

Cerebration of world physiotherapy day in Bangladesh: voice raises for playing key role in rehabilitation sector

Editorial

Physiotherapy is a part and parcel of modern medical science; it is considered as applied branch of clinical medicine. Physiotherapy has various areas of application namely orthopedic, neurology, pediatric, cardio-pulmonary, burn and plastic surgery, gynecology, sports, gerontology etc. Day by day popularity and acceptability of physiotherapy is increasing in Bangladesh because prevalence of non-communicable diseases (diabetes, stroke, arthritis) is going upward as like other parts of the world results wide number of disability. Besides back pain, neck pain, shoulder pain, knee pain is very common now a days due to upward trend of technology dependent life style. In addition to this early age stroke is increasing. As a result, rest of the life he or she has to lead life dependently on others. Average life span has been increased due to up gradation of health system but this ultimately brings large number of geriatric people in our country. So in all sphere demand of physiotherapy is an urgent need. There are more than two thousand graduate physiotherapists in Bangladesh now and every year another two hundred are adding and almost all of them are working in private sector, NGO sector because no post for physiotherapists in Government level. As a result, large number of population especially rural, poor, marginalized people are depriving from physiotherapy service. As demand of this treatment is increasing and no regulatory body for controlling professional dignity resulting born of quack practice here and there which ultimately misguiding patients about physiotherapy. Every year World Physiotherapy Day (8September) is celebrating spontaneously in our country. Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association (BPA) arranges a huge rally from Central Shaheed Minar to National Press Club and draws attention about establishment of Government Physiotherapy College, Council and Post to policy maker. Print as well as electronic media supports this demand on occasion of World Physiotherapy Day. Various medical camp and free consultation was arranged by physiotherapists in this day. President of Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association Dr.

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Dolilur Rahman demands recognition of physiotherapy profession in Bangladesh. General Secretary of BPA Dr. Farid Uddin demands appointment of physiotherapists in Government hospital without delay. As executive member of BPA Dr. Md Mizanur Rahman feels urgency of council to provide quality service. According to World Health Organization health has key pillar like promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative. Without involvement of Physiotherapists, it is quite impossible to ensure rehabilitative service. So time has come to think about this issue. As a supreme authority WHO can handle this burning issue to reduce distress of disable people.

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