



## **Ukrainian Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Therapy**

### **To whom it may concern**

Dear colleagues!

On behalf of the Ukrainian Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Therapy, I call on you to stand up for human life, humanity and peace! I call on you to stand together with Ukraine and stop Russia's military aggression - with all possible power we have!

On February 24, 2022, the life of our country, Europe and the whole world has changed forever. Russia has launched an unprovoked war of aggression against the sovereign independent state of Ukraine. This is not just a war against Ukraine. This is the war against freedom, democracy, human rights and humanity itself - all values that unite the free world.

Russian troops are killing civilians, bombing residential areas in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Sumy, Okhlyrka, and many other cities. They shell kindergartens and schools; they shoot up at ambulances with the wounded people. In Kyiv, target marks for missile were found on the walls of Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital. In Kharkiv, Russian missiles hit the city hospital. Not far from Kyiv, a shell hit a maternity hospital. Rocket attacks on Ukraine are also launched from the territory of Belarus, and Belarusian military equipment is already on the territory of our state.

According to the official data of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, as of February 28, at least 16 children were killed and 35 wounded as a result of the Russian attack. Overall, more than 350 civilians were killed and over 2,000 wounded - and that's only in five days of war. It has to be stopped!

In addition to the military and diplomatic aspects of ending the war, we must reach out to Russian society! We must call on Russian community leaders and the influencers

who adequately assess the situation, not to remain silent, to speak out against the war in Ukraine. Doctors, representatives of this noble profession, respected members of their communities, understand more than anyone the value of every human life and we call upon them to raise their voice within Russian society, to voice the demand to stop the war.

Until the war in Ukraine stops, we must show the Russian state that the democratic world does not accept war. We are asking you to expel Russian and Belorussian members from all the possible medical societies, blocking their participation in educational events and conferences as speakers. All the world is working hard to stop this aggression, boycotting any sport, entertainment events in order to break through the wall of Russian propaganda in this way and reach out to their society.

Russian citizens must show their condemnation of Putin's actions and call their government to account.

In the matter of stopping war and saving human lives, we doctors cannot stand apart. Help Ukraine to stop this war!

Respectfully,

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