

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CENSUS

2023



World
Physiotherapy



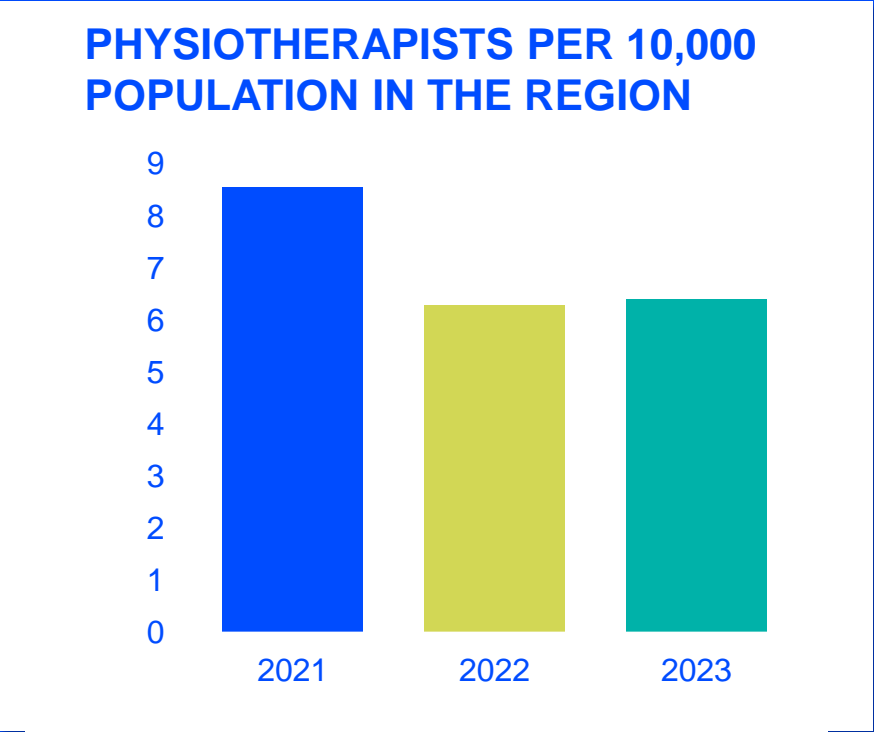
**NORTH AMERICA
CARIBBEAN**

57%

of AMC respondents in the North America Caribbean region have **increased** their **membership** during the last year

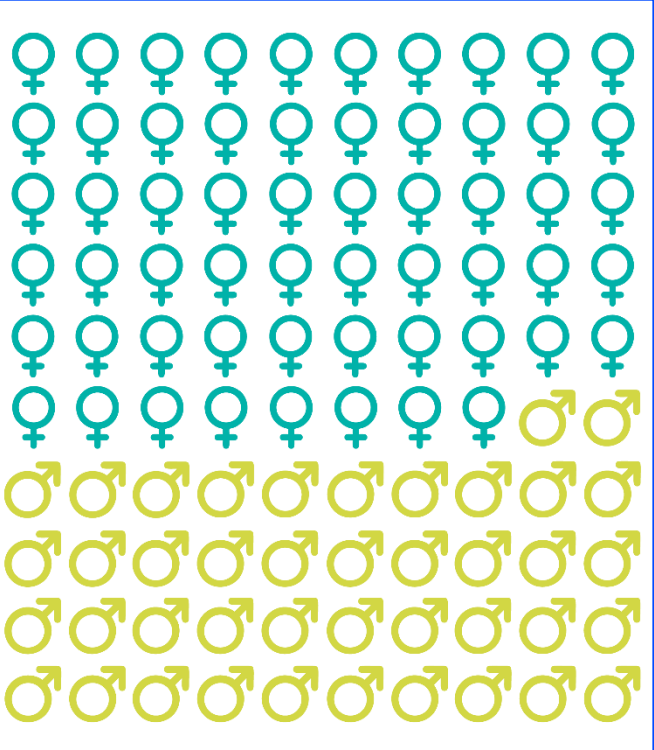
30%

of **physiotherapists** in the North America Caribbean region are **members** of their member organisation

