

## TRANSLATION

### **The Spanish General Medical Council's Input Regarding the Coronavirus Situation (Covid-19)**

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Given the data of the Coronavirus Pandemic in Spain on 22 March 2020, and the situation in which thousands of doctors are, as well as the rest of health professionals, who are doing their best, not only professionally but also personally, the Spanish General Medical Council (CGCOM) has issued a statement in which "it is forced to express its position" under the motto "Not one more day".

1. Not one more day without the necessary protection measures for the healthcare teams. We cannot continue to see an increase in cases of infection, with very serious consequences, sometimes on a personal basis (the number of professionals infected is 12%), and generally as an agent of the spread of the pandemic without denouncing the important shortcomings with which we are facing these moments. It is extremely urgent to protect our protective "shield".

2. Not one more day without the availability of diagnostic tests that provide us with the isolation and quarantine mechanisms required to counteract the devastating effects of this pandemic.

3. Not one more day without increasing community isolation measures. These measures must be firmly intensified and for the entire national territory. We are in a state of alarm and it is precisely this constitutional mechanism that must determine the intensity of decisions. It is time to applaud public servants, but it is mandatory to comply with the restrictions and assume responsibility as citizens. "Taking care of oneself, we take care of everyone."

4. Not one more day without a firm national policy of human resources in the healthcare area. Stratifying assistance, creating specific healthcare environments for coronavirus care and avoiding entering into any sterile struggle to absorb personnel between Autonomous Communities that may reduce the capacity for care in any national territory. Spanish doctors have made themselves available to the health authorities. Now it's time to put order in the planning and distribution. We will do our best.

5. We confirm our support to the Government of Spain and the Governments of the Autonomous Communities to face this immense challenge, but we urge that we do NOT maintain ONE MORE DAY a situation that will make us weaker in the face of the coronavirus and its serious consequences.

6. Our last reflection goes to citizens. Thanks for your effort and responsibility. You still have to keep holding it for a long time. We have to take extreme individual, family and community measures. Our main objective should be to protect our elders, to whom we owe so much, and those most in need. We're convinced that we are going to win this "war" TOGETHER