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European Community Pharmacists for Ukraine

Dear all,

In these dark hours we think it is important to extend our Ukrainian colleagues and all Ukrainian people our solidarity and friendship but also give them some concrete support by providing medicines and medical devices.

The Ukrainian Ministry of Health has circulated a list of the products they need the most. We identified those which are available without prescription. Please see the attachment. They also informed us that they urgently need first aid kits.

We would like to suggest a two phased approached, namely:

- In this first phase, we invite your organizations to make a donation to your national civil protection agency who is coordinating aids with the other EU countries or to buy where possible the above-mentioned first aid kits and/or listed products and to inform PGEU at pharmacy@pgeu.eu once you know the type and number of products you can donate. We will then liaise with the European Commission Directorate for Health and with the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office with whom we are in close contact.
- In a second phase, organize a joint initiative of donations by patients visiting the pharmacies like https://www.bancofarmaceutico.org/ (which collected in one day 485.000 medicines in Italy to be given to people in need) and other similar initiatives in your countries. PGEU will be happy to liaise bilaterally with all those of you who would be interested and coordinate the communication material. We will also liaise with the EU wholesalers' association GIRP to discuss possible collaborations for the collection and other logistical aspects.

We remain at your disposal for any further information, and we thank you for your cooperation.

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