

Professional Behaviour / Attitude	Professional Behaviour and Attitude Statement
<i>Patient Focus</i>	A Rehabilitation Physician has a positive and constructive attitude to the development of strategies to enable the person with disability and handicap to realise their full potential. A Rehabilitation Physician recognises the perspective and beliefs of the patient, and endeavours to incorporate the patient's needs and expectations into the plan of care. A Rehabilitation Physician is aware of and sensitive to issues of ethnicity, culture, gender and sexuality. He/she recognises the importance of the patient's family in supporting the patient, as well as the potential difficulties the family may experience in the care of a disabled family member.
<i>Professional Role</i>	A Rehabilitation Physician behaves with empathy, courtesy, responsibility and accountability towards patients and their families, and towards other health professionals. A Rehabilitation Physician understands the extent of their competence and how their role extends the traditional medical role. A Rehabilitation Physician recognises and respects the contributions and roles of other medical practitioners in the process of care. He/she is prepared and willing to actively promote Rehabilitation Medicine to the medical profession.
<i>Maintenance of Professional Standards</i>	A Rehabilitation Physician views competence as a continuing process of education and learning by which he/she ensures that clinical practice is of the highest standard. He/she is willing to openly and regularly review personal competence, and to improve clinical skills as necessary.
<i>Interdisciplinary Management</i>	While a Rehabilitation Physician accepts full and ultimate responsibility for the rehabilitation care of the patient, he/she recognises the necessity of interdisciplinary team management, especially in the care of persons with permanent and complex disability. He/she understands the specific skills of each team member, and develops a close professional relationship with these allied disciplines. A Rehabilitation Physician appreciates the synergistic effect of cohesive team management, and strives to support the team in achieving holistic and expert care.
<i>Patient Advocacy</i>	A Rehabilitation Physician is prepared at all times and to the best of his/her ability to represent and support persons with disability in the achievement and defence of their rights to receive optimal medical and rehabilitation care, and to pursue their chosen lifestyle with independence and dignity. He/she is aware of the full extent of potential disadvantage arising from disability, and is willing to assist persons with disability in achieving their full rights in society, especially with regard to medical care, accommodation, community support, community access, safety, transport, and appropriate political and legal representation.