



Gemeinsame Erklärung der europäischen Berufsorganisation der Gesundheitsberufe zu COVID_19

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Die Beschäftigten in Gesundheitsberufen schreien nach Ausrüstung!

Zwölf europäische Organisationen, die alle am Kampf gegen Covid-19 beteiligten Gesundheitsfachberufe vertreten, haben sich getroffen, um die aktuelle Situation in ganz Europa zu bewerten und die wesentlichen Erfordernisse zur Bewältigung der schlimmsten Gesundheitskrise, mit der die Europäische Union bisher konfrontiert war, aufzulisten, wobei bis heute mehr als 300.000 Fälle von COVID 19 im EU-Gebiet und im Vereinigten Königreich gezählt wurden.

Alle Berufsorganisationen der Gesundheitsberufe eint unter anderem dasselbe Problem: der Mangel an Persönlicher Schutzausrüstung in nahezu jedem Mitgliedsland. Die zu geringe Verfügbarkeit von medizinischer Ausrüstung (z.B. Beatmungsgeräte und ECMO-Geräte) wurde ebenfalls beklagt.

Es gibt einen überaus dringenden Bedarf nach mehr Ressourcen, um eine angemessene Personalausstattung sicherzustellen, sowie eine höhere Verfügbarkeit an Schutzausrüstung und medizinischer Ausrüstung. Es ist daher unerlässlich, bei der Überwachung und Unterstützung der Bemühungen der nationalen Regierungen und der Europäischen Kommission zusammenzuarbeiten, um sicherzustellen, dass die für die Behandlung von COVID-19-Patienten benötigten medizinischen Geräte und Medikamente für die Länder in kritischen Situationen zur Verfügung gestellt werden. Die EU muss priorisieren, dafür zu sorgen, dass alle Mitgliedsstaaten ihre Ressourcen zusammenführen und die Präventionsprotokolle harmonisieren, um den Schutz von Leben zu gewährleisten.

Darüber hinaus halten wir es für unerlässlich, dass die Testkapazitäten erhöht werden, damit das gesamte in unseren stationären und ambulanten Diensten und Einrichtungen tätige Personal die Möglichkeit hat, sich gegebenenfalls auf das Corona-Virus testen zu lassen.

Auch in Zeiten der Krise müssen angemessene Arbeitsbedingungen gewährleistet werden. Die Mitarbeiter/innen müssen Pausen und Ruhezeiten zwischen ihren Schichten erhalten, denn nur so werden sie in einer möglicherweise lange andauernden weltweiten Krise durchhalten können. Unter solchen Bedingungen arbeiten zu müssen ist eine enorme Belastung für die psychische Gesundheit der Mitarbeiter/innen, deshalb muss auch hierzu für geeignete unterstützende Dienste gesorgt werden.

Und schließlich: Die europäischen Berufsorganisationen fordern die EU-Kommission auf, einen Dialog mit den Europäischen Gesundheitsberufen zu eröffnen, um Erfahrungen und Gute Praxis in ganz Europa untereinander zu teilen und sicherzustellen, dass sich die eigenen Unterstützungsmaßnahmen der Kommission auf die operativen Prioritäten vor Ort konzentrieren.

Wir wiederholen es: #StayHomeSaveLives #SafeWorkersSaveLives

Unterszeichnet von:

Dr Erich-Theo Merholz, AEMH President

The European Association for Senior Hospital Physicians (AEMH) provides a European platform for hospital physicians, which develops and maintains a spirit of cooperation and communication among its national member delegations, improving the understanding of the different health systems. It encourages the exchange of ideas and experiences and promotes discussion among doctors, patients and politicians with the major objective of promoting health and improving patient safety.

Dr. Marco Landi, President of CED

The Council of European Dentists (CED) is a European not-for-profit association representing over 340,000 dental practitioners across Europe through 33 national dental associations and chambers in 31 European countries. Established in 1961 to advise the European Commission on matters relating to the dental profession, the CED aims to promote high standards on oral healthcare and dentistry with effective patient-safety centred professional practice, and to contribute to safeguarding the protection of public health. The CED is registered in the Transparency Register with the ID number 4885579968-84.

