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# **PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATE REHABILITATIVE FACILITIES IN MALAYSIA**

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## SUMMARY

The starting point for the provision of appropriate facilities for rehabilitation is the government aim of achieving health for all by the year 2000. Malaysia has a range of health facilities for primary and secondary care in the form of rural clinics, health centres and hospitals which have been provided in accordance with the need and demand for health care. However in the early 1980s the country began an economic and social transformation with consequential changes in health patterns, resulting in increased hospital admissions. This has led to a need for more hospitals with a corresponding strain on resources and, as hospitals take a long time to build and require large funds, their provision has not kept pace with increased demand. As the year 2000 approaches, the government objectives of achieving health for all may not be met with the present pattern of use of hospital facilities.

An alternative approach is suggested in which non-acute patients are provided with alternative facilities, preferably out in the community, while acute beds are freed for those needing them most. The form of this service is proposed and the provision of appropriate facilities is examined including a review of existing resources. Finally planning and design guidelines are developed to enable the facility to be implemented.

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