Session 3: Contrasting regulatory models to promote best practices in regulatory governance and performance

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Regulation of Physiotherapists in Israel

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Background

- 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”