



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. We have 276 member organizations from 71 countries representing 51 disease areas.

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

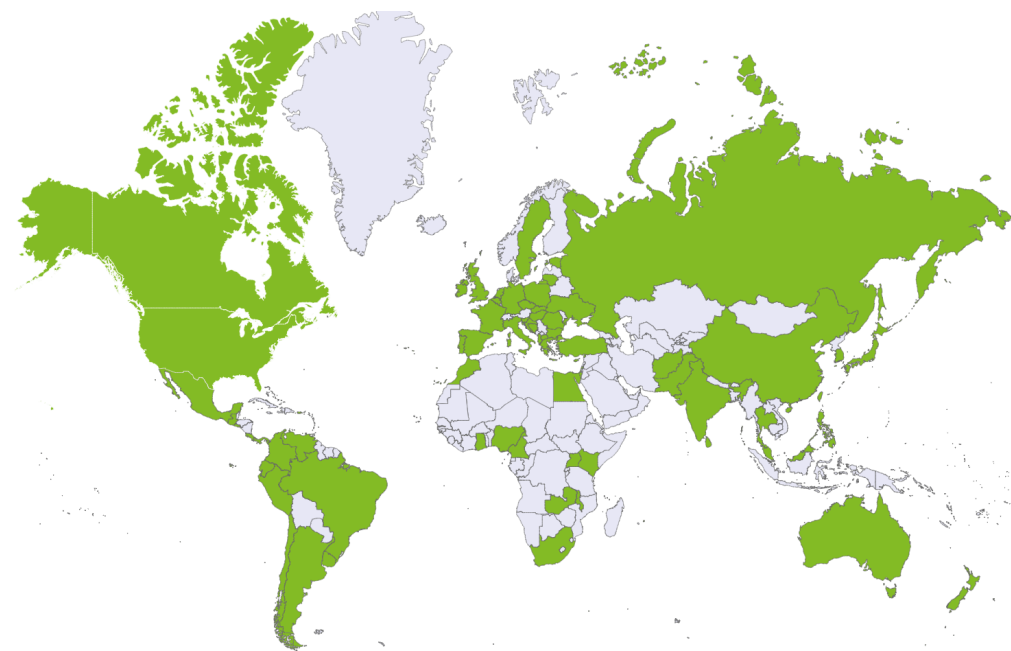
- **Cross-sector alliances and collaborative working**

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



Members

Where do we work?



Countries where IAPO has members (June 2016)

276
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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**

Help us mark initiatives such as Patient Solidarity Day, which unites patients around the world on a pressing healthcare issue. In 2015, 108 organizations across 32 countries stood together to declare that healthcare is a human right. We reached over 100,000 people.

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.

A photograph of a man and a woman looking at a newspaper together. The man, on the left, is wearing a grey suit jacket over a blue and red striped shirt and glasses. He is pointing at a headline in the newspaper. The woman, on the right, is wearing a white polo shirt with an orange collar and a logo, and glasses. She is holding the newspaper. The newspaper is the 'Daily Monitor' and has headlines such as 'Tamale, Byekwaso boost Uganda side', 'Besigye warns against Ecweru over girls', and 'Bosungwa can't leave from home'.

Our impact

What progress have we made?

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

- **Policy and advocacy**

We are the only patients' organization involved in GetReal, a three-year project of the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI), which aims to get real-world evidence into the drug development process.

We engage with regulators, physicians, academics, industry and other stakeholders, give voice to patients' perspectives and make sure research is designed to better reflect the needs of patients: www.iapo.org.uk/getreal

- **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 April 2016 we held IAPO's 7th Global Patients' Congress. 136 delegates from 40 countries came together to discuss how innovation can improve sustainable healthcare access for patients around the world.

Keynote speakers and members showcased innovative ideas and met with researchers, policy-makers, advisory bodies and industry partners to learn, discuss and share best practice: www.iapo.org.uk/global-patients-congress

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