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EUROPEAN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY COLLABORATION TO SUPPORT UKRAINE HEALTHCARE

The European Association for Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgeons (EACMFS) and the Section and Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery/ Union of European Medical Specialists (OMFS S&B UEMS) recognise that prompt measures are required to support Health Care in Ukraine.

EACMFS and OMFS S&B UEMS condemn the military invasion of the Russian Federation with the support of Belarus in Ukraine and express wholehearted solidarity with the people of Ukraine. EACMFS and OMFS S&B UEMS together are committed to support comprehensive medical care for all Ukrainians.

A close collaboration between EACMFS and OMFS S&B UEMS has enabled communication with colleagues in Ukraine and made it possible to assess needs aiming to benefit Ukrainian health care, surgical setups and patients.

Today oral and maxillofacial surgeons in Ukraine provide care for civilians that are mostly suffering from oral infections, as well as soft tissue injuries, due to difficulty to access medical care because of air attacks with bombing, as well as military personnel suffering from fractures, soft tissue injuries and gun-shot injuries.

The greatest demands are for osteosynthesis material, handpieces and drills, anaesthesia, suturing materials as well as lectures or webinars concerning modern aspects of management of gun-shot injuries. The current stock is only sufficient for a one or two more weeks.

All possible help is welcome. On behalf of EACMFS and OMFS S&B UEMS we ask you to review surgical instruments and materials in your location that could be delivered to our colleagues in Ukraine.

EACMFS and OMFS S&B UEMS have approached colleagues in Ukraine, as well as in bordering countries and identified contacts to support material and instrument transfer.

From 24th March 2022 the European Lecture Series (ELS) IV will adapt to the needs of the moment. There will be trauma lectures instead of the regular planned ELS programme.

Dr Yurii Chepurnii, of the Maxillofacial Department of Bogomolets National University at Kyiv provided a trustful contact in Ukraine close to the Ukrainian-Slovakian border who also will be able to coordinate any kind of support: Dan Prykhodko Dan.prykhodko@gmail.com +380633292971 (WhatsApp, telegram, Viber) +380674441814 (by voice). EACMFS and OMFS S&B UEMS stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine in these dark hours of need. We express our support and admiration to our colleagues who deliver medical and surgical care under such extreme conditions.

For further information, kindly contact EACMFS and OMFS S&B UEMS secretariat: Nick Kalavrezos, Hans-Peter Ulrich and Risto Kontio

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