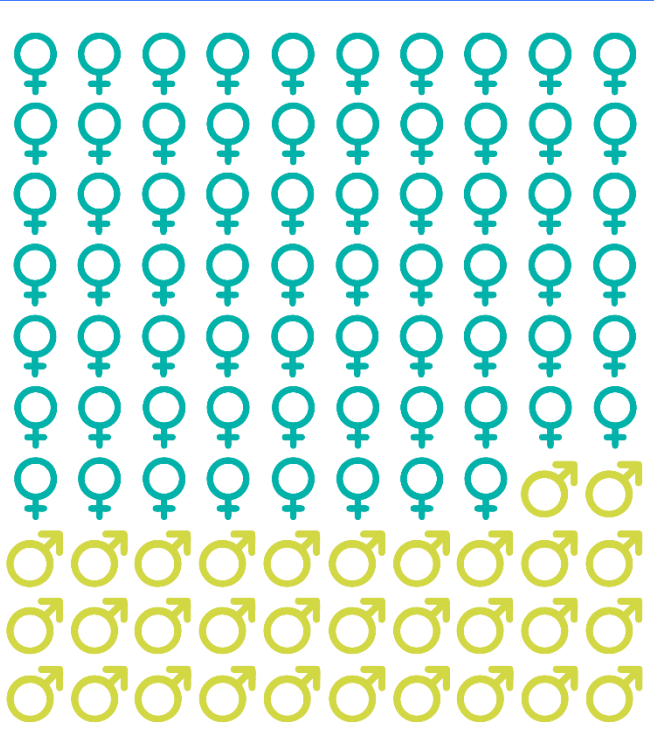


6.41

is the average number of **practising physiotherapists** per 10,000 population in the **North America Caribbean region** in 2023

