



To the Constituent Members
of the World Medical Association

Observers and Guests of the
2020 WMA General Assembly

5 November 2020

2020 General Assembly (online), Cordoba, 26-30 October 2020

Dear Colleagues,
Dear Friends,

Thanks to your fruitful contributions and enthusiasm, our online 2020 General Assembly (Cordoba) was a great success. Together, we have overcome the challenges of the meeting's virtual format, and we are very grateful for your patience and understanding.

We feel honored to have Dr David Barbe from the United-States as our new President for 2020-2021. We are most appreciative of our outgoing President, Dr Miguel Jorge from Brazil, for his significant involvement as President 2019-2020, his guidance, and friendship. Dr Jorge will remain active as Immediate-Past President for the next year. Dr Heidi Stensmyren from Sweden was elected for President 2021-2022.

We have important new policies and we revised existing policies to reflect the latest consensus opinions of our profession. Please find the list of adopted policies from this meeting and these are available at the WMA website (<https://www.wma.net/policy/>):

- [WMA Declaration of Cordoba on Patient-Physician Relationship](#)
- [WMA Declaration of Oslo on Social Determinants of Health](#) (revised)
- [WMA Declaration of Ottawa on Child Health](#) (revised)
- [WMA Declaration on Pseudoscience and Pseudotherapies in the Field of Health](#)
- [WMA Statement concerning the Relationship between Physicians and Commercial Enterprises](#) (revised)
- [WMA Statement on Gene-Editing](#)
- [WMA Statement on Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease](#)
- [WMA Statement on Physicians' Responsibilities in Preventing and Combating Transplant-related Crimes](#)
- [WMA Statement on Stem Cell Research](#) (revised)
- [WMA Resolution in support of an International Day of the Medical Profession, October 30](#)
- [WMA Resolution in Support of Dr Serdar Küni](#) (reaffirmed as a Resolution)
- [WMA Resolution in support to the Turkish Medical Association](#)
- [WMA Resolution on Equitable Global Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [WMA Resolution on Human Rights Violations against Uighur people in China](#)

- [WMA Resolution on Protecting the Future Generation's Right to Live in a Healthy Environment](#)
- [WMA Resolution on the Access to Adequate Pain Treatment](#) (revised)
- [WMA Resolution on the Responsibility of Physicians in the Documentation and Denouncing Acts of Torture and Ill-treatment](#) (revised)
- [WMA Resolution on Violence against Women and Girls](#) (revised)
- [WMA Resolution regarding the Medical Profession and COVID-19](#)

Policies reaffirmed by the 215th Council Session:

- [WMA Statement on Freedom to Attend Medical Meetings](#) (with minor revision)
- [WMA Statement on the Relationship between Physicians and Pharmacists in Medicinal Therapy](#) (with minor revision)
- [WMA Resolution on Drug Prescription](#) (with minor revision)
- [WMA Resolution on the Designation of an Annual Medical Ethics Day](#)
- [WMA Resolution on the Healthcare Situation in Syria](#) (with minor revision)
- [WMA Resolution on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons](#) (with minor revision)

Six press releases were issued since 23 October 2020, and more to be released next days. Please visit <https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/> and stay tuned!

These are strong policies and we encourage you to promulgate them actively among your membership. We hope that your organizational leadership and membership will discuss them and use them as guidance resources to develop your national policies and apply their principles in your daily work as physicians serving your patients.

You may also find the following documents in the WMA box folder next weeks:

- **WMA Dues Categories 2021**
- **Final meeting documents with final index, participants list, and the list of physicians who died of COVID-19**

We welcome the Paraguayan Medical Association in our membership as a new Constituent Member and the Royal Dutch Medical Association for its rejoining.

This message would be incomplete without thanking all those who have assisted in the WMA work since last year's Assembly, be it financially, with voluntary efforts, or in other ways. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the Spanish Medical Association for its constructive cooperation in organising our online General Assembly and for its essential contribution to the discussion during the meetings.

With kind regards,



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Secretary General
World Medical Association

P.S. You may find the next meetings the WMA organizes on our event page of the WMA website (<https://www.wma.net/what-we-do/events/>).

- Extraordinary Socio-Medical Affairs Committee (online), 12 January 2021

- WMA 217th Council Session, Seoul, 22-24 April 2021
- Symposium on Vaccination at the Vatican, 1-2 July 2021
- WMA General Assembly, London, 13-16 October 2021