has abolished the internship for all health professions except for physiotherapists without any explanation. Our Council demanded that physiotherapists internship sholud also ve abolished, because it is a big blockade to enter the practice (many physiotherapists wait for several years to get an internship), but we did not receive any response.</p>	
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Country	CYPROS	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓	
- Area to be treated	✓	
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	
- Frequency		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	✓	
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can refer themselves in specific situations, please comment acute problem or chronic with good knowledge of their situation	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Mainly it is the reimbursement, but most of our patients know that for acute problems they need to act fast therefore they take the self-referral pathway	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist	✓	✓
- A general practitioner		✓
- Another health care worker	✓	✓
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray	✓	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	7	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	The referral for an MRI or non-corticoid anti-inflammatory drugs	

	should be legally allowed	
Additional information	The national system needs to invest more money on physiotherapy since it is a major problem solver for most issued regarding human health	According to existing legislation, patients can self-refer to physiotherapy services, however health insurance companies cover the expenses only if a referral is signed by a medical practitioner.

Country	CZECK REPUBLIC	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	always required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓	
- Area to be treated	✓	
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	
- Frequency	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		✓
Other (please specify)	that is for care paid by health insurance, for other we only need doctor diagnosis and aim of therapy	
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	✓	Patients can self-refer to physiotherapy for prevention.
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.		✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		

If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	there is no different, it depends, if the physiotherapy - clinic, hospital...are part of system of health insurance or not	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	1	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	access to physiotherapy, be able to refer patient to medical doctor, x ray,....provide sonography	
Additional information		Patients with a prescription including: diagnosis, number of visits, purpose, techniques, therapy parameters get reimbursement. Patients with a prescription including: diagnosis do not get reimbursement.

Country	DENMARK	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)	The doctor diagnosis is only mandatory in some ways of referral i.e. from hospital to primary care.	
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		Patients can always refer themselves.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Depending on the diagnosis, the patient might have access to full reimbursement og part reimbursement	

	from the public health insurance. Supplement reimbursement from private health insurance can also be dependent on prescription.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	7	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	100% direct access meaning that the public reimbursement follows the patient, not referral from GP. Access for PTs to refer to other healthcare services	
Additional information		If a patient wants reimbursement a medical prescription is necessary. If a patient needs treatment at home, it must appear on the referral.

Country	ESTONIA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	always required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		✓
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	✓
Other (please specify)	This is a legal grey area. Currently only the name and signature of the doctor are needed on the referral, but	

	many doctors include the number of sessions, diagnosis and some recommendations on methods	
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can refer themselves only to paid (non-reimbursed) appointments	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
	Patients with self-referral have to pay. Patients with a medical prescription don't, they are covered by national health insurance.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	Regarding autonomy, legally there is no difference in decision making since, in the public system, the only thing needed from the medical doctor is a signed referral. There might be comments about treatment methods etc on the referral, but the physios are legally free to make their own decisions. The autonomy is more influenced by the specific institution's work culture. Physios might experience some authority and pressure from the medical doctor to follow their prescribed methods. In the private sector, there is usually no pressure from medical doctors and physios are free to	

	make their own decisions from assessment, setting the goals to treatment methods.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	6	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	The main aspect of professional autonomy we (MO) would like to see improved, is the direct referral from the family physician. Currently, the family physician can refer to physiotherapy via referring to a rehabilitation doctor or using their "therapy fund" which has very limited resources. Our position is, that in certain musculoskeletal diagnoses and other already diagnosed chronic conditions, the rehabilitation doctor is an unnecessary link between family physician and physiotherapist. Removing this link would result in more autonomy and shorter queues.	
Additional information		

Country	FINLAND	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	sometimes required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓	✓
- Area to be treated	✓	
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	✓	
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		Patients can refer themselves in specific situations.