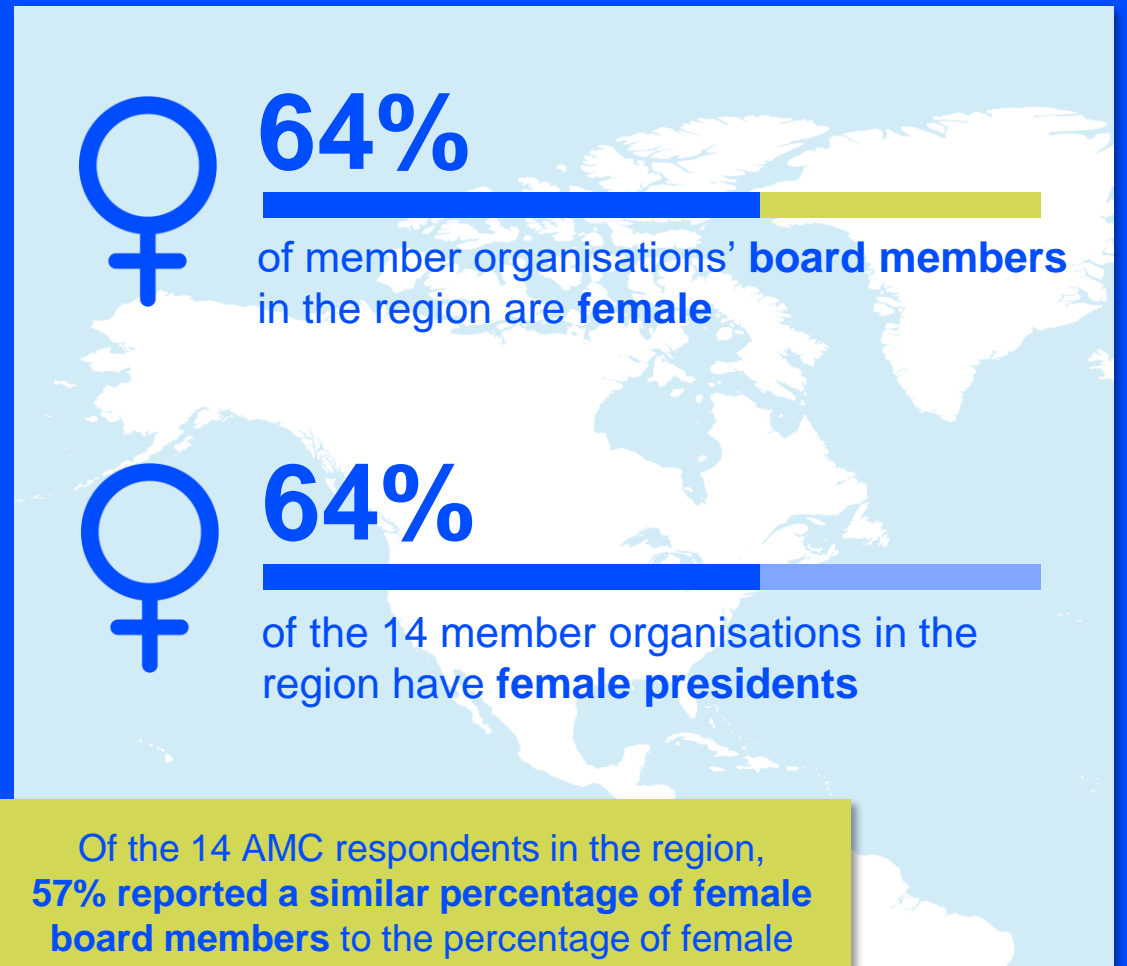


58%
of individual members in
member organisations in the
North America Caribbean
region are female



68%
of the physiotherapy workforce
in the North America
Caribbean region is female

BOARD MEMBERS

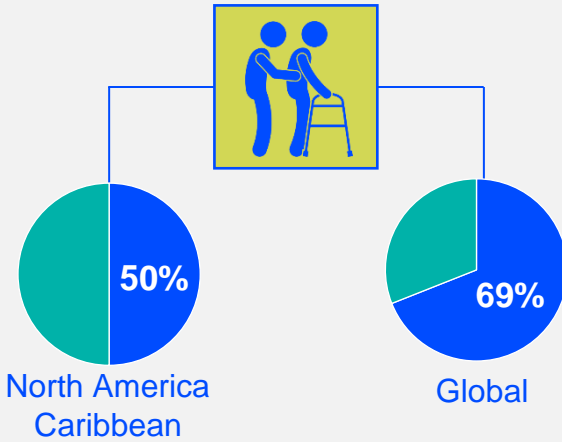


Of the 14 AMC respondents in the region,
57% reported a similar percentage of female
board members to the percentage of female
physiotherapists in the workforce in their
country/territory

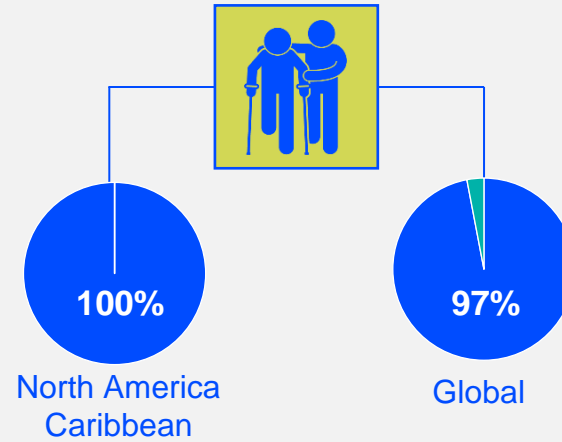


NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN | PERMITTED PRACTICE

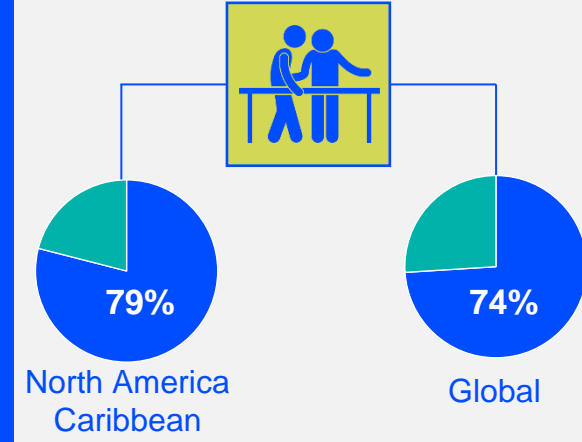
Act as first contact/ autonomous practitioners



