

Iowa Clubfoot Declaration

“A Promise Made”

In view of the frequency, severity, clinical implications, treatment options, and public health significance, the undersigned declare that every child born with clubfoot in the world has the right to:

- Early and effective treatment by the best current practice - The Ponseti method
- Access to care, including services by a health care provider trained in the method.

To support the provision of these rights, the undersigned endorse the following:

- Every country should build the capacity for the early detection and treatment of clubfoot, including collection of data on the frequency, distribution and public health implications of clubfoot and other relevant disorders, and assessment of the impact of interventions and formulation of effective public policy.
- Every country should support and build capacity for the appropriate education of health care providers and the public.
- Every country should foster and encourage the development of family support organizations.
- A global collaborative effort should be undertaken to ensure that the highest priority research and care objectives are achieved, including, but not limited to:
 - Epidemiologic research related to causes, mechanisms, risk factors and outcomes
 - Prevention research
 - Behavioral, social, and public policy research
 - Translational research, including clinical trials and outcomes, services, and systems research
 - Development of essential research infrastructure elements
 - Basic biomedical research