<p>If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.</p>	<p>Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy in private sector. In public sector they can refer themselves for guidance and counselling from physiotherapist. And some health care centers patient can refer themselves to physiotherapy in case of MSD(advanced scope of practice protocol).</p>	
<p>Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.</p>	<p>Patients with self-referral do not get reimbursement in private sector.</p>	
<p>Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.</p>		
<p>Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A medical specialist 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A general practitioner 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Another health care worker 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - X-Ray 		
<p>Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.</p>		
<p>If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?</p>	<p>Within the private system patient can always refer himself/herself to physiotherapy.</p>	
<p>The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10</p>	<p>8</p>	
<p>What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?</p>	<p>To have more rights to refer to another medical specialist and to diagnostic tests (incl. x-ray).</p>	
<p>Additional information</p>	<p>There is planned to come a social- and health care reform in near future, which will change organizations quite a lot. It will also influence to the work of physiotherapists. We are also concerned about the lack of nurses and it's influence to our profession. Some people think, that physiotherapists can easily be moved to do nursing and care work.</p>	<p>Usually a medical doctors referral is needed however there are some installed procedures where there is an agreement that patients can access physiotherapy directly.</p>

Country	FRANCE	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated	✓	
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	✓
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	emergency or protocol	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	in case of self referral provided by law, it's reimbursed	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner	✓	
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray	✓	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	3	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	direct access, extension of possibilities of prescription as x rays, drugs and medical leave are not the common law but exceptional situation in some particular situation	
Additional information	things are moving now a lot and, as there is a huge lack of physicians, physiotherapists should	

	have shortly new improvement possibilities and responsibilities. We can vaccinate now, and of course test.	
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Country	GERMANY	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	If the PT has a special advanced training as (sektoraler Heilpraktiker für Physiotherapy) he is allowed to treat the patient directly. But this treatment can only be paid privately.	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓	✓
- Area to be treated	✓	✓
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency	✓	✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		✓
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		

The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	3	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Direct Access	
Additional information		

Country	GREECE	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		✓
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	✓	✓
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Self-referral can visit only the private PT office.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	7	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Direct access	
Additional information		

Country	HUNGARY	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	prescription necessary only in the public health care	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		✓
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Patient with self-referral can visit only the private PT office	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	Only the way, how the patient can enter the PT service. If she/he wants to visit the public system, the doctor's prescription is required	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	5	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Prescribing a medical device	
Additional information		

Country	ICELAND	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	No, it is never required before a physiotherapist can engage with a patient	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		Patients can always refer themselves
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		✓
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	No difference regarding autonomy but limitations of reimbursement within the private sector if self-referral of patient.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	8	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Being able to officially/legally refer patients to other health professionals. For advanced PTs to be able	

	to send patients to x-rays, catscan etc.	
Additional information		Patients can always self-refer for a limited number of sessions. If more sessions are needed a referral from a medical doctor is required for reimbursement.

Country	ISRAEL	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	never required	sometimes required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		Patients can sometimes refer themselves to physiotherapy.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	7	

What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Refer to mri, x-ray	
Additional information		The system is a mixed system with transitions occurring.

Country	ITALY	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	Required, but not always in private sector	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		✓
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	In private sector, physios use to assess the patient also without a medical prescription. They will refer to another specialist if needed after the assessment. The national professional profile states that a	

	physio work using the medical diagnose and prescription as a reference, but he/she works in autonomy.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	3	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	More autonomy, self referral and direct access	
Additional information		

Country	KOSOVO	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		✓
- Area to be treated	✓	✓
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	✓	
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Self-referral patients doesn't get reimbursement	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist	✓	✓
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker	✓	✓
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)	✓	
- X-Ray	✓	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	In private system physiotherapists can	

	evaluate, diagnose and treat patients while in public system physiotherapists can only work with referred patients and treatment plan.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	5	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Higher competencies in evaluation in public system Not to be depended from physiatrist reimbursement	
Additional information	We need to have specializations in physiotherapy which still is not regulated by law, we are working on this direction and we need any support from the region.	

Country	LATVIA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		✓
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	There is no self-referral to Physiotherapist in the NHS system.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		

- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	Within the private system, patient self-referral exists, PT is direct-access specialist and can refer to other medical specialists, but it will be service for charge. PT cannot send patient to diagnostic tests.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	4	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Direct access in NHS system; Ability to refer to other medical specialists, as well as specific diagnostic procedures.	
Additional information		

Country	LEBANON	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓	✓
- Area to be treated	✓	✓
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	✓	
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		

Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	3	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Legislation and implementation of direct access.	
Additional information		

Country	LIECHTENSTEIN	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated	✓	
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		Medical doctors can refer to physiotherapy.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		

Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		✓
- A general practitioner		✓
- Another health care worker		✓
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	4	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	That patients can come directly to the Therapist. But the politics does not want it because they think there will be too much costs.	
Additional information		Patients can self-refer to physiotherapy services without reimbursement.

