



The IAHPC and WHPCA recommend that the Working Group include *the equitable delivery of palliative care* at all levels of the healthcare system alongside diagnostics, vaccines, and therapeutics to increase the potential benefits of a new instrument for strengthening pandemic preparedness and response. The ongoing pandemic is revealing shortcomings in all member states' health systems in this area, reflecting both training deficits as well as shortages of palliative care specialists and essential palliative care medicines. The agreed language exists in WHA 67/19, the Astana Declaration and the Political Declaration on UHC. Palliative care addresses the serious health related suffering brought on by the pandemic -- suffering of patients, healthcare workers, and the most marginalized. Full statement can be found on our website <https://hospicecare.com/uploads/2021/11/IAHPC%20Statement,%20WHASS2.pdf>