

Exploring High-Priority Research Questions in Physical Therapy Using the Delphi Study

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

physical therapy

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

Asia - Japan

Why was it conducted at all?

It is necessary to clarify the highest-priority research questions (RQ) now to amass useful research results for the budding field of physical therapy.

What was the objective?

to obtain a professional consensus regarding current high-priority research questions in the field of physical therapy

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 10 research questions

How long did the research prioritization take?

No information provided.

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

Delphi

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: Delphi round 1: physical therapists were asked to quickly list up to three high-priority research questions in the field of physical therapy, resulting in 53 research questions. Step 2: participants were asked to rate importance of each question. Step 3: Delphi round 3: participants were asked to re-rate questions based on group median ratings of round 2

Which stakeholders took part?

Physical therapists. Delphi round 1: 20 participants. Delphi round 2: 29 participants. Delphi round 3: 24 participants.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Participants were recruited via University of Tsukuba: Those who obtained a master's degree in rehabilitation science were invited to participate.

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.