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Re: Canadian Guidelines on Parkinson's Disease

Dear Ms. Gordon

The Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA) is pleased to provide a letter of support to the Parkinson Society of Canada for the *Canadian Guidelines on Parkinson's Disease (Guidelines)*. The CPA is the national professional organization representing more than 12,000 physiotherapists, physiotherapist assistants and students nationally.

The *Guidelines* were circulated to physiotherapist members with an interest in the management of Parkinson's disease for their review. Feedback was consistently positive, including appreciation for the comprehensive and thorough coverage of Parkinson's Disease, from the clients in the early or pre-diagnosis stage through to those in the later stages of the disease. In particular reviewers felt the references to the importance of physiotherapy in the management along with all of the medical considerations was well written

The CPA has identified best and evidence-based practice as a priority area for development and is exploring strategies to support our members in integrating evidence into their practice. The *Guidelines* will help physiotherapists and other health professionals make informed decisions about the care for individuals living with Parkinson's disease.

In closing, the CPA is pleased to offer this letter of support for the *Guidelines*. We will provide our members with information about them and encourage their integration into physiotherapy practice.

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