How patient associations are contributing to health and prosperity

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International Alliance of Patient Organisations - IAPO
The International Alliance of Patients’ Organizations (IAPO) was formed and registered as a not-for-profit foundation in the Netherlands in 1999.
IAPO MEMBERSHIP (MAY 2019)

268 members
71 countries
52 disease areas
VISION
To see patients at the centre of healthcare

MISSION
To build patient-centred healthcare worldwide.
IAPO STRATEGY 2019-2021

**Empower**
patient communities globally to advocate effectively for PC-UHC for all.

**Drive**
research processes and the development of evidence base for PC-UHC.

**Shape**
law, policy and practice in PC-UHC at global, regional and national levels.
State of Peace in the world

Conflict is permanent and global
16 million people displaced - UNHCR
Will Status Quo work?

• Doctors and paramedical staff may be scarce or displaced as well
• Infrastructure is destroyed or unavailable
• Low stocks and supply chain is disrupted
• Severe emotional and psychological trauma-not addressed by the traditional services
Concept of Expert Patients

• Civil society and patient groups come to the rescue under such extreme conditions
• Need for developing Expert Patients and Communities to manage emergencies
• Special needs- young children, women, aged and chronic diseases
• If healthcare is to be co designed and co produced – then including patients at every step is a must
Our recommendations

• Every WHA we have endorsed WHO DGs response in severe large scale emergencies

• To attain SDGs 2030 there has to be a concrete global, international law, policy & institutional standards framework for the achievement of SDGs with the involvement of patient bodies- SPHERE Handbook- The holy grail

• Expert refugee patients as a consultative body to the UN security council

• We recommended at the WHA the establishment of a medicines buffer stock in conflict zones to support major healthcare emergencies.

• Refugee medicine as a speciality?
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