

Dear Colleague,

The International Pediatric Rehabilitation Collaborative (IPRC) would like to invite you to join our membership and participate in advancement of special national and international collaborative efforts to improve pediatric rehabilitation services.

Since 2007, the International Pediatric Rehabilitation Collaborative (initially started as a Committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, now the Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association - RCPA) has been promoting interaction among pediatric rehabilitation providers to improve administration of programs and services for children with special health care needs and disabilities. Leaders of the IPRC have engaged other organizations both nationally such as Uniform Data Systems (UDS) and Children's Hospital Association, previously known as National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI), and internationally such as the Canadian Network for Child and Youth Rehabilitation (CN-CYR), to enhance the services provided to all children served through rehabilitation services through organizational collaboration and educational opportunities. Some of the achievements of the IPRC include:

- Spearheading changes to the WeeFIM tool for patient categorization, enabling enhanced benchmarking and program evaluation
- Collaboration with UDS for adding new measures to WeeFIM tool to better capture changes in cognition and communication
- Data collection tool for 90-day post discharge patient satisfaction and outcome survey available to IPRC members at no cost
- International Webinars focused on issues to enhance rehabilitation services to programs, pediatric patients, and their families
- Development of an IPRC Steering Committee and other committees focused on Advocacy and Membership, Education, Best Practice and Clinical Innovation, and Outcomes and Research

The IPRC has an ambitious agenda, and we are confident you will find that an IPRC membership will provide you not only opportunities to enrich the services you provide, but a chance to participate within a dynamic group of your peers to establish the future for pediatric rehabilitation services. Some of the work we are looking forward to include:

- Utilizing IPRC members to develop evidence based, and best-practice rehabilitation services for children with disabilities through collaborative efforts and shared knowledge
- Educational opportunities through 4-6 IPRC Webinars offered throughout the year featuring prominent pediatric rehabilitation specialists with content driven by member needs
- Further development of measures that capture the outcomes for pediatric rehabilitation services, to enhance services provided and support the foundation for advocacy for our pediatric clients and their families
- Networking both nationally and internationally with peers to continue to develop what pediatric rehabilitation looks like for now and for the future

To lend support to the activities that the IPRC has underway, and to become an active part of this important work, we invite you to join us in these efforts. The annual cost of membership in the IPRC is \$500, and these funds enable you to not only participate in the benefits listed, including access to the webinars for your entire staff, but also access to the “members only” section of the IPRC website, www.iprc.info, where you can find additional resources and supports including previous webinars.

To join, please fill out the enclosed application, or go to our website at www.iprc.info. RCPA currently serves as the administrative sponsor for our membership and as such your IPRC membership also gains you special associate membership to RCPA. As we are certain you will agree, the benefits to joining IPRC will provide a valuable investment to your organization.

We look forward to you joining us, and if you have any question, please feel free to contact us at the number or email listed below, or visit our website.

Sincerely,

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