



International Alliance of
Patients' Organizations

A global voice for patients

Membership Guide



About us

Who are we?

The International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO) is a unique global alliance representing patients of all nations across all disease areas. We work to promote patient-centred healthcare around the world. With over 250 members, we represent an estimated 365 million patients.

Our vision is to see patients placed at the centre of healthcare. Our mission is to help build patient-centred healthcare worldwide.

What do we do?

We work with our members to get patients' voices heard by everyone involved in healthcare. We do this through:

- **Policy and advocacy**

We form clear positions on relevant healthcare policies and processes. We then advocate for change with a strong patients' voice at international, regional and national level: www.iapo.org.uk/policy-and-advocacy

- **Capacity building**

We provide resources and training to our members, based on consultation with them about their needs, to help them thrive in their own fields: www.iapo.org.uk/resources

- **Cross-sector alliances and collaborative working**

We support our members to work with others to further the agenda of patient-centred healthcare. This includes organizing events, such as regular regional meetings, and our biennial Global Patients' Congress, where organizations can share best practice, gain insights, and speak out on behalf of patients: www.iapo.org.uk/activities

Where do we work?



■ Countries where IAPO has members (July 2015)

250
members

67
countries

47
disease areas



Members



Why join?

Why should your organization become a member?

Members are at the heart of our work: we bring together the voices of patients' advocates from around the world. You will join others from dozens of countries and causes to work towards patient-centred healthcare.

As a member, you will be committed to the principles of patient-centred healthcare, and will benefit from being able to:

- **Influence global healthcare policies**

Gain access to the World Health Organization, the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and other influential actors in healthcare and human rights. You will help shape our direction and policy position

- **Access exclusive resources**

Learn through workshops, events and toolkits; share best practice; discuss pressing issues; and learn from healthcare experts at our regional meetings and biennial Global Patients Congress

- **Create new partnerships**

Collaborate and partner with like-minded organizations to amplify your voice and have a bigger impact for the people you represent

- **Strengthen existing initiatives**

Sign our Declaration, which sets out the five principles needed to achieve patient-centred healthcare; and mark Patient Solidarity Day to unite with others around the world in the call for universal health coverage

You can apply to become either a Full or Associate Member. Details of each type can be found on our website: www.iapo.org.uk/membership
Membership fees are priced according to organizational income. Fees begin at £30 per year and discounts are available for multi-year membership.

What progress have we made?

Our membership continues to grow and we are making real progress towards our vision. The three examples below demonstrate a few of our recent successes:

- **Policy and advocacy**

In 2015 we responded to several consultations on clinical trials, including supporting the AllTrials campaign. As a result, the World Health Organization announced that researchers have an ethical imperative to make results from all clinical trials publicly available.

This will further enable patients to access accurate information and help them to make informed decisions about their care, and medicines related to it:

www.iapo.org.uk/clinical-trials-and-research

- **Capacity building**

In 2015 we launched IAPO Americas, an online platform in three languages (English, Spanish and Portuguese). It provides up-to-date, evidence-based information on biological and biosimilar medicines, and offers a platform for discussion and debate relating to patient engagement on these issues.

The result is a resource that ensures patients' voices are amplified, and provides information to help involve patients and patients' organizations in debate and policy-making: www.iapoamericas.org

- **Cross-sector alliances and collaborative working**

In 2014 we held IAPO's 6th Global Patients' Congress, which was attended by 150 member delegates, plus many other interested stakeholders. The Congress provided important networking and partnership building opportunities, as well as sessions to share experiences and best practice.

We also ran a consultation with our members, and produced information papers to build knowledge and capacity on universal health coverage:

www.iapo.org.uk/global-patients-congress



Our impact

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