

Supplementary Table 4. Summary of study characteristics by condition

Citation (country)	Condition	Age: mean (SD) unless stated otherwise	Experience of PTs: mean years (SD) unless stated otherwise	Gender (females)	Sample size	Assessment measure
Low back pain (LBP)						
Bernhardsson 2015* (Sweden)	Subacute LBP (3-12 weeks)	PTs: >40y (60%);	<3y (14.8%); 3- 5y (12.2%); 6-10y (18.5%); 11-15y (16.2%); 16-20y (14.0%); >20y (24.4%)	PTs: 75.3%	271 PTs	Survey without vignette
Armstrong 2003 (Ireland)	LBP with or without radiation (unable to stratify by duration)	PTs: 26-35y (27%); 36-45y (25%)	>2y (61.5%); >10y (15.4%)	PTs: 57%	200 Pts treated by 25 PTs	Audit of clinical notes
Ayanniyi 2007 (Nigeria)	Acute LBP that is recurrent and non-recurrent, and chronic LBP (no duration specified)	PTs: Age: 35.7 (7.1)	10.1 (6.5)	Not reported	101 PTs	Survey with vignette
Battie 1994 (United States)	Acute LBP and sciatica (1 day), acute-recurrent back pain (1 week), and chronic LBP (6 months)	PTs: Age: 36.9 (SE 0.76)	10.7 (SE 0.65)	Not reported	186 PTs	Survey with vignette
Bekkering 2005 (Netherlands)	LBP (unable to stratify by duration)	PTs in the intervention group: 43.1 (8.6); PTs (control group): 38.7 (8.8). Pts in the intervention group: 46.2 (14.8); Pts in the	Intervention group: 15.7 (8.8). Control group: 14.1 (8.3)	PTs in the intervention group: 45.8%; Pts in the control group: 40.7%. Pts in the intervention group:	500 Pts treated by 113 PTs	Treatment recording forms

		control group: 44.4 (13.3)		53.4%; Pts in the control group: 50.2%		
Bishop 2008 (United Kingdom)	Acute LBP (4 weeks)	Not reported	15.2 (11.6)	PTs: 80.8%	580 PTs	Survey with vignette
Byrne 2006 (Ireland)	Acute LBP (<3 months) and chronic LBP (>3 months)	Not reported	1–3y (25%); 4–6y (25%); 7–10y (25%); >10y (25%).		87 PTs	Survey without vignette
Carlesso 2013* (Canada)	LBP (duration not specified)	Not reported	<5y (0.7%); 5-9y (14.0%); 10-14y (31.3%); 15-19y (23.7%); >19y (33.2%)	PTs: 55.8%	278 PTs	Survey without vignette
Casserley-Feeney 2008 (Ireland)	Acute LBP (≤12 weeks) and chronic LBP (>12 weeks) (unable to stratify by duration)	Pts in hospital: 46.0 (20.0). Pts in private practice: 36.0 (10.0)	PTs in hospital: 2.0 (IQR 5.0). PTs in private practice: 12 (IQR 14.8)	Pts in hospital: 66%. Pts in private practice: 50%	249 Pts	Audit of clinical notes
de Souza 2017 (Brazil)	Acute and subacute LBP (no duration specified)	PTs: 35.6 (7.77)	11.8 (6.8)	PTs: 24.9%	189 PTs	Survey with vignette
Ehrmann-Feldman 1996 (Canada)	LBP (no information on duration of symptoms)	PTs: 36.4 (no SD)	Not reported	PTs: 22%	389 Pts	Audit of clinical notes
Evans 2010 (United Kingdom)	Acute LBP (3 weeks) NB: PT characteristics are combined with characteristics of chiropractors and osteopaths	PTs in the intervention group: 41.6 (9.7). PTs in the control group: 41.2 (9.4)	Intervention group: 14 (IQR: 8–20); Control group: 14 (IQR 8–21).	PTs in the intervention group: 61%. PTs in the control group: 61%	824 PTs (409 in intervention group and 415 in control group)	Survey with vignette

