

Further to the discussions with the EEC today regarding the clinical practice of the Physiotherapy program, a detailed analysis of the existing and imminent agreements is provided and how these secure the satisfaction of legal requirements.

As identified, the bottleneck resource is the practicum in hospitals and for that the university has already ensured placements exceeding the requirements. In short, there are agreements in place for:

- Agreement with state hospitals
- Agreements with private hospitals
- Coverage of our envisaged Greek student intakes and students that would wish to perform the clinical part abroad

The existing agreements could theoretically cover clinical placement for **53 students** and our intention is to further increase our hospital agreement capacity to reach a potential number of 70 places in order to (a) provide contingency planning and (b) maximize the flexibility and best placement of students to improve the quality of the practicum experience.

Finally, we would like to iterate that, although the university is in the position to secure clinical placements for a larger number of students, our plan is to **maintain the cohort size of 36 students**, in order to support the sustainability of the program and facilitate an organized growth.

## Clinical Placement I – III and Clinical Practice

### Agreement with Clinical Settings

According to our proposed Physiotherapy Program the Clinical Placements (I-III) and the Clinical Practice will occur:

- The Clinical Placement I in the 5<sup>th</sup> semester (Fall 2025)
- The Clinical Placement III in the 6<sup>th</sup> semester (Spring 2026)
- The Clinical Placement III in the 7<sup>th</sup> semester (Fall 2026)
- The Clinical Practice in the last semester (Spring 2027)

Although the clinical placements and practice will **start in two years**, our Program have made agreements with several clinical placements and of course we are willing to increase the number of agreements in the next years (Table 1).

**Table 1:** Agreements with Hospitals, Medical Centers, Rehabilitation Centers etc.

Agreements already completed	Further Agreements for which discussions have commenced or are planned
1. Theotokos Foundation	1. Mediterranean Hospital (framework agreed, pending finalization of financial matters)
2. Cyprus Multiple Sclerosis Association.	2. Metropolitan Hospital (Athens)
3. EOKA Fighters' Memorial Rehabilitation Centre	3. American Medical Center
4. Herodotean Convalescent Home	4. Aretaeio Hospital
5. Ekali Rehabilitation Center	5. Zantis Physiotherapy Center
6. Materia Group	6. Demetris Panayiotou Physiotherapy Center
7. Pensioners' Home PA.SY.DY	7. Rehability Physiotherapy Center
8. Platonas Medical Center	8. Vesento Physiotherapy
9. Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics	9. Pegasus Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Center
10. Limassol General Hospital	10. Physio & Rehab Georgiades & Skannavias
11. Larnaka General Hospital	11. Ilias Paroutis Physiotherapy Center
12. Paphos General Hospital	12. Physio Care

Agreements already completed	Further Agreements for which discussions have commenced or are planned
13. Evaggelismos General Hospital (Athens, Greece) 14. Ygia Polyclinic Private Hospital 15. German Oncology Centre 16. Lakis Drousiotis Medical Center 17. Nicosia Physiotherapy Clinic 18. Stouppas and Karaolis Physiotherapy Center 19. Physio Motion 20. Multiple Physio Gnosis	

### Clinical Placements, Clinical Practice and Cypriot Legislation

Based on the Cyprus Physiotherapists Registry Law, clinical placements can take place in any clinical setting and there is not any limitation in terms of hours in clinical placements. The Law however specifies that with respect to the Clinical Practice, this should take place in hospitals and other centers, and should be of at least 1,000 hours duration out of which:

- 600 hours in hospital institutions
- 400 hours in other centers including private rehabilitation centers, physiotherapy private clinics sports centers etc.

In Table 2 and Table 3, we provide a plan about the students' allocation in hospital and other centers. This plan will enrich in the next years because as mentioned above our target is to increase the number of agreements.

**Table 2: Clinical practice and student allocation in hospitals**

Hospitals	Numbers of Students
<b>1. Limassol General Hospital</b>	7 students for 3.5 months (600 hours)* <b>14 students</b> for a period of 7 months
<b>2. Larnaca General Hospital</b>	6 students for 3.5 months (600 hours) <b>12 students</b> for a period of 7 months

Hospitals	Numbers of Students
3. Paphos General Hospital	1 student for 3.5 months (600 hours) <b>2 students</b> for a period of 7 months
4. Platonas Medical Center	5 students for 3.5 months (600 hours) <b>10 students</b> for a period of 7 months
5. Evangelismos General Hospital (Athens, Greece)	<b>5 students</b> for a period of 6 months
6. German Oncology Center	5 students for 3.5 months (600 hours) <b>10 students</b> for a period of 7 months

*\*3.5 months X 8 hours/day X 22 days = 616 hours*

**Table 3: Clinical practice and student allocation in other centers**

Other Clinical Centers	Numbers of Students (400 hours)
1. Theotokos Foundation	4 students
2. Cyprus Multiple Sclerosis Association	4 students in Nicosia 4 students in Limassol
3. EOKA Fighters' Memorial Rehabilitation Centre	4 students
4. Herodotean Convalescent Home	4 students
5. Ekali Rehabilitation Center	4 students
6. Materia Group	4 students
7. Pensioners' Home PA.SY.DY	2 students
8. Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics	4 students
9. Lakis Drousiotis Medical Center	5 students
10. Nicosia Physiotherapy Clinic	4 students
11. Stouppas and Karaolis Physiotherapy Center	5 students
12. Physio Motion	3 students
13. Multiple Physio Gnosis	2 students

*\*2.5 months X 8 hours/day X 22 days = 440 hours*

## **Conclusion**

Based on the above plan, at present existing agreements are in place so that we can satisfy 53 students to complete their clinical practice. In addition, in the next years until the time the clinical practice will start, we will be engaging in further agreements to allow for the potential number of clinical settings (hospitals and other centers) to further increase.