

Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health

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IAPO represents the interests of patients within six WHO Regions. We endorse the Director-General's Reports 76/7 and Addendum Rev 76/1 and commend the Member States for considering the updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

IAPO, however, has concerns that while the UN UHC 2030 and NCD declarations promise to leave no one behind, they have already been left behind LGBTQIA+ patients with NCDs and mental health conditions.

Some health systems institutionally discriminate against LGBTQIA+ community, while some health professionals personally amplify societal stigma and prejudices in clinical practice and deny services

2) We must improve health literacy and research on LGBTQIA+ NCD healthcare needs and integrate them with special gender reassignment service needs. Nothing about us without us. Adopt the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-30 in LGBTQ+ health services.