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Regulation of Physiotherapists in Israel



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Background

- Until 2008, “Certificate of Recognition of Professional Standing”
- government exam taken only by foreign graduates



Legislation

Health Professionals Act passed in parliament,
July 31, 2008

Protection of title

Certificate of Profession

4 professions: PT, OT, ST, Dietician

- Level Playing Field – all must pass government exam
- Registry of certified PTs accessible to public



Exam

- Given twice a year
- Multiple choice
- Exam in 3 languages: Hebrew, Arabic & English



Context

- Legislative model governed by MOH (2008)
- Foreign trained Israeli citizens
- Immigration from all over the world



Challenges

- Foreign trained PTs who do not meet stipulations of law (at least BPT from a recognized program)
- PTs without citizenship or resident status cannot work as PTs



Global Environment

- Aging population
- Growing HC needs
- Good HC outcomes
- Sustainability of public service provision
- Change in legislation in Israel?



Change?

- Perception of need drives change
- Demand versus availability of services
- In Israel, perception of “plenty”