Country	LITHUANIA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	n/a	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	n/a	
- Physiotherapy treatment type	n/a	
- Area to be treated	n/a	
- Number of treatment sessions	n/a	
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	n/a	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	n/a	
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	n/a	
Other (please specify)	n/a	
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	n/a	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	n/a	
- Some other important reason, please comment	n/a	
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?	n/a	Medical doctors and other health professionals can refer to physiotherapy.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	n/a	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	n/a	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	n/a	✓

Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	n/a	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist	n/a	
- A general practitioner	n/a	✓
- Another health care worker	n/a	
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)	n/a	
- X-Ray	n/a	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.	n/a	
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	n/a	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	n/a	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	n/a	
Additional information	n/a	

Country	LUXEMBOURG	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓	
- Area to be treated	✓	✓
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	✓	
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	✓
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy.	
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	The only difference is the reimbursement.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.		✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		✓

- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	We only have one healthcare system, Caisse nationale de la santé (public). But everybody can choose to have an additional assurance. It does not change the autonomy in physiotherapy services.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	8	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Direct access	
Additional information		.

Country	MALTA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	not required	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy.	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist	✓	✓

- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker	✓	✓
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray	✓	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	7	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Prescription of selected medication.	
Additional information		

Country	MONTENEGRO	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		✓
- Area to be treated		✓
- Number of treatment sessions		✓
- Frequency		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)	If the patient comes from specialist of orthopedic: in the prescription is medical diagnosis and indication to start with physiotherapy and in that case the physiotherapists decide which procedure, area to be treated, number of treatment sessions, type, intensity, frequency etc and physiotherapists will apply them to the patient. If the patient comes from specialist of physical medicine and rehabilitation: the prescription is written by him, so physiotherapist will apply them.	
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		

How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	There is no possibility to have on self-referral physiotherapy services in public system.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.		✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	In private sector there are possibility to have on self-referral physiotherapy services.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	2	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Especially at primary level: to have opportunity to work with patients without thinking (prescription) of specialist of physical medicine and rehabilitation which are not in plan by the systematization of jobs in the primary level - health center.	
Additional information		

Country	NORWAY	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	not required	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		

Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy.	Patients can always refer themselves.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	The autonomy of Norwegian physiotherapists are not dependent of where he/she works.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	8	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Referral rights can be improved, especially directly referral to the specialist health care service.	
Additional information		Manual therapists are legally authorised to refer patients directly to medical specialists and X-Ray.

Country	POLAND	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated	✓	✓
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		✓

Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	✓	
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	✓
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
	It is needed to regain the funding for the service.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.		
	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
	The private system is reimbursed either by the patient's money or the private packets financed by the employer. Within the private market, PT is fully independent. Private practices are regulated.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10		
	6	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?		
	More Advanced Practice: prescribing medicaments, refer to other specialists, to other examinations (such as X-rays), skin interruption (Botulinum injections).	
Additional information		
		A physiotherapist may order treatments, the medical doctor issues a referral for the treatments. A medical doctor rehabilitation specialist can determine the type of treatment. A physiotherapist can only

		change this in consultation with the doctor.
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Country	PORTUGAL	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓	✓
- Area to be treated	✓	✓
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency	✓	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	✓	✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	It is not possible to self-refer to Physiotherapy in the public sector.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	In the private sector there is a demand from the organization where physiotherapy units are registered (not with strength of law) specifying that patients need an indication (not a prescription) stating that the patients need Physiotherapy. This indication may be issued by any medical	

	<p>doctor. Patients can refer themselves to Physiotherapy and will have direct access to the physiotherapist, being a sole and exclusive decision of the patient seeking the physiotherapist to do so. However, there are some insurers, and insurances, that charge directly for treatments, but there are also insurances that require prior medical consultation as a clinical indication for medical referral for reimbursement purposes. If the patient wants to pay from his own pocket he can refer directly to the physiotherapist.</p>	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	4	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	<p>In the public system, physiotherapists should be the sole responsible to define their own intervention and should be able to refer the patient to other health professionals. Direct access is not completely implemented in Portugal and in the public sector access to the physiotherapist is conditioned. In the private sector, patients can refer directly to the physiotherapist but reimbursement from the government and insurers is not possible, which also limits the access to physiotherapy services.</p>	
Additional information	<p>In the public sector, although legally physiotherapists are autonomous (Decree-Law No. 111/2017 states that the physiotherapist is responsible for the acts of Physiotherapy he practices and responsible for the evaluation, planning, interpretation, clinical decision making, treatment and evaluation of results of his clients, with the</p>	