Fidvi 2010 (India)	LBP (no duration specified)	Not reported	0-5y (38%); 5-10y (43%); >10y (19%)	Not reported	186 PTs	Survey without vignette
Foster 1999 (Ireland)	LBP (no duration specified)	PTs: 36-45y (47%); 46-55y (31.4%).	>10y (58.9%).	PTs: 53.6%	813 PTs	Survey without vignette
Freburger 2011 (United States)	Chronic LBP (>3 months or >24 episodes of activity limiting pain lasting >1 day in the last 12 months)	Pts: 53.9 (95% CI: 51.5–56.2)	Not reported	Pts: 65.8% (95% CI: 57.5–73.2)	126 Pts	Survey of Pts
Gracey 2002 (Northern Ireland)	Acute, subacute and chronic LBP (unable to stratify by duration)	Pts: <45y (65%); >45y (35%)	>2y (80%); >10y (36%).	Pts: 51%.	1062 Pts treated by 157 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Groenendijk 2007 (Netherlands)	Acute, subacute and chronic LBP without radiation (unable to stratify by duration)	Pts (1989-1992): 42.6 (14.8) Pts (2002-2003): 48.3 (16.2)	Not reported	Pts (1989-1992): 45.5% Pts (2002-2003): 54.5%	3148 Pts treated by 180 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Hamm 2003 (Denmark)	Acute LBP (<3 months) and chronic LBP (≥3 months) with and without radiation	PTs: Males 40 (no SD); Females 44 (no SD). Pts: 49 (no SD)	Males: 11 (no SD). Females: 18y (no SD)	PTs: 71% Pts: 65%	242 PTs recording 4725 treatments	Treatment recording forms
Harte 2005 (United Kingdom)	LBP (no duration specified)	Not reported	3-5y (2.6%); 6-10y (18.3%); >10y (79.1%)	Not reported	1239 PTs	Survey without vignette
Hendrick 2013 (New Zealand)	LBP (no duration specified)	PTs: 38.5 (11)	15.0 (11)	PTs: 64.7%	170 PTs	Survey without vignette
Jackson 2001 (United Kingdom)	LBP (no duration specified)	Pts: 40 (IQR 30-51)	Not reported	Pts: 47.5%	200 Pts	Audit of clinical notes

Jette AM 1997* (United States)	Acute, subacute and chronic LBP (unable to stratify by duration)	PTs: 32.6 (7.8) Pts: 40.8 (13.2)	8.4 (7.4).	PT: 70% Pts: 48%	1279 Pts treated by 141 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Jette AM 1994 (United States)	LBP (no duration specified)	Pts: 45.26 (17.0)	Not reported	Pts: 49%	2,328 Pts	Treatment recording forms
Jette DU 1997* (United States)	LBP (no duration specified)	Pts: 18-35y (40%); 36-59y (50%); >60y (10%).	Not reported	Pts: 49%	2,491 Pts treated by 462 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Keating 2016 (Australia)	Acute LBP (1-2 weeks) and subacute LBP (6-8 weeks)	PTs: 39 (12)	15 (11)	PTs: 61%	203 PTs	Survey with vignette
Kerssens 1999 (Netherlands)	LBP (no duration specified)	Pts: 42.8 (13.9)	Not reported	Pts: 58.3%	1,151 records including 132 Pts treated by 21 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Ladeira 2015 (United States)	Acute LBP (1 week) and subacute LBP (6 weeks)	PTs: 38 (9)	15.8 (8.2)	PTs: 61.2%	327 PTs	Survey with vignette
Ladeira 2017 (United States)	Acute LBP (1-2 weeks) and subacute LBP (6 weeks)	PTs: 42.9 (10.1)	17.2 (10.5)	PTs: 37.1%	410 PTs	Survey with vignette
Li 2001 (Canada)	Acute LBP (1 week), subacute LBP (6 weeks) and acute sciatica (4 days)	Not reported	14.7 (10.1)	PTs: 86.0%;	274 PTs	Survey with vignette
Liddle 2009 (Ireland)	Chronic LBP (12 weeks or 3 or episodes within 12 months)	Not reported	Experience treating LBP: >5y (78%); Total experience: >10y (44%)	Not reported	280 PTs	Survey without vignette
Louw 2010 (South Africa)	LBP (no duration specified)	Pts: 41.7 (13.3)	Not reported	Pts: 52.2%	50 Pts	Treatment recording forms

