Ethical principles

The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) expects physical therapists to:

• respect the rights, personal dignity, privacy and autonomy of all individuals
• comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy in the country in which they practise and the policies of their professional associations and regulatory bodies
• accept responsibility for the exercise of sound professional judgement
• provide honest, competent and accountable professional services
• provide fair, equitable, inclusive and quality services
• charge and receive a just and fair level of remuneration for their services
• provide accurate and appropriate information to patients/clients,¹ to other agencies and the community about physical therapy
• contribute to the planning and development of services which address the health needs of the community

Glossary (www.world.physio/resources/glossary)

Equity
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Service standards

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**Related WCPT Policy material:**

WCPT policy statements:

- Ethical responsibilities of physical therapists and WCPT members

WCPT endorsements:

- Endorsement: Rights of the child
- Endorsement: The United Nations standard rules on the equalisation of opportunities for persons with disabilities

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¹ The term patient/client is used in this document as a generic term to refer to individuals and groups of individuals who can benefit from physical therapy interventions/treatments.