	<p>final aim of promoting health, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration process), the hierarchical structure of the "Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service" forces the medical diagnosis and prescription from a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist prior the patient can see a physiotherapist. When patients are discharged from the public system, since medical doctors are responsible for clearance from rehabilitation services, patients are referred to private Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation units. If patients want, they can seek private Physiotherapy Unit but most will follow the referral to a PMR service.</p>	
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Country	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	never required	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?	Medical doctors and other health professionals can refer to physiotherapy.	Medical doctors and other health professionals can refer to physiotherapy.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can self refer to private practitioners, some health services require referral from a medical professional	Patients can self-refer for outpatient physiotherapy.

Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist	✓	✓
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker	✓	✓
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)	✓	✓
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	Self referral is routine practice for private physiotherapy services, for public services stricter referral criteria applies and self referral is not accepted in most physiotherapy services and onward referral between private and public would usually require a GP referral. In Ireland we have private and public health care and the referral systems are quite complex and convoluted.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	5	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Prescription and referral for elements of care such as ionising radiation, injection therapy, oxygen prescription and recognition of advanced practice and consultant level for physiotherapists	
Additional information		There is no specific legal authorisation stating a physiotherapist is authorised or not to assess and diagnose. A referral would be required in most inpatient settings.

Country	ROMANIA
	2022
Medical prescription	✓
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?	
- Doctor diagnosis	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type	✓

- Area to be treated	
- Number of treatment sessions	✓
- Frequency	✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber	
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	
Other (please specify)	
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?	
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	
- Some other important reason, please comment	
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?	
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:	
- A medical specialist	
- A general practitioner	
- Another health care worker	
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)	
- X-Ray	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.	
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	1
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	We wish to see the educational system improve and cover all current problems, so that physiotherapists have the necessary competencies after graduation to be entitled to more autonomy.
Additional information	

Country	SLOVAKIA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		✓
- Area to be treated		✓
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		

Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
	Every patient needs to have a medical prescription referral to attend physiotherapy due to law and reimbursement.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.		
	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
	Even though the law allows to physiotherapists to attend patients only based on medical prescription of doctor with specialization, usually there is a psychiatry doctor in public sector who prescribes the whole treatment and it is up to interpersonal relationships if a physiotherapist can step in and change or add to a treatment plan. Some physiotherapists proclaim their practice as massage centre or movement centre to have a direct access to patients.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10		
	5	

What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	We would like to be able to treat patients based on diagnose prescription that is needed for reimbursement with a opportunity to send a patient to physiatrist if he thinks it is necessary. A physiotherapist should be able to prescribe protetics if necessary. Also there is a gap in the law that a physiotherapist can work based on a prescription of specialist if the guideline doesn't say otherwise what can become problem in the future.	
Additional information		

Country	SLOVENIA	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	✓	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated	✓	
- Number of treatment sessions		✓
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber	✓	
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	✓
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Only to private PT practice.	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Patients with self referral can only be treated by physiotherapists in private practice (but they should pay for PT service).	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	

Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	Private system PT has more autonomy in PT services regarding public PT services due to self referral of the patient etc.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	3	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Comparing to GB, USA Canada and other countries where PTs can work with autonomy.	
Additional information		

Country	SPAIN	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		✓
- Area to be treated	✓	
- Number of treatment sessions	✓	✓
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		✓
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	In the public service and private insurance they need a mandatory medical prescription in the private sphere they can go by themselves .	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓

Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	In the private system, patients attend without a prescription and in the public system, a prescription by a doctor is mandatory.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	2	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	1. Direct referral to Physiotherapy. 2. Physiotherapy in emergencies. 3. Physiotherapy consultation	
Additional information	95% of physiotherapists work in private physiotherapy and only 5% in the public.	

Country	SWEDEN	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	not required	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		Patients can always refer themselves.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		

Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.		✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist	✓	✓
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker	✓	✓
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)	✓	✓
- X-Ray	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	There are no differences in autonomy.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	9	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	The legal autonomy is high, however, because of tradition and rigid systems, we have not implement the autonomy to its full potential. For example referring to X-ray or to another health-care specialist.	
Additional information	This is a good way!	Although a medical prescription is not required, a patient can be referred to physiotherapy by means of a formal medical referral or by way of recommendation by a medical doctor, a nurse or another medical practitioner.

