



Uniting and empowering anaesthesiologists around the world to improve patient care

WFSA Position statement on safety for anaesthesia workforce in regions of conflict 2024

The World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) is the largest global alliance of anaesthesiologists representing 141 active member societies in 150 countries. Our vision is universal access to safe anaesthesia, and our mission is uniting and empowering anaesthesiologists around the world to improve patient care.

A necessary condition to achieve our vision is for anaesthesiologists to have access to safe work environments in all locations and settings in which they practice, in times of peace and conflict alike. The WFSA recognizes that the lack of access to safe anaesthesia care for patients in regions of conflict is a continuing concern.

The Geneva Conventions are international treaties that provide protection for the wounded and sick and safeguard the safety of medical personnel working in regions of armed conflict. The WFSA firmly demands that the principles of the Geneva Conventions be upheld at all times. Ensuring compliance with international humanitarian law will enable anaesthesiologists to accomplish their mission, particularly in places where access to safe anaesthesia care is compromised by any type of attacks, natural disasters, and potential civil unrest.