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Dear Colleagues and Friends;

The Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA) is very pleased to help bring you the International Summit on Direct Access and Advanced Practice in Physical Therapy in Washington DC, October 22-24, 2009.

This gathering is made possible in collaboration with the World Congress of Physical Therapists, the American Physical Therapy Association and the CPA. We recognize that together we are facing a critical moment in which the future of our profession will be determined by the decisions we make in the next few years.

A re-thinking of scope of practice, patient access, accountability and payment is coming to bear on healthcare systems around the world. Innovations in electronic records, inter-professional care and the rights of all citizens to rehabilitation and mobility will introduce new levels of access and accountability. We must be ready to meet these changes and effect a positive outcome for our patients and our profession. This summit is one way for us to prepare.

In Canada we enjoy a very healthy and innovative profession, and Canadians are the clear beneficiaries. We are very pleased to share our experience with our colleagues from the United States and the rest of the world. We are also grateful for the chance to learn more about access and advanced practice.

I encourage anyone who is interested in issues of healthcare access, teamwork and accountability to attend the Summit this October. I have no doubt that we will finish with a better understanding of our future and the benefits of physical therapy around the world. These outcomes will set the foundation for future international collaboration with a common goal, which is to ensure that people have access to physical therapy services.

Sincerely,

Michel Landry  
President