Country	SWITZERLAND	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		✓
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		✓
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist	✓	✓
Other (please specify)	Goals of treatment	
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		

- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed	✓	
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Reimbursement, self referral is not paid by insurance.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker	✓	
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	3	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Self referral for all patients, paid by insurance, PT allow to refer patients to specialists, x-ray, mri, prescribe some medication.	
Additional information		

Country	THE NETHERLANDS	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	not required	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		

How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Medical doctors, other health care professionals or patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy.	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker	✓	
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?		
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	7	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Referral to other specialists.	
Additional information		

Country	TURKEY	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	not required	always required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		✓
- Physiotherapy treatment type		✓
- Area to be treated		✓
- Number of treatment sessions		✓
- Frequency		✓
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		✓
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		

If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.		
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist	✓	
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker	✓	
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	There is no difference between them exception of health promotion clinics which the physiotherapists have their own autonomy .	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	2	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	- to work directly with all the medical specialists without referral from physiatrist - to have direct access - to have professional regulation to be owner of the private clinics or rehabilitation center - to be able to prescribe orthosis, prosthesis, walking aids and devices and also some basic medications for musculoskeletal pain or spasm -to be able to do research or postgraduate education without having physiatrist's permission .	
Additional information	Although physiotherapy education in Turkey is a high level education and included in the science science university level, there is a big pressure by the physiatrists on health system and on our professional law. Thus our professional law is not at a level to reveal the definition of our profession and the	If a physiotherapist is collaborating with medical doctors, they can do assessments, treatment planning and make discharge decisions.

	knowledge, competencies and skills of our education level, and our professional autonomy is quite limited.	
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Country	UKRAINE	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	required	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis	✓	
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)	Contraindication and indication of Physical Therapy.	
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services	✓	
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Patients can always refer themselves to physiotherapy.	
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.	Differences is in payment. If patient self-referral he/she pay form own pocket.	
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist		
- A general practitioner		
- Another health care worker		
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)		
- X-Ray		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.		
If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	In public system all prescriptions and other services for physical therapy is not be able without signature	

	physical rehabilitation medicine doctor.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	1	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	We needs others understanding, philosophy, approaches and laws in rehabilitation in health system.	
Additional information		

Country	UK	
	2022	2020
Medical prescription	not required	never required
What needs to be included by law in the medical prescription?		
- Doctor diagnosis		
- Physiotherapy treatment type		
- Area to be treated		
- Number of treatment sessions		
- Frequency		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist in consultation with the prescriber		
Specifics of the treatment in the prescription can be adapted by the physiotherapist without asking the prescriber		
Treatment is the sole responsibility of the physiotherapist		
Other (please specify)		
Why is the medical prescription needed in the public system?		
- To have an access to physiotherapy services		
- To have the physiotherapy services reimbursed		
- Some other important reason, please comment		
How is the patient referred to physiotherapy when a medical prescription is not required?		Patients can refer themselves in specific situations.
If in addition to a medical doctor or another health care professional, patients can refer themselves to physiotherapy in specific situations, please specify.	Medical doctors, other health professionals and patients themselves can refer to physiotherapy.	Patients can self-refer to a physiotherapist in the NHS where the commissioners of health services allow this.
Are there differences between patients with self-referral and patients with a medical prescription referral e.g. reimbursement, etc.		
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to assess the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to diagnose the patient.	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to directly refer a patient to:		
- A medical specialist	✓	✓
- A general practitioner	✓	✓
- Another health care worker	✓	✓
- Diagnostic tests (e.g. MRI)	✓	✓
- X-Ray	✓	✓
Physiotherapists are legally authorised to prescribe medication as part of the physiotherapy treatment.	✓	✓

If existing, what is the main difference within the private system of your country compared to the public system regarding autonomy in physiotherapy services?	None in terms of autonomy.	
The overall satisfaction rate with the legal level of autonomy for physiotherapists in your country's public system on the scale from 0 to 10	9	
What aspects of professional autonomy would you like to see improved in your country?	Commissioners of public services can restrict access to patients for patients eg to self refer to a physiotherapist.	
Additional information		There is extensive self-referral in the NHS, however some commissioners in the UK restrict this.