

The Federation: An Update for the CPC ICS 2006 New Zealand

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Articles of Federation Objectives

- Encouraging every nation to establish its own organization
- Protecting the rights of patients, including choice and access to treatment
- Guaranteeing the harmonization of healthcare standards
- Promoting awareness, prevention, rehabilitation programs, and integrated multi-disciplinary intervention
- Enhancing Quality of Life (mobility, social interaction, productivity, self-esteem, etc.)

Specifically in the EU, the Federation is advocating that each national government provide:



- The supply of prime quality, personal care products for management needs
- Free access to prescription drugs
- Access to physical rehabilitation
- Public health education for all ages
- Certification of all health care professionals
- Incentives and subsidies for more public toilets

National Continence Day in Italy – June 28th

- Proclamation of the Health Minister
- Promoting Prevention and Treatment
- Free consults with specialists
- Free medications



Where the Federation and the CPC are similar

Clearly, in their
common
promotion of
public health
awareness and
education



How the Federation differs from and complements the CPC

- The Federation directly represents the consumer, the patient – and it and its member organizations are independent of any professional societies or associations
- The Federation's priorities address patient safety, equality, access, and issues of personal dignity
- The Federation's pathway for change is viewed largely through advocacy, by influencing policymakers and authorities

The Federation is a Member of the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO)

- International concerted effort to address patient safety
- Principles of the IAPO's Declaration on Patient-Centered Healthcare*:
 - Respect
 - Choice and Empowerment
 - Patient Involvement in Health Policy
 - Access and Support
 - Information

*Global Patients Congress, Barcelona February 2006

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- Federazione Italiana Incontinenti (Italy)
- Femmes Pour Toujours (France)
- UROSTO Association (Poland)
- Interstitial Cystitis Patients' Assn (NL)
- INCONTACT (UK)
- Stichting Bekkenbodem Patienten (NL)
- NAFC (USA)

Collaboration Multiplies Resources

- At least 100 million adults worldwide (and as many as 260 million) are estimated to suffer from urinary and/or fecal incontinence and related pelvic floor disorders.
- A disproportionate number are female and elderly.
- The large majority are ignorant of their options. Many have none.
- **THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE TO CORRECT THIS. AND MORE THAN ANY ONE OF US CAN DO ALONE!**

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