

A letter from psychologists in Russia:

Dear colleagues, thank you very much for staying in touch with Russia. It is very important for us, we want to share our letter about this war:

"We, medical psychologists from Russia, working in the field of pediatric oncology/hematology and pediatric palliative care, oppose the hostilities that are taking place on the territory of Ukraine. The consequences of these tragic events have the most negative impact, both in the short and long term.

War is the concentration of everything destructive that can affect the human psyche. Total lack of security, uncertainty, violence, helplessness, loss of loved ones. This is an axiom not only for mental health professionals, but for all people living on earth. War is incompatible neither with life, nor with dignity, nor with the basic principles of humanity. War is a humanitarian catastrophe that multiplies pain and suffering. Its consequences nullify the efforts of many people aimed at combating trouble and disease, development, scientific, cultural, spiritual cooperation between peoples and countries.

We continue our work by providing psychological support and assistance to families with children undergoing cancer treatment, regardless of their beliefs.

We consider it important to maintain professional and human ties with our colleagues in Ukraine, trying to provide them with moral and professional support in their work with children and their parents who continue their treatment in the hospital, as well as with doctors, whose worries have been joined by fear for life and health - in connection with hostilities and their consequences. It is also important for us to maintain all international ties with our colleagues around the world. Non-material ties between people - cultural, scientific, friendly, spiritual - cannot be taken away.