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## *The Berlin Declaration*

Musculoskeletal conditions are the second greatest cause of disability globally according to a report by international experts, published in The Lancet dec.15, 2012. The report notes that the burden of bone and joint conditions have increased with 45 percent over the past 20 years and will continue to do so unless action is taken.

Disability due to musculoskeletal conditions and injuries can be effectively prevented by currently available interventions such as accident prevention, modern treatment of joint diseases and injuries with implementation of specialised trauma management system and rehabilitation.

To address the rapid, and never ending, technological development serving an increasing ageing population, it is imperative to develop cost effective treatments, based on quality assurance and patient safety as well as evidence based strategies and to measure clinical outcome.

The continuous education of surgeons, orthopaedic and general practitioners is vital to ensure that information is mutually exchanged to establish best practice for the benefit of patients with bone and joint diseases.

Chinese and German orthopaedic and specialised trauma physicians are now starting a closer cooperation to increase bilateral technology and knowledge transfer.

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