

Dear Sir,

May I introduce myself as a physiotherapist from Hong Kong. attached is the letter of my view to support the autonomy of physiotherapist at Portugal.

best regards,

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Dear Sir,

My name is Gorman Chi Wing NGAI. I graduated in the physiotherapy school at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong at 1997. I am registered as a physiotherapist in Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand. My professional background including qualification of master in manipulative therapy, specialization in musculoskeletal physiotherapy, Hong Kong college of physiotherapy, member of the Hong Kong Physiotherapy Association and the member of Mulligan Concepts Teacher Association. I am working at a private physiotherapy clinic, team physiotherapist for a professional soccer team and rugby team, and visiting lecturer at the Chinese university of Hong Kong.

I am writing to support the increase of autonomy for the physiotherapist in the Portugal. It is the trend of the physiotherapist in the world to be more independent in assessing and treating patients. The training method, the standard and qualification gained by the physiotherapist in the world was changing a lot in the last twenty to thirty years. The physiotherapist now is able to make the throughout assessment to confirm the patient's problem and screen out those red flag, which need to refer them to consult medical doctors. It can help the patient save their time and money by directly see the physiotherapist, rather than spend extra time and money to see the medical officer first. The healthcare provider in Hong Kong is also discussing this issue, as it definitely reduce the work load for the healthcare system by reducing the man power and waiting list for those suitable patients to see physiotherapist and get treatment directly. I am sure the situation at Portugal is the same, as the medical system in Portugal is very matured, and the qualification and standard for the physiotherapist from your country is as high as all other developed countries, like USA, UK, and Australia. Therefore, I believe by gaining more autonomy for the physiotherapist at your country, it definitely makes more benefit for both the medical system and the citizens at Portugal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any further enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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Director, chief physiotherapist