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# CLINICAL ACCREDITATION GUIDELINE FOR MEDICAL REHABILITATION THERAPY PRACTICE IN NIGERIA

All Health Institutions/Hospitals offering services in Medical Rehabilitation Therapy shall be accredited/re-accredited for Board's recognition, internship training programme and safe practice.

### Values

- a) Proper identification of *areas* of *specialization* reflecting
  Surgery/Orthopaedics, Medicine/Neurology, Paediatrics, Obstetrics &
  Gynaecology and others;
- b) Total evaluation/assessment of *concepts* applied for treatment procedures;
- c) Appraisal of the various *modalities* involved in the day-to-day patients handling;
- d) Standardization of *tools/equipments* utilized in treatment procedures;
- e) Proper maintenance of available *infrastructural facilities;* and
- f) Availability of *Manpower/Human Resource* profiles.

# Adopted Standards

| S/N | Category of<br>HealthInstitutions/Hospit<br>als/Clinics      | Expected Nos. of Physiotherapists | Expected Nos. of<br>InternPhysiotherapists | Expected Nos. of<br>NYSCPhysiotherapists | Expected areas ofSpecialization   | HeadshipArrangement  | OtherComments |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---------------|
| 1   | Health Institutions/<br>Hospital of 500 beds<br>and above    | 40                                | 20   | Optional                                 | Surgery/<br>Orthopaedic,<br>Medicine/<br>Neurology,<br>Obstetrics/<br>Gynaecology,<br>Paediatrics | Each area of<br>specialization<br>should be headed<br>by a Chief<br>Physiotherapist.<br>Overall head shall<br>be a<br>Physiotherapist at<br>a Directorate<br>Cadre |               |
| 2   | Health Institutions/<br>Hospitals with 400 –<br>500 beds     | 30                                | 15   |  |   | "  |               |
| 3   | Health Institutions/<br>Hospitals with 200 –<br>400 beds     | 20                                | 10   |  |   | "  |               |
| 4   | Health Institutions/<br>Hospitals with less<br>than 200 beds | 15                                | 8  | "  | "   | "  |               |
| 5   | Orthopaedic<br>Hospitals                                     | 30                                | -  | "  | -   | "  |               |
| 6   | Psychiatric Hospitals  | 10                                | -  |  | -   | "  |               |
| 7   | Private Hospitals<br>with 100 beds                           | 5                                 | -  | "  | -   | Principal<br>Physiotherapist<br>with at least 8<br>years working<br>experience   |               |

| 8 | Private<br>Physiotherapy<br>Clinics   | 3 | - | "  | - | " |  |
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| 9 | Medical Gymnasia &<br>Fitness Centres | 2 | - | .د | _ | " |  |

**Physical Facilities** 

- i. Electrotherapy equipment:
  - \* Shortwave Diathermy Machine
  - \* Infra-Red Lamps
  - \* Microwave therapy Machine
  - \* Ultrasound therapy Machine
  - \* Wax Bath
  - \* Hydropack Units
  - \* Ultraviolet Therapy Unit
  - \* Electrical Stimulators for Nerves and Muscles
  - \* Transcutaneous electrical Nerve Stimulators (TENS)
  - \* Laser Therapy Unit.

#### ii. Hydrotherapy and Cryotherapy equipment

- \* Treatment Tanks of various sizes
- \* Treatment baths of various sizes.
- \* Hydrotherapy Pool
- \* Cold and Hot Pack Units.
- \* Ice-Making Machine or a Deep freezer
- iii. Exercise Therapy equipment
  - \* Treadmills
  - \* Bicycle Ergometers
  - \* Body Mass Index (BM) Machine
  - \* Rowing Machines
  - \* Medicine Balls
  - \* Hand Exercisers
  - \* wobble Boards
  - \* Shoulder Wheel
  - \* Shoulder Ladders
  - \* Frenkel Mats
  - \* Walking Frames / Crutches
  - \* Corner Seats
  - \* Parallel Bars
  - \* Wrist Exercisers

- \* Multi Gym
- \* Upper Limb Exerciser
- \* Lower Limb Exerciser (Omnikinetic Machine)
- \* Neck Exerciser
- \* Traction Machine
- \* Wheel Chairs
- \* Isokinetic Machine
- iv. Facilities for Fabrication of various walking and Supportive Aids should be available in the Department or within the Hospital.
- v. Treatment Surfaces, Supports, Covers and paddling for Treatment and Examination should be available in good numbers and should be in safe condition:
  - \* Examination Beds and Plinths
  - \* Exercise Mats
  - \* Wooden Chairs
  - \* Wooden Stools
  - \* Pillows
  - \* Blankets
  - \* Towels
  - \* Mackintosh
  - \* Lints
  - \* Felts
  - \* Foam
- vi. Facilities and Equipment for Clinical Examination of Patients should be in safe working condition and adequate:
  - \* Examination Rooms
  - \* Examination Cubicles
  - \* Goniometers
  - \* Sphygmomanometers and Stethoscopes
  - \* Spirometers
  - \* Peak Flow Meters
  - \* Skin Fold Callipers
  - \* Stop Watches
  - \* Alarm Clocks
  - \* Metronome

#### vii. Facilities for Infection Control:

- \* Sterling Unit / Equipment
- \* Autoclave drums for Autoclave Dressings
- \* Sterling Dressings
- \* Face Masks

- \* Disposable Gloves
- \* Sputum Container / Cartons
- \* Antiseptic solutions e.g. Eusol, Savlon, or Hibitane for sanitation purposes in Hydrotherapy and other uses.

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