

Statement

Joint statement from the European Society of Endocrinology (ESE) and the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE) at the occasion of the humanitarian crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh (Republic of Artsakh).

ESE and ESPE have been approached by colleagues to draw the attention to the humanitarian crisis in the Nagorno-Karabakh region (Republic of Artsakh).

The European Commission's High-Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell recently addressed the humanitarian crisis in the European Parliament and his statement can be found [here](#). Other parliamentary resolutions as well as statements of international organizations like the [United Nations](#) and [Amnesty International](#) have called for action to end this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

The way that this crisis affects the population is a big concern to our community of health care professionals. Patients in Nagorno-Karabakh are facing a lack of access to specialist diagnostic services and surgical interventions as well as difficulties to continue or initiate required treatments caused by lack of drug supply. We stand in solidarity with our Armenian ESE and ESPE members and colleagues, and support healthcare professionals in Nagorno-Karabakh in the care of their patients (with endocrine diseases) in extraordinary circumstances

Children and adults with endocrine diseases require both urgent interventions to address acute situations, but also long term care and therapy to prevent acute emergency of chronic conditions, that require ongoing replacement of hormones as in diabetes, diabetes insipidus, adrenal and thyroid insufficiency. Also medication that suppresses excessive hormone activity, as in the case of endocrine cancers or hypersecretion of hormones, is required. The medication needed to treat these diseases is listed and explained in a [joint statement issued by ESE and ESPE](#).

ESE and ESPE therefore call upon all parties to secure the provision of adequate supply of medication essential to treat patients with potentially life-threatening acute or chronic endocrine conditions. We also call upon all parties to secure free and safe passage for patients that require specialized medical interventions.

Our societies also call on their members and partners to assist in any way possible in alleviating the needs of the population of Nagorno-Karabakh. Support can be provided under form of a financial donation to the [VIVA Foundation](#): "Doctors and volunteers for Armenia". This NGO was established with the mission to provide the hospitals and clinics of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh (Republic of Artsakh) with hospital facilities, equipment, medication, materials and instruments.

Our societies stand ready to provide additional information where needed, and to work with like-minded NGOs and our partners to support patients and health care providers in the Nagorno-Karabakh region .

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About the European Society of Endocrinology

The European Society of Endocrinology (ESE) provides a platform to develop and share leading research and best knowledge in endocrine science and medicine. By uniting and representing every part of the endocrine community, we are best placed to improve the lives of patients. Through the 51 National Societies involved with the ESE Council of Affiliated Societies (ECAS) ESE represents a community of over 20,000 European endocrinologists. We inform policy makers on health decisions at the highest level through advocacy efforts across Europe.

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About the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology

The European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology (ESPE) is an international society registered in Europe that promotes the highest levels of clinical care for infants, children and adolescents with endocrine problems throughout the world, including in less advantaged areas. Our mission is to advance excellence in paediatric endocrinology and diabetes by promoting research, education and medical practice to the benefit of child and adolescent health throughout the world.

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