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## **Introduction**

The general public will benefit by raising awareness of the expertise associated with this role. Sports physiotherapists will benefit by having their knowledge and skill levels recognised, providing a platform for further professional development. It is important that a variety of coherent career development pathways are made accessible to professionals who aim to develop into sports physiotherapists, or demonstrate their current level of competence. Learning routes may be formal, in academic establishments, in clinical skill based courses or informal, for example, through the development of a professional portfolio. Descriptions of professional behaviours can allow sports physiotherapists to demonstrate and gain credit for current and prior

to the athlete in a context of many potential conflicts of interest. The rigorous process of competency development led to a final list of eleven competencies [6]. It is important to note that competencies refer to athletes of all levels and abilities, including those who participate in