



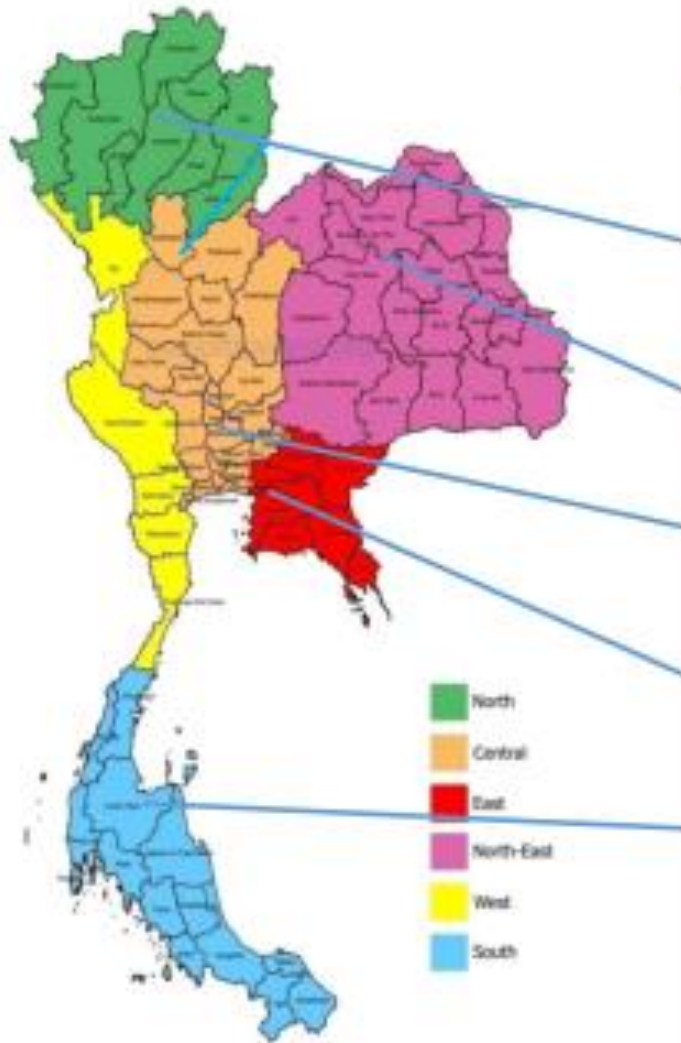
**Member since
1978**

Standard of Physical Therapy Services and education in Thailand

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PT Organization in Thailand

- Physical Therapy Association of Thailand (1973)
- Physical Therapy Council (2004)
- 16 Universities Producing Physical Therapists
- 11,641 Registered PT
- 36 Accredited PT clinics



16 PT Institutes

- North: 3 Universities
- Northeast: 1 University
- Central: 9 Universities
- East: 1 University
- South: 2 Universities

The First PT School in Thailand

- ◉ Started in 1965, School of Physiotherapy
- ◉ Department of Orthopedic Surgery and
- ◉ Physiotherapy
- ◉ Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital
- ◉ Mahidol University



