



This is a joint notice to physical therapists in British Columbia from the Physiotherapy Association of British Columbia, the College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia (CPTBC), and Department of Physical Therapy, University of British Columbia. It is being sent by the CPTBC as we have access to all registrants in the province.

On June 11, 2018, the Supreme Court of British Columbia granted a permanent injunction that prevents Evidence in Motion (Evidence in Motion LLC) ("EIM"), Accelerated Motion Physiotherapy (AMP) (Bradley Jawl, Accelerated Motion Physiotherapy, Tall Tree Integrated Health Centre Ltd.) and Key Clinical Skills (Jack Miller, Key Clinic Skills Inc.) from:

- providing a Doctorate of Physical Therapy and post professional Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree, or component courses of either degree program, in British Columbia; and
- advertising, in written or oral form, the Doctorate of Physical Therapy and post professional Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree in British Columbia.

Details of the court order can be found at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/post-secondary-education/institution-resources-administration/degree-authorization/application-status>

We wish to bring this to the attention of physical therapists in British Columbia (BC) to explain why this is an important ruling and to highlight considerations when selecting post professional education.

The case referred to above was brought about because the "DPT" degree offered by EIM was not a legitimate degree offered in BC. To offer a degree program, an institution must be authorized by the Ministry of Advanced Education (Ministry) under the *Degree Authorization Act*. The EIM "DPT" is not authorized in BC. Despite action taken in 2017 to stop this program from continuing in BC, the Ministry determined it continued to operate and proceeded with a court application. The result of that proceeding is the injunction dated June 11, 2018.

It is also important to note that organizations or institutions that purport to grant degrees under the authority of another jurisdiction may or may not, in fact, have that authority. Course marketing materials often speak to "accreditation"; while that sounds official, it is not the same as being recognized to offer and issue a degree by the relevant government authority. Accreditation is a quality improvement process and it comes after being given the authority as a recognized institution to issue a degree. It is important to understand that accreditation is not a substitute for legitimate authority. The blog recently posted by AMP (<https://www.ampphysio.com/blog/2018/6/24/rip-canadian-dpt>) speaks to the fact that the EIM DPT is "recognized and accredited". It is important for a potential student to confirm where such a program is recognized and then by whom it is accredited. Remember that recognition occurs first and must be granted by government or an agency with the appropriate authority. Accreditation follows recognition. These steps are sequential. Understanding where accreditation fits in the world of post secondary education is important to understand as part of your decision making. We would encourage due diligence regardless of the type of continuing education you pursue.

Even though this unfortunate situation has arisen and precipitated this notice to you, we recognize that there are many excellent continuing education courses available to physical therapists. The courses that EIM offers may be reflective of excellent post professional education. While we are not able to judge that, we do know that the courses should not be considered a doctoral degree in BC.

To those who have completed the EIM "DPT" in BC or in the United States, please be advised that as a physical therapist in BC, you may not use the title Doctor, Dr. or any other title that suggests Doctor. You may not use the initials "DPT" in any marketing or advertising including but not limited to websites, business cards, invoices or anything else associated with your practice. Those who have graduated from the EIM "DPT" program in the United States are included as, to date, we cannot verify that the EIM "DPT", "tDPT" or a similar degree by any other name is recognized by a government authority in Kentucky, where they have an address, or any other US state. Should breaches come to the attention of the College, they will likely result in an investigation under Part 3 of the *Health Professions Act*.

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