



**Direct Access and Advanced  
Scope of Practice** in Physical Therapy

October 22-24, 2009 Washington, DC



**International Policy Summit on Direct Access and Advanced Scope of Practice in Physical Therapy** hosted by the [World Confederation for Physical Therapy \(WCPT\)](#), the [Canadian Physiotherapy Association \(CPA\)](#), and the [American Physical Therapy Association \(APTA\)](#), will take place in Washington, DC, October 22-24, 2009. The objective of the Summit is to share international experiences in developing and implementing policy in the areas of direct access and advanced scope of practice. A combination of high profile presenters, posters, discussion sessions, and a working group will help address key questions such as:



- ‡ What are the political, economical, professional, and patient drivers for changes in scope of practice and service delivery?
- ‡ When do advanced scope of practice roles become established practice?
- ‡ How can the profession work strategically with governments and health authorities to change policy?
- ‡ What are the implications for professional education, legislation, standards, and regulation as a result of changes in scope of practice and direct access?
- ‡ What is the evidence for advanced scope of practice roles (e.g. consultant physical therapists, extended scope practitioners, advanced practitioners, specialists)?
- ‡ What are the implications for multiprofessional relationships, professional boundaries, and role definitions?

The Summit will showcase recent research, best practice models, and policy and leadership approaches. Calling on international experts, the Summit is a collaboration to advance physical therapy and its role in improving the health and quality of life of individuals.

Who should attend? The Summit will be of interest to representatives of member organizations of WCPT, policy and professional leaders, and those involved in practice developments looking to work strategically and innovatively.

## PROGRAMMING

Featured speakers invited to present at the Summit include Susan Greenhalgh (UK), Jan Robinson (Canada), Dorianne Sauvø (Canada), Ina Diener (South Africa), Jonathan Kruger (Australia), Michel Landry (Canada), Leslie Holdsworth (UK), Meena Sran (Canada), Ilse Swinkels (Netherlands), Molly Verrier (Canada), Naima Saleh (United Arab Emirates), Celia Tan (Singapore), and Marilyn Motz (President of WCPT).

Other practice and policy speakers to be confirmed. This collection of leaders in our field will prove to be a *can't miss* Summit for those interested in recent advancements in physical therapy in the areas of direct access and advanced scope of practice.

The program will consist of symposia of leading researchers, clinicians, and policy leaders followed by interactive panel discussions. Following the Summit, leaders will convene to begin to develop an international policy agenda and resources to assist professional associations throughout the world with policy strategies to implement direct access and advanced scope of practice areas.

Poster submissions will capture an international profile of physical therapy practice in the areas of direct access and advanced practice areas. They will be on display over the course of the Summit for participants to view and discuss. Following the Summit, a compendium of accepted posters will be assembled on the two areas.

Consider joining your colleagues for this groundbreaking Summit. As an international health field, physical therapy has emerged as a leading discipline to improve the health and quality of life for individuals. This Summit will present the latest research, best practice models, and policies for direct access and advanced scope of practice in physical therapy.



## OUTLINE PROGRAM

October 22: Opening Remarks, Evening Reception  
October 25: White Paper Workgroup (invitation only)

Time	October 23	October 24
8:00	Registration	Registration
8:30	Opening remarks: Scott Ward, PT, PhD, president, APTA; Alice Aiken, PT, BSc, PhD, president, CPA; Marilyn Motz, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA, president, WCPT	Opening remarks: Summit Chairs
9:15	Symposia - Direct Access Service development, implementation and effectiveness	Symposia - Policy Leadership and Development Influencing and shaping policy
10:45	Break and Poster Viewing	Break and Poster Viewing
11:30	Panel discussion: Direct Access: Challenges and Opportunities	Panel discussion: Policy Leadership and Development: Challenges and Opportunities
12:30	Lunch	Lunch
1:30	Symposia - Advanced Scope of Practice Defining and extending scope of PT practice	Breakout discussion groups Direct access Advanced scope of practice Policy leadership
3:00	Break	Break
3:30	Panel discussion: Advancing scope of practice	Plenary feedback from discussion groups
4:30	Concluding remarks and plans for Working Group	Concluding remarks and plans for Working Group
<p><b>For up-to-date programming information, visit <a href="http://www.directaccesssummit.com/summitProgram">www.directaccesssummit.com/summitProgram</a>.</b></p>		

## REGISTRATION

The cost for the 2-day program is \$375 Canadian dollars (approximately \$399 US). Register online by visiting [www.directaccesssummit.com](http://www.directaccesssummit.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail [info@directaccesssummit.com](mailto:info@directaccesssummit.com).

The conference will take place at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center located in National Harbor, Maryland.

The Gaylord National offers its guests convenient access to Washington, DC, with an hourly shuttle service, water taxi to Old Town Alexandria across the river from Alexandria, VA (home to APTA), and shuttle service to Ronald Reagan National Airport.

To make a reservation at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, go to [www.gaylordnational.com](http://www.gaylordnational.com), or call 301/965-4000. To receive special conference rates of US \$199, please use group code X-AMPS9. Additional fees include 16% tax, plus a US \$15 resort fee which includes high speed internet access, 24-hour fitness center access, complimentary in-room beverages, and daily newspaper. This offer is good until September 22, 2009.

**Register Now and be a part of the international collaboration to advance physical therapy and help improve the health and quality of life of all individuals.**

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