



International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) Nursing Network Statement on the Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis

The SIOP Nursing Network stands in solidarity with the cancer nursing workforce in Ukraine. We acknowledge their vital role in humanitarian crises in alignment with the [International Council of Nurses Code of Ethics](#) Article 3.4 which states:

“Nurses prepare for and respond to emergencies, disasters, conflicts, epidemics, pandemics, social crises and conditions of scarce resources. The safety of those who receive care and services is a responsibility shared by individual nurses and the leaders of health systems and organisations. This involves assessing risks and developing, implementing and resourcing plans to mitigate these.”

To show our support, the SIOP Nursing Network has signed on to a [joint statement](#) from the International Council of Nurses, the European Federation of Nurses Associations, and the European Forum of National Nursing and Midwifery Associations.

SIOP leadership is actively supporting coordinated efforts to ensure the safety of Ukrainian children and adolescents with cancer. SIOP is working with partners: St. Jude Global, Childhood Cancer International (CCI), CCI Europe, SIOP Europe, the International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO), Paediatric Radiation Oncology Society (PROS), the WHO European office, and local health facilities and professionals. As of March 6, 2022, 150 children with cancer and over 400 of their family members have been successfully relocated to [Poland](#). Efforts are ongoing to relocate more children and families to surrounding countries (Republic of Moldova and Romania) and provide treatment and housing at [no-cost](#).

SIOP’s vision is that “no child should die from cancer: cure for more, care for all”. The SIOP Nursing Network endorses the [WHO’s stance](#) that **palliative and hospice care for children and adolescents with life-threatening illness be integrated into humanitarian responses**. We support the [Global Palliative Care Community’s statement](#) on the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Stories of the [evacuation](#) and [care](#) of these most vulnerable children are being told during this time at the behest of Ukrainian palliative care providers.

For additional information on SIOP’s response and how you can help: <https://siop-online.org/ukraine-how-you-can-help/>.

Lastly, we would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge other humanitarian crises in nations around the world. We stand in solidarity with the nurses and health professionals within these settings, many of whom risk their lives to provide care for children and adolescents with cancer.

