

Entrustable professional activities (EPA) for physiotherapists to demonstrate digital health competency: an international delphi study



OBJECTIVE

This study uses an EPA approach to delineate specific activities that demonstrate digital health competency in physiotherapy practice

International Delphi study of experts over three rounds, to establish consensus on digital physiotherapy practice EPAs and associated specifications. **55 participants representing 16 countries.**

DOMAIN	EPA (9 total)	EXAMPLE (56 in article) SPECIFICATION
Digital Health Data Governance 	Managing patients' health information digitally Transmitting health information from the point of care using clinical information systems	Storing digital patient health information Obtaining informed consent from patient/carer to transmit health information
Digital health data translation to information 	Documenting clinical encounters and relevant health information digitally Conducting clinical research using digital health tools (research may include for clinical quality improvement)	Incorporating relevant files and media (txt, img, or vid) into digital patient notes Using digital health devices in research to collect data
Digital health technologies for care 	Managing new or existing digital physiotherapy care services and projects (digital champion role) Clinically assessing patients using digital health tools Monitoring patients remotely using digital health tools Communicating using digital health tools Delivering a physiotherapy intervention that uses a digital health tool(s)	Evaluating outcomes and impact of digital health interventions and services Accessing and using clinical decision-support tools to guide differential diagnosis Accessing patient health information via a shared patient-controlled EHR Communicate with and about patients via videoconferencing Creating digital assets for patients that support their care and management

CONCLUSION

This Delphi study is a seminal international consensus on the core EPAs for digital physiotherapy practice. **These EPAs materialize competency.** As global attention to digital health continues to increase, **our workforce will need to continue to mature in this space.**



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