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### **A. PEDro update (7 December 2015)**

PEDro contains 32,069 records. In the 7 December 2015 update you will find:

- 25,655 reports of randomised controlled trials (24,990 of these trials have confirmed ratings of methodological quality using the PEDro scale)
- 5,866 reports of systematic reviews, and
- 548 reports of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines

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### **B. PEDro indexes 32,000+ reports**

We are pleased to announce that PEDro has just achieved a new milestone for the amount of evidence. There are now 32,000+ reports of trials, reviews and guidelines indexed on PEDro.

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### **C. PEDro how to videos now available in German**

We are pleased to announce that three of the PEDro “how to” videos are now available in German.

The videos are:

- [how to ask a clinical question in PICO format](#)
- [how to do a simple search](#)

- [how to do an advanced search](#)

PEDro gratefully acknowledges Anna Goss, Neele Brunnemann-Götz and Jan Mehrholz from SRH Fachhochschule für Gesundheit in Gera. Anna and Neele translated and recorded the simple and advanced search videos (with guidance from Jan) as part of their Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapie degree.

PEDro would also like to thank Xenia Hoderlein who translated and recorded the how to ask a clinical question video during a 1-month internship with PEDro. Xenia is enrolled in a Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapie degree at University Hochschule 21 in Buxtehude, Germany.

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**D. The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP), Deutscher Verband für Physiotherapie (ZVK), Association Luxembourgeoise Des Kinésithérapeutes and Associação Portuguesa de Fisioterapeutas partnerships with PEDro have been renewed**

Industry partnerships are critically important for PEDro. It is through these partnerships that we are able to keep PEDro as a free, robust internet tool for practising physiotherapists from around the world. We thank the [Chartered Society of Physiotherapy \(CSP\)](#), [Deutscher Verband für Physiotherapie \(ZVK\)](#), [Association Luxembourgeoise Des Kinésithérapeutes](#) and [Associação Portuguesa de Fisioterapeutas](#) for renewing their partnerships with PEDro for another year.

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## **E. PEDro usage in Brazil**

A paper describing PEDro usage in Brazil has recently been published. The reference is:

[Elkins MR, Moseley AM, Pinto RZ. Usage evaluation of the Physiotherapy Evidence Database \(PEDro\) among Brazilian physical therapists. \*Braz J Phys Ther\* 2015 Jul-Aug;19\(4\):320-8](#)

Brazil is a prominent user of PEDro, always being in the top 3 countries for PEDro usage. This paper describes PEDro usage within Brazil. Brazilian physiotherapists

do an average of 1 PEDro search/year. Usage was highest in the states of Ceará and Piauí, with 1.29 searches per physiotherapist/year.

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#### **F. The German version of the PEDro scale is reliable**

A paper evaluating the inter-rater and parallel forms reliability of the German version of the PEDro scale has recently been published. The reference is:

[Moseley A, Costa LOP, Hegenscheidt S. Interrater- und Paralleltest-Reliabilität der deutschen Version der PEDro-Skala \(Interrater and Parallel Forms Reliability of the German Version of the PEDro Scale\). \*physioscience\* 2015 Dec;11\(4\):164-70](#)

The interrater reliability of the German PEDro scale is adequate and similar to the original English version. The evidence for parallel forms reliability suggests the interchangeability of the English and German versions.

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#### **G. PEDro editorial in *Türk Fizyoterapi ve Rehabilitasyon Dergisi***

The *Türk Fizyoterapi ve Rehabilitasyon Dergisi* (*Turkish Journal of Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation*) has published an [editorial](#) about PEDro. The editorial emphasises that the Turkish version of the PEDro web-site will make an important contribution to evidence-based physiotherapy in Turkey.

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#### **H. New update available on PEDro**

We are pleased to announce that a new update has been added to PEDro. The latest reports of guidelines, reviews and trials are now available for “Chronic respiratory disease”. See [Evidence in your inbox](#).

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#### **I. Help now available to improve selection of PEDro search terms**

We have recently analysed the search terms used in nearly 900,000 PEDro

searches. This revealed some common errors made by PEDro users which will make searching less effective:

- using Boolean operators (and, or, not) in text fields (these are not used in PEDro searches)
- using brackets to combine terms in text fields (these are not used in PEDro searches)
- using non-English letters in text fields (only English terms can be used in PEDro searches)

We have devised a series of error messages which will appear if these errors are made when searching PEDro. We hope that this initiative will enhance your PEDro searching experience.

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## J. Next PEDro update (January 2016)

Next PEDro update is on Monday 4 January 2016.

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