

TRANSLATION

The Spanish General Councils of Dentists, Nursing, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Doctors, Podiatrists and Veterinarians, which bring together more than 800,000 professionals, gathered on April 22, 2020, make public a Manifesto

- Their deep regret for all the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic and for the more than 50 colleagues who lost their lives practicing their profession.
- We demand that the health authorities provide the required protective material to all professionals, and that it meets all the necessary conditions for approval. We express our outrage at the distribution of protective material (masks) without the necessary requirements and we support the measures taken by some of the Councils present at this meeting.
- We reiterate in the requirement to carry out tests to all health professionals, as well as the maximum number of tests to the population. We will not be able to lessen the impact of SARS-CoV-2 infection if we are not able to know the status of those who work on the front line, their risk of infection, the risk of them being a potential contagion agent, and their immune status. We look at other European countries, especially Portugal, and we do not understand that a State such as Spain, with a health system like the one we have, is not capable of responding in time to this measure recommended by the World Health Organization and by other countries based on their experience in dealing with the disease.
- We still regret that health authorities are not counting on the knowledge, advice and reaction capacity of the General Councils of Health Professionals. We regret that we are not able to contribute directly to the decision-making that affects healthcare groups that are so important to face this pandemic and to promote solutions that contribute to improving the situation in general.
- We demand to be part of the measures that are being taken and must be taken in the process of recovery to normal activity. We have a lot to contribute in relation to human resources policies at the moment, also in essential aspects such as protection and security material, diagnostic tests, development of healthcare circuits, planning of the return to

normal care of processes and pathologies that have discontinued, etc. It is therefore a priority that our participation be activated.

- We join the initiative of the General Medical Council of Spain to carry out an act of tribute to all health professionals, to be held when possible, in *Plaza de las Cortes* in Madrid, headquarters of the Parliament and of the Spanish people.
- We want to send all citizens a message of trust and commitment. We are still in a situation of uncertainty, due to the present ignorance that we have of this virus. This creates many difficulties when planning the measures to be taken in the medium and long term, and therefore we have to be very demanding when it comes to keeping our guard on preventive measures, such as social distancing, handwashing, frequent use of masks and others. It depends on your responsibility. Health professionals will always be with you.

Madrid, 22 April 2020