

Universal Health Coverage

Agenda Item 13.1

Reorienting health systems to primary health care as a resilient foundation for universal health coverage and preparations for a high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage

IAPO represents the interests of patients within six WHO Regions. We endorse the Director-General's Report 76/7 and commend the Member States for considering the reorientation of health systems to primary health care as a resilient foundation for universal health coverage.

IAPO is concerned that despite the UHC2030 promising to leave no one behind, patients with rare diseases (RDs) have already been left behind.

Member States must integrate the UN General Assembly Resolution 76/132 2021: *Addressing the Challenges of Persons Living with a Rare Disease and their Families* to strengthen health systems and primary healthcare, and to empower patients with RDs to access the full continuum of UHC services so that they can realise their full right to health. Particular attention should be paid to equity and equality and to integrate the Global Patient Safety Action Plan 2021-30 also.