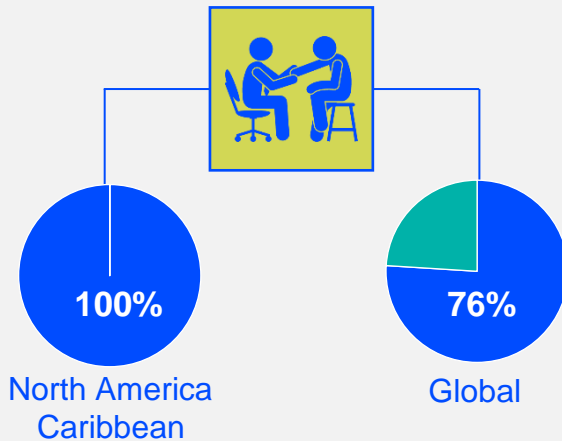
Able to assess patients/clients



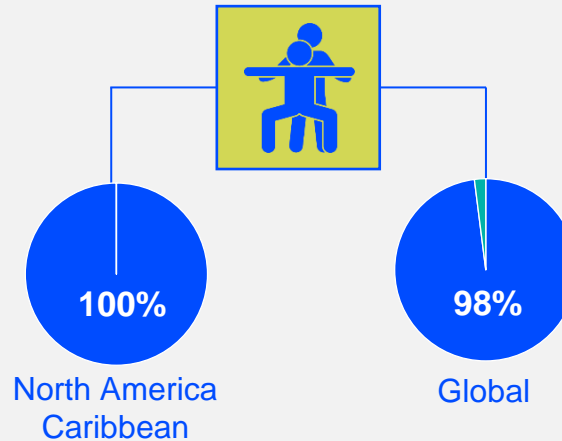
Can make a diagnosis



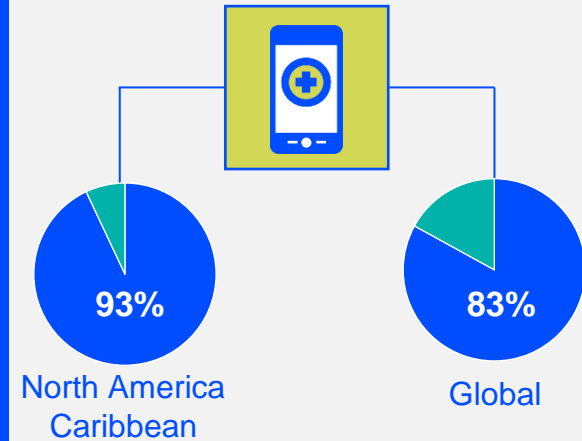
Can refer to other specialists/services



Can offer preventative advice/services



Can provide telehealth services





NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN | DIRECT ACCESS

COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES WITH DIRECT ACCESS



29%

of countries/territories in the North America Caribbean region have **full direct access** to physiotherapy services



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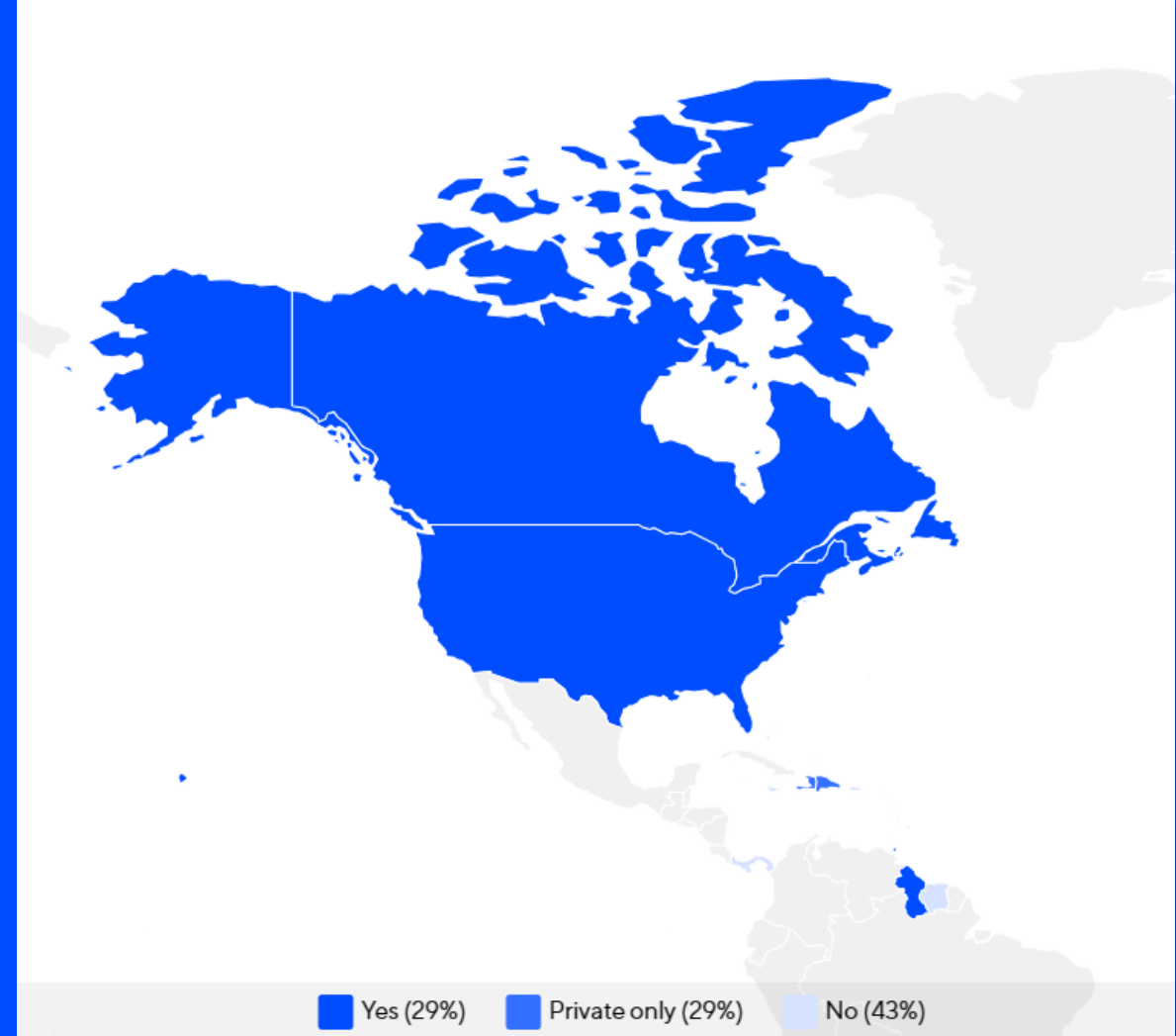
of the AMC respondents in the North America Caribbean region reported direct access only for **private physiotherapy** services