Faculty of Physical Therapy

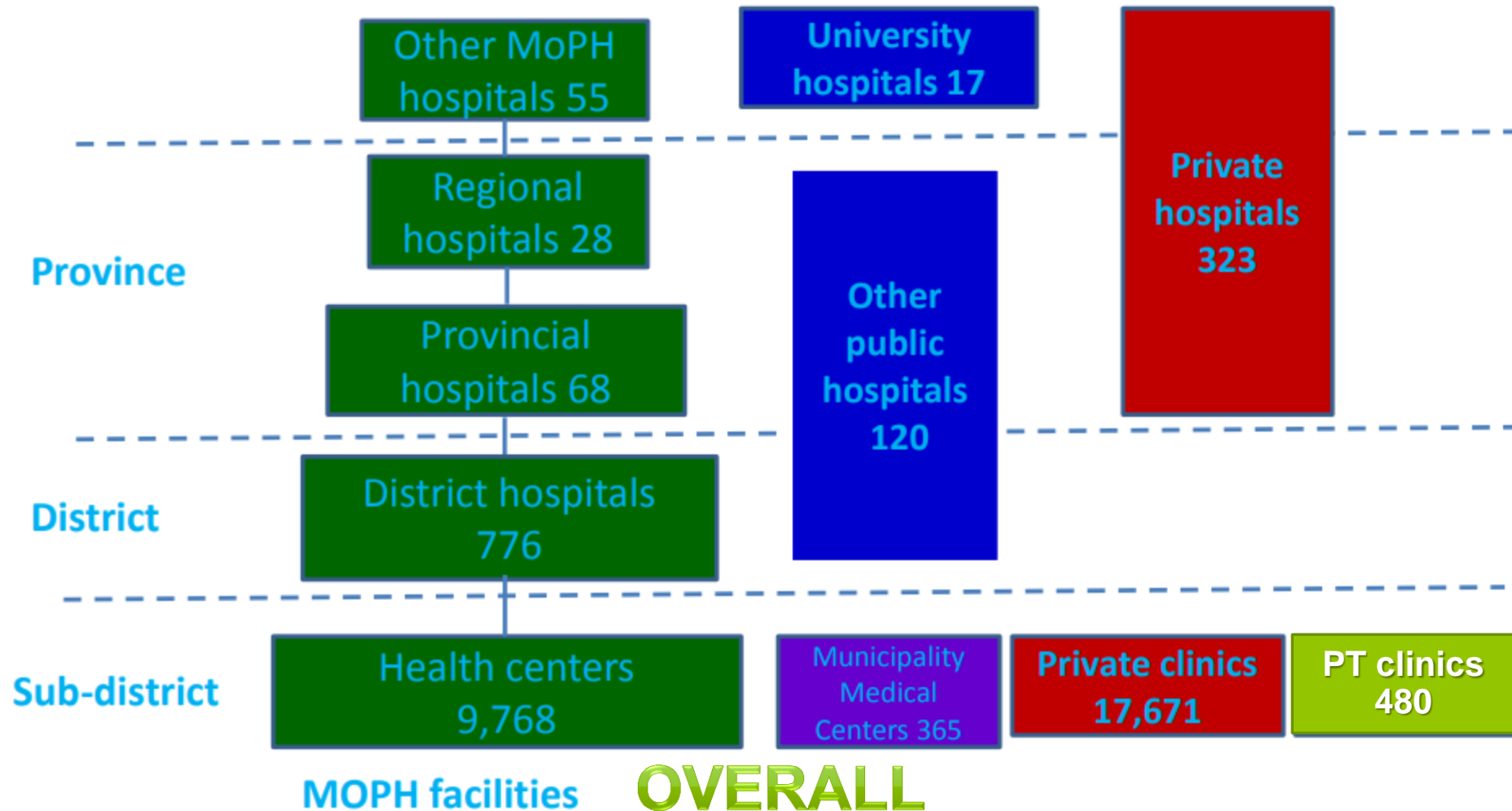
Graduate level

- **Graduate Diploma** 1 year in Clinical PT
 - Manipulative PT, Stroke, Community-based PT & Pediatric PT
- **M.Sc.**
 - Physical Therapy (International Program)
- **Ph.D.**
 - Physical Therapy (International Program)

Physical Therapy Specialty

- Musculoskeletal physical therapy
- Neurological physical therapy
- Physical therapy in Pediatrics
- Cardio Pulmonary physical therapy
- Sport physical therapy
- Clinic for scoliosis
- Hydrotherapy

Health service delivery system in Thailand

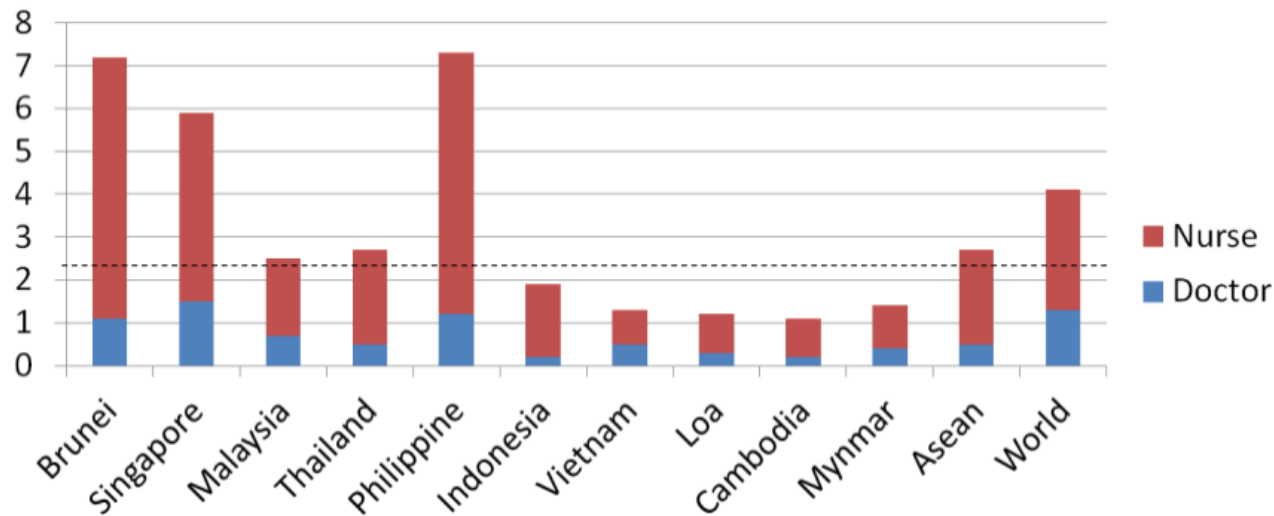


Source:

1. Thailand Health Profile 2008-2010
2. Bureau of Policy and Strategy, MoPH, <http://hrm.moph.go.th/res53/res-rep2553.html>

Population to PT ratios

- PT ratio 1: 30,000 Thai Populations
- Nurse ratio 1: 10,000 Thai Populations



Current issues of concern

- Challenges facing the profession in specialist training
- Self referral for PT services is legal
- Direct access in private PT Clinics But not for government hospitals
- Shortage of PT specialists in public hospitals
- Extension coverage to outsource PT service to private has just been grant by law