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EFIC Endorsement of the Declaration of Lima on Pediatric Pain

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

On behalf of the European Pain Federation EFIC®, I am pleased to formally acknowledge our endorsement of the Declaration of Lima on Paediatric Pain, an important initiative led by the Chair in Paediatric Pain at Universitat Rovira i Virgili.

This declaration highlights the urgent need to prioritise the rights of children and adolescents to effective pain assessment, prevention and treatment. It calls on governments and health systems to develop and implement public policies that address paediatric pain as a distinct and essential area of healthcare.

As the leading European organisation on pain, EFIC is proud to support this initiative. Our endorsement reflects our longstanding commitment to promoting equitable, evidence-based pain management across the lifespan. Addressing paediatric pain is not only a clinical necessity, but a moral imperative - children deserve to grow up free from unnecessary suffering.

We encourage our community of clinicians, researchers, educators and advocates to engage with the declaration and champion its principles in their national contexts. The full text is available at www.dolorinfantil.urv.cat/en.

Let us continue working together to ensure that all people - especially the youngest - receive the care and dignity they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

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