IPA Statement on Attack at Children’s Hospital in Ukraine

The International Pediatric Association (IPA) is deeply concerned by the recent bombing in Kyiv, Ukraine, including the Okhmatdyt Children’s Hospital. The attack has claimed the lives of 40 and left 140 people injured. It is heart-wrenching to imagine the fear from parents, healthcare workers, and even children who are still tethered to their intravenous drip evacuating from the facility.

As pediatricians and as part of the global community, it is our calling to work for the health and well-being of all children. No one should have to endure threats on their life while seeking essential health care. Every child has the right to grow and develop to their fullest potential and should never be the target of a country’s conflict.

Along with this statement, we earnestly ask all pediatricians across the globe to join us in raising our collective voices, calling on governments and international bodies to stop senseless attacks on children and work towards establishing peace.

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