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Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to update you on the current situation in Israel. As you are undoubtedly aware, we are presently under sustained missile bombardment from Iran. The scale and intensity of the attacks have required significant emergency measures across the country.

The situation in our hospitals is particularly challenging. The majority of patients have been relocated to underground, reinforced facilities to ensure their safety. Our dedicated medical teams are working under extremely difficult conditions to maintain the highest standard of care possible, and we are deeply proud of their commitment and professionalism.

Schools and offices across the country have been closed as a precautionary measure. Fortunately, the years of experience we have accumulated in remote work have stood us in good stead as we have all become proficient at working from home, and operations are continuing as best as circumstances allow.

We are heartened to report that colleagues who were abroad at the time of the escalation are making their way back to Israel by whatever means are available to them. Their determination to return and stand with the team speaks volumes about the spirit and solidarity that defines our health care system.

We know that many of you abroad are following the news with concern, and we want to reassure you that we are managing as well as can be expected. The resilience of our healthcare workers, our staff, and the public continues to inspire us.

We will keep you informed as the situation develops. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you wish to be in contact.

With warm regards,

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