COSTA RICA | PHYSIOTHERAPIST NUMBERS

Physiotherapists in the country/territory:
- Members in MO: 3,033
- Total physios in country: 3,722

Physiotherapists in the South America region of World Physiotherapy:
- Members in MOs in the region: 10,201
- Number of physios in the region: 432,523

Physiotherapists in the world:
- Members of MOs globally: 658,433
- Physios globally: 1,901,585

81% of physiotherapists in the country/territory are members of the Physical Therapy Commission of the Therapist Guild of Costa Rica.

2% of physiotherapists in the region are members of a World Physiotherapy member organisation.

35% of physiotherapists in the world are members of a World Physiotherapy member organisation.

The data in this page includes data from all of World Physiotherapy’s 122 member organisations. Some data has also been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.
Number of new member organisations and member organisations which have increased, decreased or kept the same membership in each World Physiotherapy region.

- In your region, 55% of member organisations have increased their membership.
- Total membership of the South America region has decreased by 494 individual members.
The 3 countries with the highest % of female physiotherapists in your region:

- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Peru

71% of physiotherapists in Costa Rica are female.

63% of physiotherapists globally are female.

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY REGIONS:

- 71% of physiotherapists in Costa Rica are female.
- 63% of physiotherapists globally are female.

- 70% in North America Caribbean region
- 67% in Europe region
- 62% in Africa region
- 61% in South America region
- 54% in Asia Western Pacific region
64% of member organisations in the South America region have carried out advocacy on behalf of their members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

100% of countries/territories in the region had to stop clinical practice at some point during the pandemic.

64% of countries in the South America region reported challenges for physiotherapists accessing PPE.
What actions did member organisations in your region take to support their members during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- 10 member organisations offered COVID-19 specific online education or training
- 2 member organisations facilitated access to personal protective equipment for physiotherapists
- 3 member organisations arranged other support for their members

45% of national conferences in the South America region were cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

18% of countries in the South America region had to cancel or postpone continuous professional development (CPD) activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Map showing the number of practising physiotherapists per 10,000 of the population within the South America region of World Physiotherapy.
5 entry-level education programmes in your country/territory per 5 million population

14.3 is the average number of entry-level education programmes per 5 million population in the South America region of World Physiotherapy.
ARE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS PERMITTED TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES?

91% of respondents reported that physiotherapists in your region are permitted to provide telehealth services in the workforce.

In your country/territory physiotherapists are permitted to provide telehealth services.

CAN PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN YOUR COUNTRY/TERRITORY TREAT PEOPLE WITHOUT A REFERRAL FROM A MEDICAL DOCTOR?

27% of respondents in your region reported full direct access to physiotherapy services.

In your country/territory full direct access is permitted.
A PICTURE OF THE PROFESSION

- 74% recognise special interest groups
- 79% provide CPD for their members
- 58% have support personnel to work with physiotherapists

- 16% of countries a physiotherapist has to be a member of our MO to practice
- 71% have postgraduate education
- 48% have access to PhD programmes
## GLOBAL | RESPONSE TO SURVEY

**WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY MEMBER ORGANISATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES RESPONDED:**

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