

Copyright statement of European Physiotherapy Guidelines for Parkinson's Disease.

In this statement we want to clarify a misperception/miscommunication among members of the ER-WCPT about the copyright of the 'European Physiotherapy Guidelines for Parkinson's Disease'. This guideline is also known and cited as: Keus SHJ, Munneke M, Graziano M, et al. European Physiotherapy, Guideline for Parkinson's disease. 2014; KNGF/ParkinsonNet, the Netherlands.

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