

## **Statement from the European Society of Endocrinology Condemning Attacks on Healthcare Facilities and Healthcare Workers**

The European Society of Endocrinology (ESE) unequivocally condemns the recent and ongoing attacks on healthcare facilities and healthcare workers around the world. These horrific acts not only threaten the lives and well-being of dedicated medical professionals but also jeopardise the health and safety of countless individuals who depend on their care.

Healthcare workers are the backbone of our global health systems, tirelessly working to improve and save lives, often under challenging and hazardous conditions. Attacks on these individuals and the facilities where they provide essential services are an affront to humanity and a violation of international humanitarian laws.

ESE calls for the immediate cessation of all forms of violence against healthcare facilities and workers. We urge all parties involved in conflicts to respect the sanctity of medical spaces and the neutrality of healthcare personnel. The protection of healthcare infrastructure is critical to ensuring that medical care can be provided to those in need, especially in times of crisis.

We stand in solidarity with our colleagues across the globe who continue to demonstrate unwavering dedication in the face of adversity. ESE remains committed to supporting measures that safeguard the health and safety of healthcare workers and the communities they serve.

The European Society of Endocrinology appeals to governments, international organisations, and civil society to take decisive action to prevent attacks on healthcare facilities and workers. Ensuring their protection is not only a moral obligation but also essential for maintaining global health security.



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