Validation of a back pain disability scale: an experience

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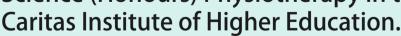Format: Online Seminar via Zoom

Abstract

Back pain is one of the most common complaints in Western societies and in Hong Kong. Yet research to study of back pain is hampered by a paucity of valid and reliability measurement tools. The reliability of many widely-used tools like the pain intensity scale are below research quality. The speaker of this talk would share the experience in studying the psychometric properties of a Chinese back pain disability scale designed for Hong Kong use.

About the Speaker

Prof Leung gained his physiotherapy professional qualification at the Hong Kong Government School of Physiotherapy in 1973. On graduation, he worked as a physiotherapist in the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals from 1973 to 1979. He embarked on the area of manipulative physiotherapy in 1976 when he went to Adelaide, Australia, for postgraduate education. There he was fortunate to learn from Mr. G.D. Maitland in attaining awards of Certificate (1976), Graduate Diploma (1982) and Master of Science in Advanced Manipulative Therapy (1985). He gained his Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Hong Kong in 1999. Without relinquishing his education and experience in manipulative physiotherapy, he insists on keeping his expertise on service of patients as he is currently a private physiotherapist.

Then he took up an education role in teaching, research and service at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, both full-time and part-time, till 2018. He was the Clinic Manager at the Rehabilitation Clinic at the University from 2006 till 2011. Also he shared his manipulative physiotherapy experience gained over the years with rehabilitation professional in Mainland China. In January 2019, he took up the position as the Programme Leader of the Bachelor of Science (Honours) Physiotherapy in the Caritas Institute of Higher Education.

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