Dear Sir/Madam

The International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) was established in 1984 with the aim of promoting optimal evidence-based psychosocial care of people affected by cancer and advocating for the needs of individuals and their families along all stages of the disease trajectory, as well as promoting high-quality research and its implementation. IPOS is in official relations with WHO and aims to promote psychosocial care especially in LMICs and we have worked on health professional education and training as well as training in research methods for researchers from LMICs.

IPOS is pleased to have the opportunity to see the discussion paper developed by WHO on cost-effective interventions for mental health and supports this initiative. IPOS is also committed to working with WHO to ensure that the health workforce is adequately resourced and skilled to deliver psychosocial care and to contribute to training initiatives to achieve this aim.

Best wishes

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