



**ESMO Statement
for the
WHO Executive Board Meeting
30 January – 7 February 2023**

Agenda item 5: Universal Health Coverage

Honorable Chair, Esteemed Delegates,

The European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) represents more than 28,000 cancer professionals from over 160 countries.

We welcome the Director-General's call to accelerate and intensify priority actions towards achieving Universal Health Coverage.

Accordingly, we invite member states to draw upon ESMO's cancer resources in their efforts to deliver the 3 strands of Universal Health Coverage:

1. Our 'Global Curriculum in Medical Oncology' to support training the necessary workforce to **'increase population coverage'**.
2. Our evidence-based 'Clinical Practice Guidelines' and 'Pan-Asian Adapted Guidelines' to support decisions to cost-effectively **'expand essential health services'**.
3. Our 'ESMO-Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale' to prioritize the use of cancer medicines to both improve health outcomes and **'reduce the financial burden of health services'**.

Having already helped 5 Member States deliver cost-effective cancer services in their Universal Health Coverage packages, we remain available to assist others to do the same.

Thank you.