

# The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Endorsement

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The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) endorses the Convention on the Rights of the Child and encourages its member organisations to promote its implementation and monitoring. <sup>1</sup>

The Convention sets out the rights in 54 articles and two optional protocols. It spells out the basic human rights that children everywhere have the right:

- to survival
- to develop to the fullest
- to protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation
- to participate fully in family, cultural and social life

The four core principles of the Convention are non-discrimination; devotion to the best interests of the child; the right to life, survival and development; and respect for the views of the child. Every right spelled out in the Convention is inherent to the human dignity and harmonious development of every child. The Convention protects children's rights by setting standards in health care; education; and legal, civil and social services.

<b>Approval, review and related policy information</b>	
<b>Date adopted:</b>	Endorsed by the 13th General Meeting of WCPT June 1995. Reviewed in 2007 in light of the amendment to Article 43 approved by the UN in 2002. Endorsement re-affirmed at the 16th General Meeting of WCPT June 2007. Endorsement re-affirmed at the 17th General Meeting of WCPT June 2011. Endorsement re-affirmed at the 18th General Meeting of WCPT May 2015. Endorsement re-affirmed at the 19th General Meeting of WCPT in May 2019
<b>Date for review:</b>	Monitor UN for amendments.
<b>Related WCPT policies:</b>	WCPT policy statement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patients'/clients' rights in physical therapy</li></ul>

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## References

1. United Nations. Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, USA: United Nations; 1989. [www.unicef.org/crc/](http://www.unicef.org/crc/) (Access date 29 August 2019)

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