Madson 2015 (United States)	LBP (no duration specified)	PTs: 20-30y (18.9%); 31-40y (28.7%); 41-50y (22.5%); >50y (29.8%);	1-5y (22.1%); 6-10y (13.3%); 11-15y (16.5%); 16-20y (11.7%); >20y (36.3%)	PTs: 60%	1001 PTs	Survey with vignette
Mielenz 1997 (United States)	Acute LBP (<10 weeks)	Pts: 41 (13)	Not reported	Pts: 53%	1580 Pts	Audit of clinical notes
Mikhail 2005 (Canada)	Acute LBP (5 days)	Not reported	<1y (1.0%); 1-5y (20.0%); 6-10y (18.0%); 11-15y (24.0%); >15y (37.0%)	PTs: 67%;	100 PTs	Survey with vignette
Oppong-Yeboah 2014 (Ghana)	LBP (no duration specified)	Not reported	1-5y (77.3%); 5-10y (15.9%); >10y (6.8%)	Not reported	44 PTs	Survey without vignette
Pensri 2005 (Thailand)	LBP (no duration specified)	Not reported	<3y (18.7%); 3-5y (20.7%); 6-10y (29.5%); >10y (31.3%)	Not reported	502 PTs	Survey without vignette
Pincus 2011 (United Kingdom)	Work-related LBP (duration not specified)	PTs: 47 (9.3)	24 (9.4)	Not reported	113 PTs	Survey without vignette
Poitras 2005 (Canada)	Work-related LBP with or without radiation (no duration specified)	Pts with radiating pain: 41.6 (10.2). Pts with non-radiating pain: 38.7 (10.9)	9.3 (7.4)	PTs: 63.7% Pts with radiating pain: 35.3%. Pts with non-radiating pain: 30%	328 Pts (190 without radiation and 139 with radiation)	Treatment recording forms
Reid 2002 (New Zealand)	Acute LBP (4 days)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	324 PTs	Survey with vignette

Serrano-Aguilar 2011* (Spain)	Chronic LBP (≥ 12 weeks)	Pts: 53.9 (14.5)	Not reported	Pts: 73.3%	4693 Pts	Audit of billing codes
Sparkes 2005 (United Kingdom)	Acute LBP (< 6 weeks) and chronic LBP (≥ 6 weeks) with or without radiation (unable to stratify by duration)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	130 Pts	Audit of clinical notes
Stevenson 2006 (United Kingdom)	Acute, subacute and chronic LBP (unable to stratify by duration)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	306 Pts from 25 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Strand 2005 (Norway)	LBP (unable to stratify by duration)	PTs: 43 (7) Pts: 37 (12)	10 (6)	PTs: 29% Pts: 53%	42 consultations with 34 PTs	Clinical observation
Swinkels 2005 (Netherlands)	LBP without radiation (< 1 month and ≥ 1 month)	Pts: 48 (16)	15-24y (nearly 50%)	PTs: 41% Pts: 54%	1254 Pts treated by 90 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Tumilty 2017 (New Zealand)	Acute LBP (< 6 weeks)	Pts: 34.5 (17)	Not reported	Pts: 52%	199 Pts	Treatment recording forms
Turner 1999* (United Kingdom)	LBP (no duration specified)	Pts: 41.9 (no SD)	Not reported	Pts: 60.6%	345 Pts	Audit of clinical notes
van Baar 1998* (Netherlands)	Acute and chronic LBP without radiation (unable to stratify by duration)	PTs: < 35 y (60%). Pts: 43.5 (16.1)	Not reported	Pts: 58.9%	1,085 Pts	Treatment recording forms