43%

reported direct access is **not allowed** in the North America Caribbean region

The most frequently reported **limitation to direct access** was **payment**, eg certain payers will not pay for services delivered via direct access (29%).



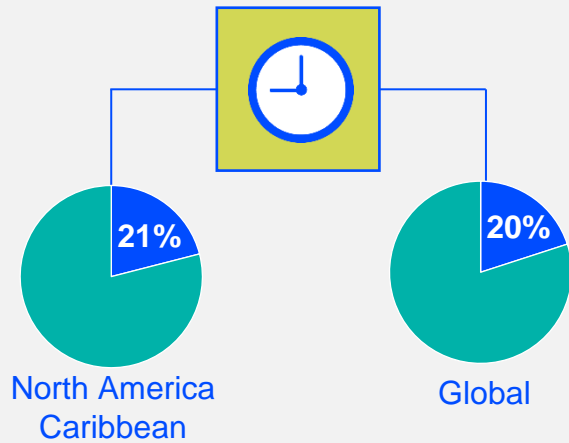


NORTH AMERICA CARIBBEAN | HEALTH EMERGENCY STRATEGIES

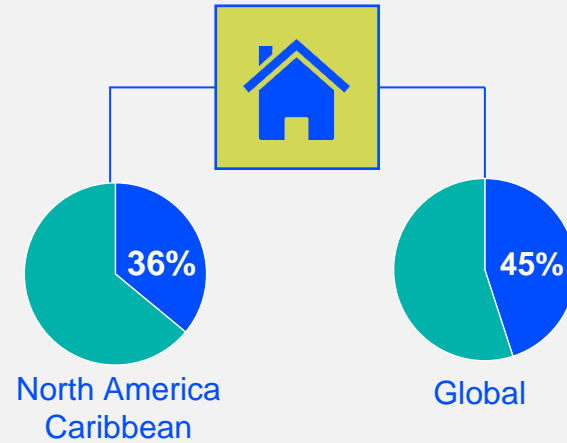
79%

of countries/
territories in the
North America
Caribbean region
said they had one
or more of these
mitigation strategies
to **overcome**
physiotherapy
service
disruptions

