

## **North America**

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Neurorehabilitation in North America is wide-ranging and addresses the needs of patients with multiple neurological conditions. Services are provided in many settings (inpatient, outpatient home-based) and at various levels of intensity ranging from single discipline rehabilitation to intensive interdisciplinary rehabilitation.

Many disease-specific patient associations (multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, brain injury, etc.) provide information and limited direct services, but rehabilitation is not usually their major focus

There are many discipline-specific professional organizations with sections or special interest groups devoted to neurorehabilitation. These include the American Physical Therapy Association, the American Occupational Therapy Association, the American Speech Therapy Association and the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, among others. Medical organizations include the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair section of the American Academy of Neurology. Multidisciplinary professional societies include the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine and the American Society of Neurorehabilitation (ASNR).

The ASNR is one of the member societies of the World Federation for Neurorehabilitation (WFNR). Along with the WFNR it sponsors our well recognized journal, Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair. The major goals of the ASNR are to promote research and education. The ASNR sponsors regular webinars and holds an annual congress, the next planned for April 7-9 in St. Louis. The ASNR has also expressed interest in participating in the World Congress of Neurorehabilitation, tentatively scheduled for Vancouver in 2024. The ASNR has an excellent research mentorship program, and awards small research seed grants.

In summary, although there are many North American societies and organizations, the ASNR is the multidisciplinary organization most closely aligned with the WFNR.

General issues and problems related to neurorehabilitation in North America include inadequate reimbursement for patient care, need for more research investment and dealing with the challenges of the current COVID-19 pandemic.