



Statement of Principles

Indian Alliance of Patient Groups (IAPG)

The Indian Alliance of Patient Groups (IAPG) was launched in November 2014 in New Delhi to bring together patient-centred organizations across diseases to advocate for better access to quality health care, including medicines, and improved safety in health care. Such a platform gives a strong, collective voice of the patient to support both government and private sector efforts to build a stronger, more accessible health care system that mutually benefits patients and healthcare providers throughout India.

Our mission is:

To facilitate and ensure a safe, effective, reliable patient and family-centred health system in India that provides timely access to the best available interventions for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.

We as patients and patient advocates believe in the following principles:

1. *Promoting Patient Engagement in Health Policy Decision-Making*

Patients, primarily and their families secondarily, are the focal point of any healthcare system. They should share the responsibility of health policy decision making through meaningful engagement at all levels to ensure that healthcare programs are designed with the interests of patients at their centre.

2. *Supporting Access to the Best Available Care Across the Country*

Patients, families and their advocates need to be involved in advocating for and help to design programs suitable to local conditions that ensure the availability of health care workers and access to diagnostics, medicines and other treatment options.

3. *Promoting Health Literacy and Ensuring the Availability of Health Information*

Accurate, relevant and comprehensive information is essential for enabling patients and their families to make informed decisions about treating and managing their condition. In particular, patients need access to their own medical records and information.

4. *Advancing Choice and Empowerment of Patients and their Advocates.*

Through collaboration and the sharing of knowledge and best practices, patients and their advocates need the information and the confidence to participate as a partner in making the healthcare decisions that affect their lives.



5. *Building a strong voice in support of building a responsive, patient-centred national and state healthcare system*

National and state level policy makers need the support of informed patients and family members to build effective and responsive health care that meet the needs of the Indian population.

6. *Advocating the need for new drugs, diagnostics and treatments for providing patients a better quality of life*

Through supporting innovation and working with relevant organisations stakeholders to build a robust innovation framework and supporting/working with them with patient research/pledges; Knowledge-sharing with HCPs and participating in the healthcare dialogue with policy makers and other stakeholders.