Dr. José SANTOS on behalf of CEOM. Thierry Troosters, President European Council of Medical Orders – CEOM

The purpose of the CEOM is to promote within the European Union and the European Free Trade Association the practice of high-quality medicine respectful of patients' needs. CEOM brings together the Medical Councils and the independent medical regulatory authorities of European Union Member States and the European Free Trade Association responsible for either, ethics and professional conduct, registration or licensing procedures, disciplinary matters regarding physicians, recognition of qualifications and levels of specialty, authorization to practice and setting of professional standards. CEOM is the leader medical organization in Europe addressing the issue of violence in healthcare settings.

Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery,, CPME President

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through proactive cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.

We believe the best possible quality of health and access to healthcare should be a reality for everyone.

We see the patient-doctor relationship as fundamental in achieving these objectives.

We are committed to interdisciplinary cooperation among doctors and with other health professions.

We strongly advocate a 'health in all policies' approach to encourage cross-sectorial awareness for and action on the determinants of health.

Petr Horák on behalf of the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP).

The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) is a not-for-profit organisation that defends the interests of more than 23.300 European hospital pharmacists from its 35 member organisations. EAHP works to develop knowledge on hospital pharmacy to ease the improvement of care and outcomes for patients in the hospital setting. The Association achieves this through science, practice, research, education, as well as sharing best-practice and responsibility with other healthcare professionals. More information about EAHP is available [here](#).

Paul De Raeve, EFN Secretary General

The European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN) was established in 1971. The EFN represents over 36 National Nurses Associations and its work has an effect on the daily work of 3 million nurses throughout the European Union and 6 million in Europe. The EFN is the

independent voice of the nursing profession and its mission is to strengthen the status and practice of the profession of nursing for the benefit of the health of the citizens and the interests of nurses in the EU and Europe. For more information: www.efnweb.eu

Mathias Körner, President of the EJD

Representing over 300.000 Junior Doctors all over Europe the EJD's initial objective includes safeguarding the interests of the Junior Doctors in Europe by improving the working conditions, the mobility in the profession and set standards regarding the quality of postgraduate medical training

Mervi Jokinen President of the EMA

European Midwives Association (EMA) is a non-profit and non-governmental organisation representing 40 midwifery associations from 31 countries in the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA), Council of Europe and EU applicant countries. EMA is the voice of over 120.000 midwives in Europe. Our vision is to promote women's general and reproductive health; strengthen the status and the practice of the midwifery profession; and act as a liaison with the EU, the Council of Europe and other institutions at European level.

Jan Willem Goudriaan, EPSU General Secretary

EPSU is the European Federation of Public Service Unions. It is the largest federation of the ETUC and comprises 8 million public service workers from over 260 trade unions across Europe. EPSU organises workers in the energy, water and waste sectors, health and social services and local, regional and central government, in all European countries including the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood. In our sectors we organise workers in the public, the non-profit, mixed and private sector including in multinational companies. It is the recognised regional organisation of Public Services International (PSI). For more information please go to: www.epsu.org.

Thierry Troosters, ERS President

The European respiratory Society (ERS) is an international organisation that brings together physicians, healthcare professionals, scientists and other experts working in respiratory medicine. It is one of the leading medical organisations in the respiratory field, with a growing membership representing over 160 countries worldwide. Its mission is to promote lung health in order to alleviate suffering from disease and drive standards for respiratory medicine globally. www.ersnet.org

Dr Joao de Deus, FEMS President

European Federation of Salaried Doctors (FEMS) groups trade unions and medical associations across Europe aiming to defend at European level the moral and material interests of doctors working under administrative subordination, to ensure these doctors and their patients the best possible level of working conditions, decent salaries, continuous professional development, diagnostic and therapeutic independence with respect to administrations, whose exclusively economic point of view can sometimes be in conflict with the principles of a quality health system and correct medicine.

Professor Lina Badimon. She is Chair Advocacy Committee and Board Member European Society of Cardiology and President Prof. Vassilios PAPALOIS and its Secretary General Dr João Grenho. (UEMS)

A few words about our organization: the European Union of Medical Specialists is the voice of medical specialists in Europe. We represent medical specialists in 40 countries, through the membership of national medical associations. We work to improve patientcare and healthcare practices through the harmonization of specialist training and continuing medical education.