

Supplementary Material

Private practice model of physiotherapy: professional challenges identified through an exploratory qualitative study

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Supplementary File S1. Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Research (COREQ): 32-item Checklist

Topic	Item No.	Section	Reported on MS Page No.
Domain 1: Research team and reflexivity			
<i>Personal characteristics</i>			
Interviewer/facilitator	1	Method - Interview process	6
Credentials	2	Method - Interview process	6
Occupation	3	Method - Interview process	6
Gender	4	Not reported in text - woman	-
Experience and training	5	Method - Interview process	6
<i>Relationship with participants</i>			
Relationship established	6	Method – Participants	5
Participant knowledge of the interviewer	7	Method - Interview process	6
Interviewer characteristics	8	Method - Interview process	6
Domain 2: Study design			
<i>Theoretical framework</i>			
Methodological orientation and theory	9	Method -design	5
<i>Participant selection</i>			
Sampling	10	Method – Participants	5
Method of approach	11	Method – Participants	5
Sample size	12	Results	5
Non-participation	13	Method – Participants	5
<i>Setting</i>			
Setting of data collection	14	Results	7
Presence of non-participants	15	Not reported in text – no non-participants were present	-
Description of sample	16	Results – Table 1	8
<i>Data collection</i>			
Interview guide	17	Appendix 2	NA
Repeat interviews	18	Results	7
Audio/visual recording	19	Method - Interview process	6
Field notes	20	Method - Interview process	6
Duration	21	Results – Table 1	8
Data saturation	22	Discussion - Limitations	10
Transcripts returned	23	Method – Data analysis	6

MS = submitted manuscript

Supplementary File S2. Schedule of Interview Questions

One of the aims of this research is to propose a definition for musculoskeletal Advanced Practice Physiotherapy (APP) in primary care in NZ. I would like to discuss with you current practice and is there a role for an APP in musculoskeletal management in primary care

Former New Zealand College of Physiotherapists Advanced Practitioners:

1. Could you please share your thoughts with me about advanced physiotherapy practice?
2. As an advanced physiotherapist with the NZ College of Physiotherapy how did it change the way you practised?
 - a. Can you give some examples?
3. Do you think that you are recognised as an advanced physiotherapist by other physiotherapists or health professionals?
 - a. Can you give some examples?
4. Are you currently being referred patients for second opinions?
5. What are your thoughts about having a recognised scope of practice for advanced practice physiotherapists?
6. How do you think this proposed scope could influence practice and health care delivery in NZ?
7. What do you see as the barriers to become an APP?

Now I would like to discuss your thoughts about the proposed definition for advanced physiotherapy practice in NZ.

8. Could you share your thoughts about this definition?
9. What makes a musculoskeletal condition complex?
 - a. Can you give any examples?
10. What do you currently find challenging with the management of these patients?
 - a. In what ways do you think you manage these patients differently as an APP?
 - b. How do you think this influence's patient's care?
 - c. Can you give some examples?

Finally, I would like to ask some questions about how the APP role could be implemented into practice.

1. How do you think this role could be implemented into clinical practice?
2. What do you think may help with implementing the APP role?
3. What are the challenges you could see to implementation of APP roles in primary care?
 - a. If so can you explain further?

Non-APPs

1. Could you please share your thoughts with me about advanced physiotherapy practice?
2. What are your thoughts about having a recognised scope of practice for advanced physiotherapy practice?
3. How do you think this proposed scope could influence practice and health care delivery in NZ?
4. What do you see as the barriers to becoming an APP?
5. Would you be interested in becoming an APP?
 - a. If yes, can you give some reasons (if not why not)?
6. Could you share your thoughts about this definition?
7. What do you think makes a musculoskeletal condition complex?
 - a. Can you give any examples?
 - b. What do you currently find challenging with the management of these patients?
 - c. Could APP's help with some of your patients?
 - i. If yes, can you give some examples of how they could help (if not why not)?
 - ii. In what ways do you think this would influence patient's outcome?
8. In what ways would you like to work with an APP if they were available?
9. Do you see any benefits of working with an APP?
10. Do you see any barriers of working with an APP, please explain?

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 - a. If so can you explain further?