

SICOT Declaration of Hyderabad

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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Name of the Orthopaedic Association (full and acronym)

Signature of the President
or responsible officer

Name:.....

Function:.....