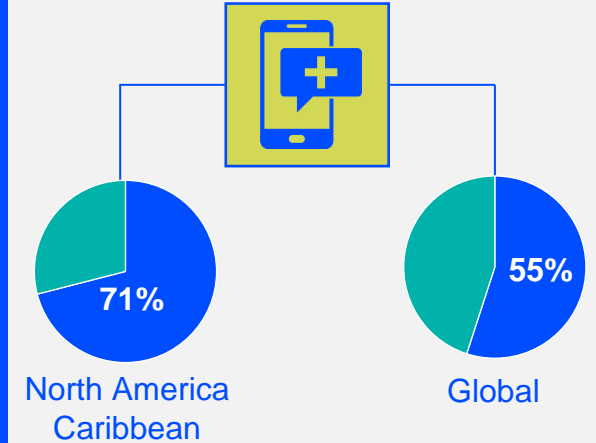
Expansion of hours



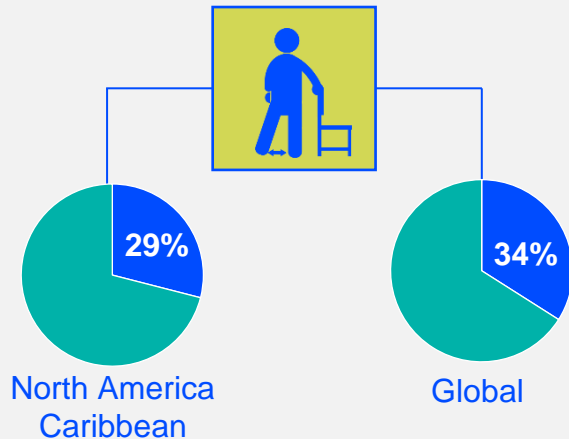
Provision of home-based care



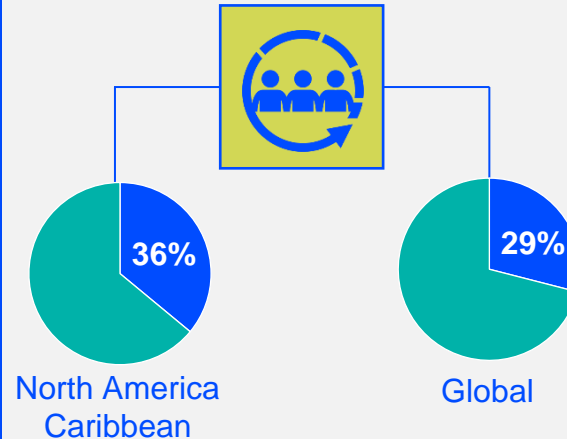
Telerehabilitation services



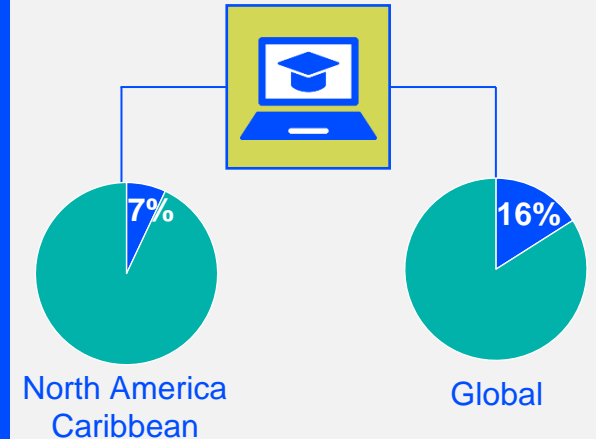
Use of self-care interventions



Redistribution of physiotherapy roles

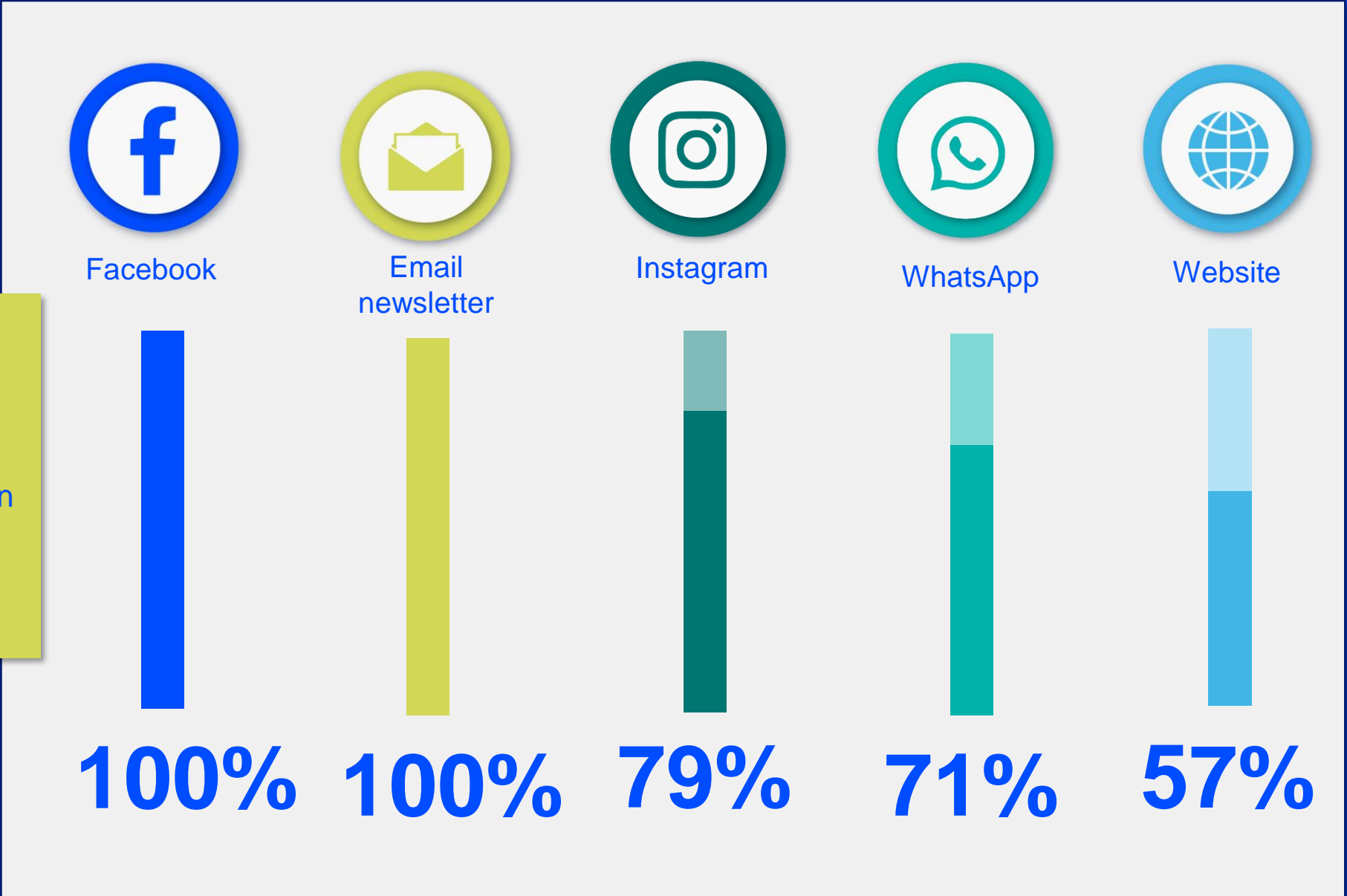


Rapid training mechanisms and job aids





The top five channels of communication used by member organisations in the North America Caribbean region to communicate with their members





PUERTO RICO – NEW PHYSIOTHERAPY PRACTICE ACT

The **Asociación Puertorriqueña de Fisioterapia/Puerto Rican Association of Physiotherapy** advocated for a new **physiotherapy practice act**.

To achieve this, the association met with representatives of the Physical Therapy Examining Board, academic physiotherapy programmes, physicians, politicians, and members of the community. The law to update the legal framework for physiotherapy in Puerto Rico was passed in March 2023, and has yet to be approved.





North America Caribbean region

Bahamas

Barbados

Bermuda

Canada

Dominican Republic

Guyana

Haiti

Jamaica

Panama

Puerto Rico

St Lucia

Suriname

Trinidad and Tobago

United States

100%
of member organisations
(all 14) in the region
submitted data for the
annual membership
census in 2023.

DISCLAIMER

- The data in this report is based on responses to the annual membership census (AMC) sent to World Physiotherapy’s member organisations.
- The AMC was sent to 127 member organisations, of which 119 responded, representing a 93.7% response rate. This is consistent with previous years’ response rates and demonstrates strong engagement between World Physiotherapy and its member organisations. The census date was 30 June 2023.
- Some data in this report has been collated from other sources available to World Physiotherapy.
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