

Managing Collateral Disability in the Disability Continuum

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ABSTRACT Emotional responses of parents of children with physical disabilities are not clearly addressed in the disability definition and therefore rarely addressed in the course of assessment and management of the disabled patient by the physiotherapists. In the provision of family-centred care for disabled persons, the impact of disablement on every member of the family including carers should be reviewed. This would assist in furthering the bio-psychosocial model of care. This paper briefly outlines the most common emotional responses and collateral disablement experienced by parents of children with disabilities (CWD) and the implications of this to physiotherapy in the family-centred care.