

BACKGROUND

Justice and health equity are the crux of an optimally operating society. These principles are unsatisfied when they do not apply to all persons, and both must be considered in the pursuit of health justice. Healthcare leaders, educators and clinicians should endeavour to achieve health justice; however, there is a paucity of literature specifically exploring health justice and similarly a lack of accepted models, frameworks and guidelines to actualize this state.

AIM

To organize and engage key stakeholders in a national consensus exercise that built upon a proposed operational definition of health justice. A process to identify major concepts and themes related to health justice that can inform physiotherapy education and practice.

METHODS

Design: Consensus Development Conference
Recruitment: 34 participants recruited across key physiotherapy organizations

*Two participants unable to attend conference however participated in post-conference survey.



Fig. 1. Conference Participant Affiliations

Conference Organization:

- Pre-conference package sent to all participants 6 weeks prior to conference
- Specific information on conference rounds, related concepts and Likert question sent 10 days prior to conference
- November 25th, 2022 1-4pm EST virtual conference with three rounds of facilitated discussion
- Each round was supported by a minimum of one facilitator (member of the research team) and note-taker
- Standardized scripts were developed for facilitators and note-takers

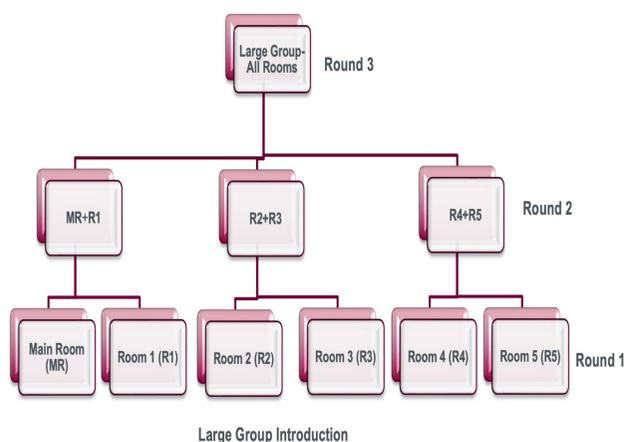


Fig. 2 Conference Organization

Meeting Consensus- The outlined Likert question was used to determine if a concept should be included/removed/ added to a collaborative understanding of health justice.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree including/removing this concept in a collaborative understanding of health justice?

- 1-Strongly Disagree 2-Disagree 3-I can see pluses and minuses but am willing to go along with the group 4-Agree 5-Strongly agree

The Search for Justice: Developing a Collaborative Understanding of Health Justice in Physiotherapy

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Affiliations



METHODS (Continuation)

Meeting Consensus(continuation):For a concept to be included it was determined a-priori that there would need to be; a minimum of 24 participants; > 60% (vote 3,4,5) in round one and > 70% (vote 3,4,5) in round two and three. Zoom polling was used for voting in round three.

Update to Operational Definition: Discussion within conference rounds captured through facilitator summaries and note-taker documents informed updates to the originally proposed operational definition of health justice

Post-Conference Survey: Sent to all participants to 1) vote on related concepts presented yet not voted on in conference due to time constraints 2) to receive feedback on the updated operational definition of health justice and 3) to receive feedback on concepts missing from a collaborative understanding of health justice. 27/34 survey responses received.

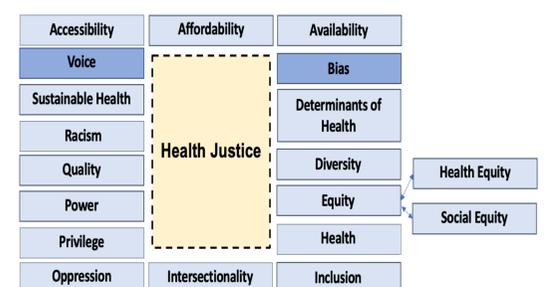
Analysis:

Conference facilitator summaries/note-taker documents and survey responses were reviewed by two and three independent research team members (respectively) to identify concepts that require further exploration and to inform revisions to the operational definition of health justice.

RESULTS

From conference proceedings, seventeen concepts met consensus to be included in a collaborative understanding of health justice. Two additional concepts were included based on post-conference survey voting. From review of feedback from the survey there were no additional revisions made to the updated operational definition of health justice. A list of concepts that were not voted upon in this project that require further exploration has been generated and will be presented in the full manuscript.

Health justice means all people have what they need to sustain, maintain and/or attain their optimal physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being
 The consensus derived concepts identified below (in alpha order) should be considered in an understanding of health justice.



- Concept included via consensus at conference
- Concept included via consensus in post-conference survey

Fig.3 Updated operational definition of health justice with consensus derived concepts that should be considered in a collaborative understanding

CONCLUSIONS

The global and profession specific calls to action mandate educators and practicing physiotherapists to be intentional about integrating justice driven concepts into curriculum and practice. This consensus derived operational definition with supporting concepts that should be considered in a collaborative understanding of health justice can inform curriculum evolution across physiotherapy education programs and advocacy efforts. The results of this project are a starting point that requires ongoing evolutions with additional consensus building including the patient voice and exploration of additional concepts.

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