

Special Issue

Evidence-Based Physiotherapy: Prospects and Challenges

Message from the Guest Editors

It is now over thirty years since the term “evidence-based medicine” was coined. Soon afterwards, ideas around evidence-based physiotherapy practice, EBP, were introduced, and since then, key milestones have been achieved, such as World Physiotherapy recognizing evidence-based practice as being among the core physiotherapy competences. The strength and certainty of evidence remain key to success, but so does the implementation of science and knowledge translation processes, as their methods and frameworks have emerged as key person- and system-centered approaches. Evidence-based, systematically developed clinical practice guidelines have influenced clinical practice. EBP has become a core aspect of clinical practice and research, but barriers, obstacles, and uncertainties remain, both in the implementation process and in the evidence base itself. Proposals such as evidence-informed practice and evidence-guided practice have also influenced clinical practice. For this Special Issue, we invite authors to submit papers focusing on clinical settings and clinical practice and discussing a wide range of issues linked to evidence-based physiotherapy.

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