van der Valk 1995 (Netherlands)	LBP (<1 week; ≥1 week and <3 months; and ≥3 months)	<p>Pts with LBP <1 week: 0-14y (0.6%); 15-24y (8.3%); 25-34y (21.5%); 35-44y (25.4%); 45-54y (20.8%); 55-64y (13.9%); 65-74y (6.3%); >74y (3.2%).</p> <p>Pts with LBP ≥1 week and <3 months: 0-14y (0.4%); 15-24y (11.0%); 25-34y (21.8%); 35-44y (23.8%); 45-54y (18.5%); 55-64y (12.0%); 65-74y (8.6%); >74y (3.9%).</p> <p>Pts with LBP ≥3 months: 0-14y (0.7%); 15-24y (12.1%); 25-34y (21.7%); 35-44y (20.4%); 45-54y (18.9%); 55-64y (13.2%); 65-74y (8.2%); >74y (4.9%).</p>	Not reported	<p>Pts with LBP <1 week: 41.4%.</p> <p>Pts with LBP ≥1 week and <3 months: 47.1%.</p> <p>Pts with LBP ≥3 months: 58.3%.</p>	3,507 Pts	Treatment recording forms
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Neck pain or whiplash

Ayanniyi 2007 (Nigeria)	Neck pain (no duration specified)	Pts: 53.4 (11.2)	Not reported	Pts: 56.8%	532 Pts	Audit of clinical notes
Bernhardsson 2015* (Sweden)	Subacute neck pain (3-12 weeks)	PTs: >40y (60%)	<3y (14.8%); 3-5y (12.2%); 6-10y (18.5%); 11-15y (16.2%); 16-20y (14.0%); >20y (24.4%)	PTs: 75.3%	271 PTs	Survey without vignette
Carlesso 2013* (Canada)	Neck pain (duration not specified)	Not reported	<5y (0.7%); 5-9y (14.0%); 10-14y (31.3%); 15-19y (23.7%); >19 (33.2%)	PTs: 55.8%	278 PTs	Survey without vignette
Carlesso 2015 (Various)	Acute and chronic neck pain and whiplash, and cervical radiculopathy (no duration specified)	Not reported	17 (12) (combined with chiropractors)	PTs: 60%	127 PTs	Survey without vignette
Carlesso 2014 (Various)	Acute and chronic neck pain and whiplash, and cervical radiculopathy (no duration specified)	Not reported	16 (12)	PTs: 59%	138 PTs	Survey without vignette
Corkery 2014 (United States)	Acute whiplash (4 weeks) and chronic whiplash (2 months)	Not reported	1-5y (9.3%); 6-10y (19.8%); 11-20y (31.6%); >20y (38.0%)	PTs: 34.2%	237 PTs	Survey with vignette
Jette AM 1997* (United States)	Acute, subacute and chronic neck pain (unable to stratify by duration)	PTs: 32.6 (7.8) Pts: 40.9 (12.6)	8.4 (7.4)	PT: 70% Pts: 64%	613 Pts treated by 141 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Jette DU 1997* (United States)	Neck pain (no duration specified)	Pts: 18-35y (38%); 36-59y	Not reported	Pts: 64%	2491 Pts treated by 462 PTs	Treatment recording forms

