

50 Years of History

Canada

Name of organisation: Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapy (CAMPT)

Year organisation started: 1983 Canadian Orthopaedic Manipulative Physiotherapy (COMP) now the Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapy

Member of IFOMPT since: 1984

Key influencers of OMPT through the years

John Oldham 1974: Canadian representative at the inaugural IFOMT Meeting in Montreal

David Lamb 1974: Member of 1st IFOMPT Standards Committee.

Significant Canadian manual therapy educators and innovators: David Lamb, Cliff Fowler, Alun Morgan, John Oldham, Erl Pettman, Jim Meadows, Elaine Maheu, Diane Lee, Lenerdene Levesque, Carol Kennedy, Beverly Padfield, Wendy Aspinall, Anita Gross, Jill Roberston, Janet Lowcock, Laurie Urban, Bert Chesworth, and many others.

Development over the years:

The Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapy has gone through many changes in name since its beginning in 1983, reflecting its development – from COMP whose original intention was to provide an informal forum for the exchange of clinical experiences and knowledge to in 1995, a formal Academy (CAMT) with a constitution and a more focused approach to clinical manual therapy and in 2009 to CAMPT.

In 1985 an OMT curriculum was developed within the Orthopaedic Division (OD) of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association - known as the Canadian Community-Based Education System. Currently there are four IFOMPT accredited education programs in Canada:

- OD of the CPA: Diploma of Advanced Manual and Manipulative Physiotherapy.
- Western University: Master of Clinical Science in Comprehensive Musculoskeletal PT.
- McMaster University: Masters course-based option in the Rehabilitation Science Program.
- University of British Columbia: Grad Cert in Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapy

Any major changes or challenges in the last 50 years:

The major issues were the multiple legal challenges by chiropractors to manipulate, followed by the integration of Manual Therapy into the University programs.

Current status and challenges:

The legal challenges are no longer present and manual therapy education is embedded into entry level and post-professional university programs. Current challenges revolve around the debate of manual therapy versus exercise therapy in patient management amongst newer graduate physiotherapists and whether they see the value of manual therapy.

The future of the organisation:

The future revolves around delivering the messaging of the value of manual therapy to the profession as well as the general public (our customers) and branding ourselves as manual and musculoskeletal physiotherapy experts in public and private sectors.
