

IAPO Membership Criteria



Membership Criteria	Full Members	Associate Members
1. Non-profit and non-governmental	✓	✓
2. Legal status appropriate to the country of origin, with a written constitution and/or by-laws . If no appropriate legal status exists this criteria may be waived at the discretion of the Governing Board	✓	✓
3. An international, regional, national or local organization , or an umbrella group	✓	✓
4. Demonstrates commitment to patients and the principle of patient-centred healthcare in guiding statements , such as vision, mission or organizational objectives, and activities	✓	✓
5. The organization is patient-driven : the views of patients drive the strategy, policies and activities in a significant way, and the organization is capable of representing these patients' views. Full Members must demonstrate that they use at least one of the three methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of voting rights to nominate and elect the governing body of the organization are held by patients¹, patient representatives², or representatives of patients' organizations • The majority of the organization's governing body are patients, patient representatives, or representatives of patients' organizations • The organization's strategy, policies, and activities are driven by, and represent, patient's views in another way 	✓	x

Checklist of documents to submit in support of your application	Please Tick
Most recent set of audited Accounts OR for organizations with an income of less than USD 100,000, IAPO's Annual Income Declaration Form	
Legal Registration Certificate	
If the applicant is an umbrella organization, a full list of members	
Written evidence of commitment to patients and the principle of patient-centred healthcare, for example a statement, letter, strategic plan, mission and vision, or By-laws and constitution	
Full membership applications only : a letter or statement which explains how the organization ensures that it is patient driven	

¹ We define a patient as "a person with any chronic disease, illness, syndrome, impairment or disability". We aim to be representative of all patients regardless of gender, race, class, culture, religion or belief, age, sexuality, lifestyle or degree of able-bodiedness.

² We define patient representatives as "patients' organization representatives, family members or carers". Examples of patient representatives are a parent of someone with cystic fibrosis, or the spouse of someone with Alzheimer's Disease