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I support HPRAC for this timely review of the physiotherapy scope of practice. As reported in the submission from the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (CPO) and the Ontario Physiotherapy Association (OPA), physiotherapists have been advocating for a change in the scope of practice to more accurately reflect “physiotherapy education, competencies and practice activities”. Broadening the scope of practice of physiotherapy as proposed with the addition of the controlled acts, will assist physiotherapists in providing the highest quality evidence based care to our patients.

As a physiotherapist working in the acute care setting, the most notable changes that will facilitate my current treatments include; the ability to communicate a diagnosis and the addition of the controlled act of administering oxygen.

Thank you for requesting an updated scope of practice and the invitation to comment on the proposal submitted. I look forward to the continued development of physiotherapy’s scope of practice.

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