

Common Goals

Members of Rare Diseases International (RDI) aim to the best of their ability and in accordance with available resources to:

1. Adopt, observe and defend the recommendations of the [Joint Declaration](#) “Rare Diseases: an International Public Health Challenge”
2. Defend the rights of rare disease patients in international forums and platforms
3. Make rare diseases visible and influence policy-making in favour of patients at multilateral institutions, namely the United Nations and the World Health Organization.
4. Promote Rare Disease awareness worldwide through active participation in and the promotion and expansion of Rare Disease Day
5. Represent RDI in international, national or local forums
6. Encourage and facilitate regional networking
7. Encourage and facilitate the creation and strengthening of national alliances
8. Support each other through exchange and capacity building actions
9. Make useful information available to other members via the RDI website, discussion group and other communication tools.
10. Engage actively in the International Rare Diseases Research Consortium (IRDiRC) in order to broaden patient representation worldwide
11. Establish partnerships and close liaison with other rare disease international players such as Orphanet, the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO) and the International Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Drugs (ICORD)
12. Introduce RDI to the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA) and the International Federation of Human Genetics Societies (IFHGS)