		(52%); >60y (10%).				
Ng 2015 (Australia and Singapore)	Acute and chronic whiplash (no duration specified)	Not reported	Median (range) Australia: 20 (1– 47) Singapore: 6 (1– 20)	PTs in Australia: 51%. PTs in Singapore: 65%	185 PTs (91 from Queensland and 94 from Singapore)	Survey with vignette
Rebeck 2006 (Australia)	Whiplash (<6 weeks)	Pts (intervention group): 35.5 (11.5). Pts in control group: 36.1 (15.5).	Not reported	Pts (intervention group): (76%). Pts (control group): 89%.	99 Pts treated by 27 PTs (14 in intervention group, 13 in control group)	Survey without vignette and audit of clinical notes
Serrano-Aguilar 2011* (Spain)	Chronic neck pain (\geq 12 weeks)	Pts: 53.9 (14.5)	Not reported	Pts: 73.3%.	8308 Pts	Audit of billing codes
Shoulder pain						
Ayanniyi 2016 (Nigeria)	Shoulder pain (including: Impingement syndrome, Rotator syndrome, Fracture, Osteoarthritis, Dislocation, , Adhesive capsulitis, Calcific tendinitis of bicep) (no duration specified)	Pts: 50.6 (26.2)	Not reported	Pts: 56.2%	121 Pts	Audit of clinical notes
Bernhardsson 2015* (Sweden)	Subacromial pain (no duration specified)	PTs: >40y (60%)	<3y (14.8%); 3- 5y (12.2%); 6-10y (18.5%); 11-15y (16.2%); 16-20y (14.0%); >20y (24.4%)	PTs: 75.3%	271 PTs	Survey without vignette

Johansson 1999 (Sweden)	Subacromial pain (a few weeks)	PTs: 40.8 (8.2)	8.4 (5.6)	PTs: 79%	57 PTs	Survey with vignette
Karel 2017 (Netherlands)	Shoulder pain (including: subacromial impingement, glenohumeral joint instability, biceps tendinopathy, frozen shoulder, and others) (no duration specified)	Pts: 50 (13) PTs: 39 (no SD)	Not reported	Pts: 57%	125 Pts	Treatment recording forms
Phadke 2015 (India)	Subacromial pain (6 weeks)	PTs: 29.1 (5.4)	4.9 (5.1)	PTs: 42.7%	211 PTs	Survey with vignette
Serrano-Aguilar 2011* (Spain)	Chronic shoulder pain (≥ 12 weeks)	Pts: 53.9 (14.5)	Not reported	Pts: 73.3%	5035 Pts	Audit of billing codes
Struyf 2012 (Belgium)	Subacromial pain (no duration specified)	PTs: 38 (12)	14 (11.8)	Not reported	119 PTs	Survey without vignette
Knee pain						
Ayanniyi 2017 (Nigeria)	Knee osteoarthritis	Not reported	1-5y (41.7%)	PTs: 38.2%	267 PTs	Survey with vignette
Barten 2015 (Netherlands)	Knee and hip osteoarthritis	Pts: 66.7 (13.2)	Not reported	Pts: 67%	870 Pts	Treatment recording forms
Holden 2008 (United Kingdom)	Knee osteoarthritis	Not reported	1-3y (21%); 4-10y (25%); >10y (54%)	PTs: 87%	538 PTs	Survey with vignette
Jamtvedt 2008 (Norway)	Knee osteoarthritis	PTs: 47 (11)	21 (12)	PTs: 47%	297 PTs	Survey without vignette
Jette AM 1997* (United States)	Acute, subacute and chronic knee pain	PTs: 32.6 (7.8) Pts: 41.2 (14.1)	8.4 (7.4)	PT: 70% Pts: 52%	706 treated by 141 PTs	Treatment recording forms

Jette DU 1997* (United States)	Knee pain (no duration specified)	Pts: 18-35y (39%); 36-59y (49%); >60y (12%)	Not reported	Pts: 52%	2491 Pts treated by 462 PTs	Treatment recording forms
MacIntyre 2013 (Canada)	Knee osteoarthritis	Not reported	<5y (15.4%); 5-10y (17.1%); 11-20y (27.6%); >20y (39.8%)	PTs: 73.2%	123 PTs	Survey without vignette
Spitaels 2017 (Belgium)	Knee osteoarthritis	PTs: 45.7 (11.7)	Median (range): 26 (1-45)	PTs: 45%	284 PTs	Survey without vignette
van Baar 1998* (Netherlands)	Acute and chronic knee pain (unable to stratify by duration)	PTs: <35y (60%) Pts: 36.2 (17.6)	Not reported	Pts: 51.4%	416 Pts	Treatment recording forms
Walsh 2009 (United Kingdom)	Knee osteoarthritis	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	83 departments	Survey to department
Acute ankle injuries						
Kooijman 2011 (Netherlands)	Ankle injuries (<4 weeks and ≥4 weeks)	PTs treating acute ankle injuries: 51 (9). PTs treating chronic ankle injuries: 51 (10). Pts with acute ankle injuries: 33 (17). Pts with chronic ankle injuries: 33 (17)	PTs treating acute ankle injuries: 8 (15). PTs treating chronic ankle injuries: 4 (4).	PTs treating acute ankle injuries: 37%. PTs treating chronic ankle injuries: 30%. Pts with acute ankle injuries: 49%.	1413 Pts treated by 117 PTs	Treatment recording forms

				Pts with chronic ankle injuries: 49%		
Leemrijse 2006 (Netherlands)	Acute lateral ankle sprains (no duration specified)	PTs: 43 (no SD)	Not reported	PTs: 49%	332 PTs	Survey without vignette
Roebroek 1998 (Netherlands)	Lateral ankle sprains (unable to stratify by duration)	PTs: 0-14y (1.6%); 15-24y (33.1%); 25-34y (24.7%); 35-44y (16.7%); 45-54y (11.2%); 55-64y (7.6%); 65-74y (4.4%); >74y (0.8%)	Not reported	PTs: 45%	251 Pts treated by 83 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Plantar fasciitis						
Fraser 2017 (United States)	Plantar fasciitis (no duration specified)	PTs: <20y (5.2%); 20-29y (6.0%); 30-39y (17.7%); 40-49y (29.0%); 50-59y (30.8%); 60-69y (11.1%); >69y (0.2%)	Not reported	PTs: 59.8%	262643 treatments of 57800 Pts	Audit of billing codes
Grieve 2017 (United Kingdom)	Plantar fasciitis (no duration specified)	Not reported	0-2y (5%); 3-5y (11%); 6-10y (21%); 11-15y (22%); 16-20y (14%); >20y (27%)	PTs: 66%	257 PTs	Survey without vignette
Other musculoskeletal conditions						
Athanasopoulos 2007 (Greece)	Various musculoskeletal conditions (e.g. ligament sprain, osteoarthritis)	PTs: 29.9 (10.8)	Not reported	PTs: 40.3%	457 Pts	Treatment recording forms

Beales 2015 (Australia and Norway)	Pregnancy-related pelvic girdle pain (6 weeks) and traumatic pelvic girdle pain (4 years)	PTs in Norway: 33.5 (9.3). PTs in Australia: 37.9 (11.2).	PTs in Norway: 9.3 (9.3) PTs in Australia: 15.4 (11.6)	PTs in Norway: 52.3%. PTs in Australia: 61%	142 PTs (65 from Norway, 77 from Australia)	Survey with vignette
Bishop 2016 (United Kingdom)	Pregnancy related acute LBP (began "a few weeks ago")	Not reported	21.5 (10)	PTs: 92%	499 PTs	Survey with vignette
Dekker 1993 (Netherlands)	LBP, neck pain, knee pain, shoulder pain, and scoliosis (no duration specified)	Pts: 0-14y (3.5%); 15-24y (11.6%); 25-34y (18.8%); 35-44y (20.0%); 45-54y (17.1%); 55-64y (13.3%); 65-74y (9.6%); >74y (6.1%)	Not reported	Pts: 53.2%	8714 Pts treated by 74 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Grant 2014 (United Kingdom)	Various musculoskeletal conditions stratified by muscle, joint and tendon injuries	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	1399 Pts	Treatment recording forms
Hurkmans 2012 (Netherlands)	Rheumatoid arthritis	PTs: 43 (10.8)	19 (10.3)	PTs: 53%	233 PTs	Survey without vignette
Lineker 2006 (Canada)	Rheumatoid arthritis	Pts: 59.2 (13.8)	22.5 (22.0); 15.9 (9.3) treating rheumatoid arthritis	Pts: 80.4%	56 Pts treated by 26 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Murray 2005 (United Kingdom)	Various musculoskeletal conditions with a focus on patella femoral pain syndrome and Achilles tendinopathy	Pts: 35 (12.5)	Not reported	Pts: 37%	100 Pts	Audit of clinical notes

