

**Earthquake in Morocco**  
**Statement from the President of the**  
**World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care (WFICC)**

The earthquake in Morocco has created a humanitarian emergency which is rapidly unfolding and growing. Early reports are indicating that the earthquake struck just after 23.00hrs local time at a relatively shallow depth of 44 miles south-west of Marrakesh. It measured 6.8. According to the country's interior ministry, more than 1000 people have died with many of the deaths occurring in hard-to-reach mountain areas of the country. Our thoughts are with all those affected by this tragedy. It is during these moments that WFICC's mission to secure the highest quality care for patients needs to be at the centre of a truly collaborative international response to this natural disaster. In making our contribution, we will focus on what we do best – working to ensure that people are connected. The WFICC is endorsing requests from international agencies in asking for your help to support the volunteers there. Within the next few days, we will hope to publish details of international agencies you can contact.

In addition to contributing via these organizations, member societies may also be able to contribute to cultural and medical organizations in their local area that are supporting efforts in Morocco. We encourage you to help in any way you can.

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President

