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13.4 Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems

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The World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) representing occupational therapists worldwide strongly endorses the initiative of Member States for a resolution on “Strengthening Rehabilitation in Health Systems”.

A global need for rehabilitation services exists to promote participation in everyday life and full inclusion in society. WFOT endorses an intersectoral, person-centred approach for universal health coverage that includes rehabilitation to ensure that all people have equal access to improve and maintain health.

WFOT encourages support of the resolution to expand access to rehabilitation services and assistive technology. Evidence-based rehabilitation interventions such as those provided by occupational therapists teach skills, develop strategies and promote meaningful participation in personal and community well-being.