

Non-State Actor Statement

Leveraging rehabilitation at the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly (22- 28 May 2022)

Statement submitted in relation to agenda item 14.1 – Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

The International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, supported by Global Rehabilitation Alliance's members, welcomes the references to rehabilitation in the Report by the Director-General. Globally, 2.4 billion people experience health conditions that would benefit from rehabilitation. The prevalence of NCDs greatly contributes to this figure.

However, rehabilitation is not prioritized, is under-resourced, and remains inaccessible or unaffordable for most people.

We call on Member States to:

- Integrate rehabilitation at all levels of the health system, from primary health care, to hospitals and specialized care, across the continuum of NCD care.
- Include rehabilitation in home/community-based services, which should be locally-owned and adequately-skilled.
- Leverage rehabilitation onto the WHA agenda, with a view to providing the political framework for stronger commitments and wider coverage.

This statement is endorsed by (in alphabetical order) :

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health Executive Committee
Global Rehabilitation Alliance
Handicap International Federation/ Humanity & Inclusion
International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics
International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine
International Spinal Cord Society
World Confederation for Physical Therapy / World Physiotherapy
World Federation of Chiropractic
World Federation of Occupational Therapists

