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Canadian Physiotherapy Association Introduces Clinical Specialty Program New Certification Will Make Physiotherapist Specialists Accessible to the Public

Whistler (July 14, 2011) — Canadian physiotherapists will soon have a new certification for advanced competence in clinical practice. The Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA) launched the Clinical Specialty Program today, at its annual scientific Congress in Whistler, B.C.

“For the first time in the history of the physiotherapy profession in Canada,” says CPA President, Alice Aiken, PT, PhD, “physiotherapists will have formal recognition for their achievement in professional development in their clinical practice area.”

“Helping Canadians connect to the right physiotherapist is a key goal of the new program,” adds Dr. Aiken. “This landmark change means that Canadians will be able to identify physiotherapists that have met the program requirements in their practice area, such as musculoskeletal, cardio-respiratory, neurosciences, oncology, and pain management.”

The program is voluntary, self-directed and available to all physiotherapists working in Canada. Applicants to the program will be accepted in September 2011, and the first physiotherapists to be certified in the Clinical Specialty Program will be known in 2012.

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