

S2 Table. Keywords used for the literature search and exemplary interview guide.

Keywords used for the literature search	
PubMed and Cochrane Library databases, and Google Scholar search	Therapeutic alliance AND rehabilitation; therapeutic alliance AND rehabilitation AND (telehealth OR telemedicine OR telerehabilitation); therapeutic (alliance OR relation) AND rehabilitation AND (telehealth OR telemedicine OR telerehabilitation); therapeutic (alliance OR relationship) AND rehabilitation AND (telehealth OR telemedicine OR telerehabilitation) AND working alliance inventory. As a result of the search, an adapted concept map was created, which served as a basis for the design of the interview guidelines.
Interview guide example of an expert who is a physiotherapist and psychologist	
Introduction	I am pleased that the appointment worked out and that I can interview you today on the topic of therapeutic alliance. First of all, I would like to give you a few explanations. Therapeutic alliance and relationship between therapist and patient are used as synonyms. During the interview I ask you questions about your experience of the therapeutic alliance in physiotherapy and your psychological knowledge. If you did not understand a question, please ask and I will be happy to explain it further. Do you have any further questions before the start?
Entry questions	Can you please tell me what TA means to you?

	Which factors of the TA are particularly important to you?
Questions	<p>How does communication take place in therapy?</p> <p>What channels of communication do you consider relevant?</p> <p>Which phases in the process of physiotherapy successful communication is important for?</p> <p>In your opinion, does communication influence the relationship between therapist and patient?</p> <p>What do you think are the similarities or differences of communication in physiotherapy and psychology / psychotherapy?</p> <p>How are goals and tasks set in physiotherapy?</p> <p>In your opinion, are there differences between physiotherapy and psychology / psychotherapy?</p> <p>Can you please tell me what the roles of patients and therapists should look like?</p> <p>Are there possibly other roles besides the patient and therapist roles?</p> <p>Tell me, please, what role do you think motivation plays in therapy?</p> <p>How can patients be motivated in physiotherapy and in psychology / psychotherapy?</p> <p>Are there external factors that you think influence the relationship between therapist and patient? Please explain.</p> <p>What influence does time have?</p>

	<p>What influence does safety have?</p> <p>What influence does the family have?</p> <p>In your opinion, are there similarities or differences between physiotherapy and psychology / psychotherapy?</p> <p>Which factors of the TA are particularly important to you?</p> <p>What role does trust play in therapy?</p> <p>How important is self-disclosure on the part of the therapist and the patient?</p> <p>Does empathy play a role in therapy?</p>
	<p>Does humor play a role in therapy?</p> <p>What role does professional collaboration play in therapy?</p> <p>Is it superior, inferior, or equal to the emotional?</p> <p>In your opinion, are there similarities or differences between the TA in physiotherapy and psychology / psychotherapy? Please describe.</p> <p>Could you please describe the interaction between the TA and technologies?</p> <p>In your opinion, do technologies have an influence on the distribution of roles?</p> <p>Does technology impact on the TA in any other way?</p>

Prompts	Repetition, paraphrasing, request for clarification or confirmation, such as: What else goes through your mind when you hear the term therapeutic alliance?
	Could you tell me something more about ...? Can you think of anything else to say about ...? And what else? You have mentioned that Is there anything you would like to add? Could you please elaborate more on that?