



The Bone and Joint Decade

Promoting musculoskeletal health

Keep people moving

The Bone and Joint Decade Elevator Speech

The Bone and Joint Decade is an organisation dedicated to improving life for millions across the globe who are affected by Musculoskeletal Conditions.

1 in 4 of the World's population is affected by such conditions, a ratio set to worsen as the population continues to age.

The Bone and Joint Decade is the only organisation linking networks of health care professionals and patients right across the world to provide a unified voice and a global reach. With access to high-level policy makers, and particularly close relationships with the WHO, the UN, the EU, and supporting governments in 63 countries; the Bone and Joint Decade is uniquely positioned to promote musculoskeletal health and science worldwide.

Over the past 10 years the collaborative achievements of the Bone and Joint Decade include:

- European Strategy for Non-communicable Diseases (WHO)
- Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries (WHO and World Bank)
- Road Safety including World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention (UN)
- The Burden of Musculoskeletal Conditions at the Start of the New Millennium (WHO)
- European Action Towards Better Musculoskeletal Health (EU)
- WHO-BJD-EFORT Partnership for Improved Trauma Care

In 2010 the Decade renewed its mandate for another 10 years with the Vision "Keep People Moving".

Over the next ten years the Bone and Joint Decade will:

- raise awareness of the burden of musculoskeletal conditions
- develop sustainable networks
- increase knowledge of the suffering and costs of musculoskeletal conditions
- empower people to prioritise their own care
- improve access to cost-effective prevention and treatment
- increase research into musculoskeletal disorders, prevention and treatment
- provide access to supportive information

The objective of the Bone and Joint Decade is to raise the recognition of the importance of musculoskeletal conditions at the global, regional and national levels; and to reduce the burden and cost of musculoskeletal disorders to individuals, carers and society.