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Summary

Improving health has been the driver of my professional life. I have experience across the broad spectrum of health, including the public, private, academic, and regulatory sectors. Following a successful career in private practice, I worked in academia in the USA, teaching physiotherapy, critical thinking, and ethics. I returned to New Zealand to be the Physiotherapy Board Professional Advisor.

I have significant Board and management experience. I have spent over 25 years working for the profession in New Zealand from provincial through to international levels. This included four years as President of Physiotherapy New Zealand, one year as Chair of the College of Physiotherapy, and seven years as President of the Hawkes Bay Physiotherapy New Zealand Branch. I have also presented at many national and international conferences.

My Board and management experience includes strategy and policy development, project management and implementation. I currently work as Senior Policy Advisor for the Health and Disability Commissioner.

Key Strengths

Communication

- Successfully delivering complex messages in various forums, including as a clinician, in seminars, lectures, workshops, and panel discussions.
- Experienced educator with well-honed skills for academic and practical application, including evidence-informed practice and policy.

Leadership

- Facilitating excellence by mentoring, motivating and engaging individuals and teams.
- Driving performance to achieve identified goals and objectives through meaningful and effective leadership.

Management

- Overcoming challenges to develop and deliver results while managing competing critical issues and changing priorities.
- Excellent organisational skills and ability to prioritise to meet deadlines.

Strategy

- Considered decision-making with a commercial and practical focus.
- Research and analytical skills to ensure evidence-based decision-making.

Professional experience



Senior policy advisor

Office of the Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC)
Wellington, NZ

2021 - Present



Clinician

COVID-19 response
Tū ora Compass Health,
Wellington, NZ

2020 – 2021



Consultant

World Physiotherapy, London, UK

2022 / 2021



Consultant

Momentum Wheels for Humanity, Chatsworth, California, USA
Providing expert advice on Physical Therapy professionalisation in Ukraine.

2020 – Present



Professional Advisor

Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand, Wellington, NZ

2016 - 2020



Consultant

World Confederation for Physical Therapy, London, UK
Advising on a potential programme and pathway to regulation in Ukraine.

2018 - 2019



Assistant Professor

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, San Diego, CA, USA

2011 - 2017

Education



Doctor of Health Science (High Honors)

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences,
St Augustine, Florida, USA



Master of Health Sciences, Postgraduate Diploma Sports Medicine

University of Otago, Dunedin, NZ



Diploma of Manipulative Therapy

New Zealand Manipulative Physiotherapists Association,
Auckland, NZ



Diploma of Physiotherapy (Distinction)

Otago Polytechnic, Dunedin, NZ

Selection of recent publications

Tawiah, A. K., Stokes, E., Wieler, M., Desmeules, F., Finucane, L., Lewis, J., **Warren J.**, ... & Woodhouse, L. J. (2023). Developing a core competency and capability framework for advanced practice physiotherapy: A qualitative study. *Physiotherapy Theory and Practice*, 1-15.

Warren, J. (2021). *An overview of COVID-19*. World Physiotherapy. <https://world.physio/sites/default/files/2021-05/COVID19-Briefing-paper-7-overview-final.pdf>

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