

Health Systems Response to Post COVID-19 Condition

Date: Tuesday, 13 September

Time: 12:30-14:00 IDT | 11:30-13:00 CEST

Room: King Solomon AB

A large number of people experience lingering symptoms following an acute SARS-CoV-2 infection. These mid- and long-term effects are collectively known as post-COVID-19 condition. As there have been millions of cases of COVID-19 in the European Region, the number of patients with the post COVID-19 condition is substantial.

The mix of the complex nature of the condition that requires a multidisciplinary approach and the number of patients with post COVID-19 condition who already or in the near future need health care and other forms of psycho-social support, highlight the strong impact that post COVID-19 condition is having on national health systems. This proves particularly challenging as most health systems have been operating in emergency response mode for over two years and have put in place only limited or no service delivery structures for patients suffering from post COVID-19 condition so far.

The side-event will be co-hosted with Long COVID Europe, the European network of Long COVID patient associations. With speakers presenting experiences from countries on care for people with post COVID-19 condition, including from a health care worker's perspective, this side-event on Health Systems Response to post COVID-19 Condition has the principal objectives:

- To provide an up-to-date evidence overview on post COVID-19 condition, including prevalence, clinical assessment, mental health needs and support, and pointing out major knowledge gaps.
- To showcase service delivery models that have been put in place for patients with post COVID-19 condition in the Region, including rehabilitation services to effectively ensure recovery from post-COVID-19 condition.
- To form an understanding of what is currently working in post COVID-19 condition care, including care pathways across levels and facilities in an integrated way, and why scaling up surveillance and operational research are urgently needed.
- To identify cross-country opportunities for learning across the Region.

Programme

This parallel session is co-hosted by: Long COVID Europe

Chair of the session: Dr Tomas Zapata, Unit Lead, Health Workforce and Service Delivery, WHO Europe

Introduction

12:45-12:48 **Video presentation**

12:48-12:55 **Welcome remarks**

Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, Director of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Europe

Mrs Ann Li, Chair, Long COVID Europe

Keynote Presentation

12:55-13:05 **Up-To-Date evidence overview on the management of post-COVID-19 condition from a health systems perspective**

Dr Dionne Kringos, European Commission's expert panel on post-COVID-19 condition

Panel Discussion

13:05-13:30

Dr Catherine Smallwood (Moderator), Senior Emergency Officer, WHO Europe

Professor Silvio Brusaferrò, President, Commissario Straordinario, ISS, Italy

Professor Zachi Grossman, Chair, Maccabi Healthcare Services, Israel

Dr Manoj Sivan, Associate Clinical Professor in Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Leeds, United Kingdom

Ms Gemma Torrell Kenna, General Practitioner, CAP Les Indianes, Spain

Open Discussion and Closing

13:30 – 13:40 **Reflections and interventions from the audience**

Moderator: Dr Tomas Zapata, Unit Lead Health Workforce and Service Delivery, WHO Europe

13:40 – 13:45 **Closing remarks**

Dr Catherine Smallwood, Senior Emergency Officer, WHO Europe

Speakers



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Practical information

Zoom link

[Bit.ly/RC72Long](https://bit.ly/RC72Long)

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Languages

The parallel session will be in English with Russian interpreting.

Interaction with participants

Participants will be able to ask questions in person and through the Q&A function on zoom.