



Charter History

The World Wide Charter for Action on eating disorders was produced through collaboration between the Academy of Eating Disorders, and other professional and patient/carer organisations around the world. An international taskforce began work in March 2005 to identify key participants and begin the work of gathering world wide views.

The task force has worked across 12 time-zones, communicating by e-mail and teleconferencing. A web-based survey of people with eating disorders, their families, carers and eating disorder health professionals was undertaken between March and May 2006. 1,730 people from 46 countries submitted a response.

The survey helped to highlight great variations in the quality and accessibility of eating disorder programs and services around the world. It also made clear that there are basic, overarching principles which connect people affected by eating disorders, no matter where they live.

The Charter is based on the findings from the survey, and draws out the world wide principles as rights and expectations for people with eating disorders and their families. Its core value is that a partnership involving patients, their families and the healthcare team is imperative for any quality eating disorder service, or individual health care encounter.

The World Wide Charter for Action on eating disorders is a beginning. It is the beginning of a call to action for Governments, providers of healthcare and those who advocate for patients and families.

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