SICOT Declaration of Hyderabad on violence against healthcare workers

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During the SICOT meeting in Hyderabad, several Presidents of national orthopaedic associations asked SICOT to protest about violence against healthcare personnel which is considered by the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent as “one of the most crucial yet overlooked humanitarian issues today”.

Facing this increasing bane [1], SICOT, in collaboration with representatives of international and national orthopaedic associations, has decided to write the following declaration.

Today, SICOT is proud to have brought together 60 orthopaedic societies, representing more than 170,000 orthopaedic surgeons around the world, to fight for this fundamental human right, without regards to national, economic or philosophical segregation.

The list of societies who have co-signed this declaration is not exhaustive and any group or individual may always endorse the declaration and use it in its own country. Any voluntary support to move this action internationally and locally is welcome.

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Violence of any kind represents an unacceptable lack of elementary respect for the dignity and integrity of all members of the human race.

Amongst these aggressions, those directed against healthcare personnel, who expose themselves to assist those who are wounded and disabled, cannot be tolerated.

Besides the serious harm done to individuals, this violence will impair the general healthcare system and compromise medical assistance to the world’s population.

On behalf of the undersigned regional and national orthopaedic associations, the International Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology - SICOT urges international organizations and national authorities to take all the necessary measures to prevent and repress violence against healthcare workers and to protect them.

Prevention implies reporting each case of violence to establish an objective evaluation of the problem through national and international registries and sensitizing the civilian population.

Governmental authorities must introduce stronger penalties to fight this aggression. Hospital administrations and local authorities must provide protection around medical practices, especially during the night duties, with minimum safety standards.

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