

WFSA Statement on health care providers safety and wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic

A well-functioning health system is critical in any society and is crucial for both national economy and citizen wellbeing.

No health system can function without a sufficient number of healthy and competent health professionals.

Therefore, all countries must ensure that also in the current pandemic, health professionals have sufficient provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other tools to prevent them from becoming sick and unable to treat their patients¹.

Health professional wellbeing must be prioritised, regarding working hours, rest and other measures to counteract ill-health and burnout and non-functioning health professionals².

The WFSA maintains a [COVID-19 resource webpage](#) with up-to-date information and can provide additional advice on request.

The World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists represents hundreds of thousands of anaesthesiologists in 150 countries with the mission to unite anaesthesiologists around the world to improve patient care and access to safe anaesthesia and perioperative medicine.

Worldwide, anaesthesiologists are playing an essential role in the critical care management and perioperative management of COVID-19 patients.

The WFSA is in official relations with the WHO.

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