



Position Statement on Global Conflict
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The Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA) recognizes that conflicts arise on the global stage. While acknowledging that solutions are complex and multifaceted, we firmly stand against human suffering and civilian casualties in all regions of the world. As healthcare professionals dedicated to the well-being and health of individuals, we uphold the sanctity of human life and advocate for the health and safety of all communities. We strive for peace and humanitarian aid amidst these challenges and are committed to these values in our work and in our support of global and local efforts to alleviate suffering.

The COA considers it imperative that all parties involved in conflict safeguard the lives of health professionals performing humanitarian duties. By protecting those who risk their lives to deliver care, we foster an environment where health professionals can provide aid and relief safely and effectively, ensuring that those in need receive the care and support they deserve. We will continue to stand by these principles in our ongoing commitment to global health.

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