

The Sydney Interprofessional Declaration

We the participants of the All Together Better Health 5 International Conference believe that a common global understanding of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice and Care, brought about through interprofessional education and learning, is of fundamental importance to health care providers and users for the provision of high quality health care and better health outcomes.

The Sydney Interprofessional Declaration is premised on The World Health Organization's definition of Health, that health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

It underpins the call for action from the WHO Framework for Action on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice.

Through the following articles the Sydney Interprofessional Declaration will advance and strengthen the cause of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice across the globe. It was approved by and is issued on behalf of delegates present at the final plenary session of the All Together Better Health 5 Conference held in Sydney, Australia, 6th-9th April 2010.

Article 1

All users of health and human services shall be entitled to fully integrated, interprofessional collaborative health and human services.

Article 2

All health and human services work to create and strengthen a culture that promotes the delivery of contextual opportunities for interprofessional learning and collaborative team training. Interprofessional education and training for collaborative practice should be a core element of continuing professional development.

Article 3

Health worker education and training prior to practice shall contain significant core elements/learning domains of interprofessional education. These core elements/learning domains shall contain practical experiences, for example simulation. These core elements/learning domains for interprofessional education will be formally assessed.

Article 4

Between ATBH5 and ATBH6 the global interprofessional community will undertake to develop a globally agreed upon set of definitions and descriptions that capture interprofessional education, learning, practice and care.

Article 5

The global interprofessional community will work with the World Health Organization to implement the Framework for Action on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice.