

Health Issues

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The Special Interest Research Group on Health Issues was founded in 1996. Its aims are to promote physical health of people with an intellectual disability by formulating priorities for health care, research and training and by sharing ideas and results.

The group consists of general practitioners (family doctors), medical specialists, physiotherapists, speech and hearing therapists, optometrists, dieticians, dentists, and nurses (as well as others interested in health issues). The SIRG organizes annual roundtables in varying countries around specific themes, consisting of update lectures and free papers. The group has held roundtables in Leyden, the Netherlands (1998); in Manchester, England (1999); and in Gothenburg, Sweden (2001). No roundtable was held in 2000 due to the IASSID World Congress in Seattle..

One of its first activities was the development of an international consensus statement on the early identification of hearing and visual impairment in children and adults with an intellectual disability. Other themes have been: health targets, treatment and intervention of sensory impairment, consensus statement on epilepsy, pain, end-of-life decisions/palliative care, and comorbidity in cerebral palsy. At the IASSID congress in Seattle 2000, the SIRG organized and provided a pre-congress update course on visual impairment and coordinated congress symposia on physical health issues.

Copies of the Health Issues SIRG publications are available from the Chairperson. You can download the : Health Guidelines for an Adult with an Intellectual Disability [here](#).

Minutes Health SIRG Annual General Meeting, Wednesday May 23rd 2007, Prato Italy - [click here](#)
Letter to all members of the IASSID HEALTH SIRG- Professor Mike Kerr (Chair) - [click here](#)

Archives
First Announcement
Combined International Roundtable of the Health Issues and Mental Health SIRGs of IASSID, 2005.
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
September 28-30, 2005 IASSID INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS STATEMENT (Word Document, 49 Ko)
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (Word Document, 67 Ko)
HEARING IMPAIRMENT (Word Document, 58 Ko)