



# Factors influencing physiotherapists' attitudes and beliefs toward chronic low back pain: Impact of a care network belonging

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Résumé en anglais	<p><b>OBJECTIVES:</b> To assess the attitudes and beliefs of physiotherapists (PTs) regarding the management of chronic LBP and to investigate the factors which influence them.</p> <p><b>METHODS:</b> A cross-sectional study conducted in the French Loire Valley region by a questionnaire sent to the private PTs between June and September 2014.</p> <p>Demographic data and modalities of practices were collected in association with the Pain Attitudes and Beliefs Scale (PABS) which is a specific self-administered questionnaire designed to assess the "biomedical" or "behavioral" (i.e., biopsychosocial) management orientation of PTs toward chronic LBP.</p> <p><b>RESULTS:</b> One hundred and sixty-eight of the 704 PTs entirely completed the questionnaire (63% of men, 58% &gt;40 years of age) of whom 15 were involved in a LBP care network. A higher biomechanical score was observed with a higher age and lower with full-time employment, less than 20 years of length of practice and a recent LBP-specific training (<math>p &lt; 0.005</math>). Belonging to a LBP care network was associated with a lower biomedical score (<math>p &lt; 0.01</math>) and a higher biopsychosocial score (<math>p &lt; 0.005</math>).</p> <p><b>CONCLUSIONS:</b> Belonging to a LBP care network, which implies closer collaboration with multidisciplinary rehabilitation teams, was the most significant factor associated with higher biopsychosocial beliefs in PTs toward chronic LBP management.</p>
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