



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

National Center of Research in Physiotherapy

BACKGROUND

The research culture in physiotherapy and related areas of study has been expanding over the last decade, particularly in response to the need for a fuller and firmer evidence base. However, expertise in research is still concentrated among a relatively small number of academics and practitioners. Many in the profession need considerable encouragement to engage with research and related activities and processes, ranging from accessing relevant research and carrying out critical appraisal of findings, to analyzing data, writing for publication and integrating research outcomes into practice. A large number of Lebanese physiotherapists either lack confidence about engaging with research or lack the skills and support they need to participate in research.

INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

The National Center of Research in Physiotherapy (CNRP) is a grass roots organism attached to the Order of Physiotherapists in Lebanon, intended to provide a mutually-supportive platform to help develop physiotherapy and physiotherapy-related research.

The Center aims to encourage and facilitate engagement in physiotherapy research nationally.

This means not only encouraging growth in the numbers of researchers involved in physiotherapy research, but also increasing the amount of research produced – and its integration and implementation into practice.

Research activities and support that may be available to physical therapist and all allied health professionals include:

- peer review of articles or research projects proposals
- advice and seminars in research methodology and applications.
- sharing good research practice
- conducting physiotherapy and physiotherapy-related research projects
- raising awareness of research taking place in Lebanon.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The National Center for Research in Physiotherapy (CNRP) terms of reference are to:

- Organization of regular meeting schedule.
- Participate in a strategic planning event in the first year of operation, and review the strategic plan on an annual basis for the remainder of the contract.
- Encourage physiotherapists to be involved in active/appropriate research groupings, through peer support.
- Develop a strong research presence at key events nationally to increase the profile of physiotherapy research.
- Raise the awareness of the research network involving physiotherapy nationally through, for example, ensuring a CNRP presence at congress, conferences and other key events.

MANAGEMENT OF THE CNRSP

The National Center for Health and Physiotherapy (CNRP) is steered by a 'core executive' group, consisting actually of senior academics and PhD students.

The Center will have hierarchical links with the Order of Physiotherapists in Lebanon across the scientific committee. In addition the CNRP will have links also with other physiotherapy research organizations in Lebanon and all over the World.