O'Brien 2014 (United States)	Thumb carpometacarpal joint pain	Not reported	Experience as a hand therapist: <5y (4.6%); 6-10y (13.9%); >10y (64.3%)	PTs: 73.8%	547 PTs	Survey without vignette
Owoeye 2009 (Nigeria)	Various musculoskeletal conditions (e.g. ligament sprain, muscle tears, contusions, overuse injury)	Not reported	Not reported	Pts: 33.4%	171 Pts	Audit of clinical notes
Peterson 2011 (United States)	Osteoporosis (females \geq 40 years old)	Not reported	13.7 (10.8)	PTs: 77.1%	83 PTs	Survey without vignette
Peterson 2005 (Sweden)	Chronic epicondylitis (\geq 3 months)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	47 PTs	Survey without vignette
Sran 2005 (Canada)	Osteoporosis	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	67 PTs	Survey without vignette
Tomkins 2010 (Canada)	Lumbar spine stenosis (no duration specified)	Pts: 70 (11)	16.8 (no SD)	Pts: 53%	76 PTs and 44 Pts	Survey without vignette and survey of Pts
Orthopaedic conditions						
Artz 2013 (United Kingdom)	Knee arthroplasty (outpatient)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	16 departments	Survey to department
Barry 2003 (United Kingdom)	Knee arthroplasty (inpatient)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	303 PTs	Survey without vignette

Bruder 2013 (Australia)	Distal radius fracture (outpatient)	PTs: 33.5 (IQR 23-40). Pts: 19-50y (25%); 51-65y (33%); 66-75y (25%); >75y (16%)	7 (IQR 0.8-11)	PTs: 50% Pts: 71%	160 records of 75 Pts treated by 14 PTs	Treatment recording forms
Frawley 2005 (Australia)	Any pelvic surgery (post- surgery inpatient)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	84 PTs	Survey without vignette
Moutzouri 2017 (Greece)	Knee arthroplasty (inpatient and outpatient)	Not reported	<5y (34.1%); 6- 10y (30.3%); >10y (35.6%).	Not reported	132 PTs	Survey without vignette
Naylor 2006 (Australia)	Knee arthroplasty (inpatient and outpatient)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	65 departments	Survey to department
Peter 2014 (Netherlands)	Knee and hip arthroplasty (no timeframe specified)	PTs: 40.4 (12.6)	Experience: 0-5y (28.8%), 6-10y (14.6%), 11-15y (9.6%), 16-20y (9.1%), 20y+ (37.9%). Experience treating patients following hip or knee arthroplasty: 0-5y (29.7%), 6- 10y (18.3%), 11- 15y (10.5%), 16- 20y (11.9%), >20y (29.6%)	PTs: 54.8%	219 PTs	Survey without vignette

Rushton 2014 (United Kingdom)	Lumbar fusion (post-surgery inpatient and outpatient)		Experience treating patients following lumbar spinal fusion: 10 (IQR: 3-15)		71 PTs	Survey without vignette
Turner 1999*	Knee arthroplasty (outpatient)	Pts: 71.4 (7.7)	Not reported	Pts: 66.7%	345 pts	Audit of clinical notes
Williamson 2007 (United Kingdom)	Lumbar discectomy (pre and post-surgery including inpatient and outpatient)	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	75 departments	Survey to department

CI: confidence intervals; IQR: interquartile range; LBP: low back pain; PTs: physical therapists or physiotherapists; Pts: patients; SD: standard deviation; SE: standard error; y: years.

*: citation included for multiple conditions.