

**The activity of the *Global Alliance
against Respiratory Diseases (GARD)*
Italian
GARD-I**

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Introduction



Public Health Current Situation in Italy

The Ministry of Health works in the context of devolution, according to the reform of Title V of the Constitution of 2001.

Today the National Health System is responding to new and different requests for assistance:

- High prevalence of chronic conditions
- Long periods care
- Continuity of care
- Use of strategies, and actions to stabilize acute pathological situations and improve patients quality of life.

Public Health Current Situation in Italy

- **It's necessary to look for new and different balance in which the patient, and not the disease, is at the heart of the system.**
- **We need to create renewed partnerships**
- **The person and not the disease must be at the center of the care pathway.**
- **Need for "integration" between hospitals and territories: preservation of the function of the networks specialist, and the appreciation of the role of general practitioners (GPs) and pediatricians (PLS).**

Respiratory Diseases



- **Third cause of death**
- **Incidence increase**
- **Under-diagnosed**
- **Adverse effect quality of life**

Italian Strategy prevention against Respiratory Diseases

**Subscription GARD
2004**



**Prevention and control of non
communicable diseases**

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GARD-Italy 2009



**Voluntary national alliance
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respiratory diseases: scientific
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fight respiratory diseases**

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National Plan of Prevention



**Agreement between State
and Regions**

**Among priority areas
prevention of respiratory
diseases**

Gard-Italy

- Voluntary national alliance involving the main actors of respiratory diseases, such as scientific societies, patient organizations, and universities, aimed at the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategy to fight respiratory diseases.
- Gard-I mission is to reduce the incidence, morbidity and mortality of respiratory diseases in the long term through an integrated approach.
- The mission and intent of Gard-I are indicated in the strategy document, prepared by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with scientific societies and patient associations working in the field of respiratory disease.
- Each subscriber to GARD-I in Italy accepts unreservedly the strategy document and shares the purpose of the Alliance expressed in it.

Strategy document

- **Building alliances**
- **Creating a data base for respiratory diseases**
- **Advocacy**
- **Implementation of policies for health promotion and prevention of respiratory disease (intervention on the population)**
- **Implementation strategies for management of chronic respiratory diseases (individual action)**
- **Implementation of policies across sectors**

Organization

- **Gard-I has set up its own rules of procedure, and is divided into a General Assembly and an Executive Committee and also operates through working groups**
- **The Alliance is not financed by the Ministry of Health. Members and experts participate voluntarily in meetings of the Assembly, the Executive Committee and Working Groups.**
- **Publications on the activities of GARD-I, including those written by experts or members, must receive authorization from the Ministry of health before its release.**
- **The Ministry of Health is responsible for the technical leadership and secretary of GARD-I.**

Working group GARD-I (2010-2012)

- **Prevention of respiratory disease in schools**
- **Smoke and home environment**
- **Early diagnosis medicine**
- **Continuity of care: COPD**
- **Education/Training**



***La continuità assistenziale:
Broncopneumopatia Cronica
Ostruttiva
(BPCO)***



***La qualità dell'aria nelle scuole e
rischi per malattie respiratorie e
allergiche***

***Quadro conoscitivo sulla situazione
italiana e strategie di prevenzione***



***La formazione nell'ambito delle
malattie respiratorie:
il punto di vista del Medico di Medicina
Generale***



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Working group 2013-2014

- **Environment and respiratory diseases**
- **Surveillance in chronic respiratory diseases**
- **Asthma and allergies of children**
- **Smoke and home environment**
- **Continuity of care: Respiratory Failure**

Conclusion

We have to:

Make institutions, scientific societies and patients sit around a table with the specific target of giving directions and useful indications to policy-maker to try to overcome current problems.

This doesn't mean only empowering fields actors as essential, it doesn't mean to arrive at a synthesis of the scientific evidence and organizational,

it doesn't mean only to arrive at a compromise between the ideal and the real,

it means put the center of thought at first, and the action, then, in the complexity of the patient's needs.



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