

The ERS/ELF commitment in times of conflict

The European Respiratory Society (ERS) and the European Lung Foundation (ELF) strive to protect respiratory health and alleviate suffering of all people.

ERS and ELF strongly oppose all acts of violence, such as war, terrorism, sectarian conflicts, and discrimination against minorities. Such acts fundamentally threaten health and healthcare in countless ways, may lead to catastrophic shortages in essential medical supplies, restrict or remove access to treatment for patients and education for professionals, and displace or destroy healthcare infrastructure.

Respiratory patients are particularly vulnerable in times of conflict. ERS and ELF are committed to helping those patients according to our areas of expertise and without discrimination of any kind. ERS does this by ensuring that we support all healthcare professionals who can offer the care and treatment needed by those experiencing respiratory illness, and ELF offers resources to patients which can connect them to helpful organisations or provide health information in local languages.

Patients are at the centre of all our activities and the best interests of patients must be at the core of our decisions.

