

Abstract

WORKSHOP 2

International health cooperation: medical rehabilitation, training and research

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The key ingredient for moral personhood, and the guide for the provision of rehabilitation services for persons experiencing disability, is respect for human dignity. This is firmly expressed in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; but it is also an underlying theme of WHO's Rehabilitation 2030 Call for Action. Providing all health services within the frame of human dignity depends first of all on the quality of the services and its accessibility (understood broadly to include availability and, within the terms of WHO Universal Health Coverage, affordability). As important, I will argue, is to ensure that the appropriateness and efficiency of these services depend, not on the social status of some minority group of individuals, but on the realities of a universal human condition, shared by all.