



**ESMO Statement  
for the  
World Health Assembly  
22-28 May 2022**

**Agenda item 14.1: Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases**

Honorable Chair, Esteemed Delegates,

The [European Society for Medical Oncology \(ESMO\)](#) welcomes the NCD strategies under this agenda item. ESMO calls on countries to implement them to support achieving universal health coverage and resilient health systems. We urge the integration of these strategies into national NCD plans to avoid the delays and disruptions in cancer services reported by WHO during the current pandemic and health emergencies.

The evidence-based [ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines](#), that set the standard of cancer care, can support countries in planning and prioritizing their cancer services. These ESMO Guidelines have also been adapted for cancer management during the global pandemic and can be found on the [ESMO COVID-19 and Cancer portal](#) at [www.esmo.org](http://www.esmo.org)

Thank you.