General Introduction of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation



Definition of Rehabilitation

- habil(Latin):
 able
- rehabilitation: making able again
- Synonym:

reconstruction, reconditioning, reeducation, convalescent care

Definition of Physical Medicine

• A branch of medicine using physical agents, such as light, heat, water, electricity and mechanical agents in the management of diseases

Definition of Rehabilitation Medicine (I)

- S. Licht: Rehabilitation Medicine is the medical management of physical disability
- F.H. Krusen: Rehabilitation involves treatment and training of the patient to the end that he may attain his maximal potential for normal living physically, psychologically, socially and vocationally.

Definition of Rehabilitation Medicine (II)

- J.F. Lehmann: A continuing effect to restore function and reintegrate the patient into his family and community.
- H.J. Yesner: A treatment process designed to help physically handicapped individuals make maximal use of residual capacities and to enable them to obtain optimal satisfaction and usefulness in terms of themselves, their families and community.

Definition of Rehabilitation Medicine

 Rehabilitation is defined as the development of a person to the fullest physical, psychological, social, vocational and educational potentials consistent with his or her physiological or anatomical impairment and environmental limitations.

Goal of Rehabilitation

- The realistic goal is to obtain optimal function despite pathological process that cannot be reversed even with the best of modern medical treatment.
- 1.Return to previous work
 2.Shelter work
 - 3.part-time work at home
 - 4.independent in self-care at home
 - 5. independent in self-care in nursing home
 - 6.partially independent

Concept of Rehabilitation Medicine

• Rehabilitation is a concept that should permeate the entire health care system. It should be comprehensive and should include prevention, early recognition, outpatient, inpatient and extended care programs.





