

# Physiotherapy Research Priorities in Switzerland: Views of the Various Stakeholders

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**For which topic were research priorities identified?**  
physiotherapy

**In which location was the research priority setting conducted?**  
Europe - Switzerland

**Why was it conducted at all?**  
Research priorities, defined by multiple stakeholders, can proximally facilitate the coordination of research projects and national and international cooperation and distally further improve the quality of physiotherapy practice.

**What was the objective?**  
to establish physiotherapy research priorities in Switzerland considering multiple stakeholders' opinions

**What was the outcome?**  
a ranking list of 10 research areas

**How long did the research prioritization take?**  
No information provided.

**Which methods were used to identify research priorities?**  
Delphi; focus group; interview

**How were the priorities for research identified exactly?**  
Step 1: 18 focus groups and 23 semi-structured interviews/written commentaries. Step 2: 2-round Delphi: Delphi round 1: participants were asked to rate each area. Step 3: Delphi round 2: participants were asked to re-rate

**Which stakeholders took part?**  
Physiotherapy researchers, practitioners and educators, representatives of patient organizations, public health organizations, health insurers, physicians, nurses, occupational therapists and other health professionals, physical educators. Focus groups: 111 participants. Interviews: 23 participants. Delphi round 1: 420 participants. Delphi round 2: 293 participants.

**How were stakeholders recruited?**  
Participants were recruited via a systematic collection of addresses, announcements in journals and newsletters, activation of personal connections and snowball sampling.

**Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?**  
Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.