



Communiqué

“DO NOT aggress the health care staff !”

SANITAS Federation by your side!

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SANITAS Federation has initiated the campaign “DO NOT aggress the health care staff !” The lack of protection for the medical staff at the workplace and the more and more frequent aggressions point out to the necessity for a new legal framework to be adopted to protect the health care workers against verbal and physical aggression.

Recent studies show that approximately 85% of the medical staff surveyed are aggressed verbally at the workplace and 10,2% are aggressed physically. The long waiting time or the refuse to accept the diagnostic are only 2 of the reasons for which the staff are aggressed (study made by the Doctors’ College Bucharest). Unfortunately, very few file complaints.

The campaign “***Do not aggress the health care staff!***” has as its main objective the adoption of a law to protect the medical staff and discourage violence of any kind – physical or verbal. In order to achieve this, SANITAS Federation is organizing a series of debates with local authority representatives, hospital managers and people employed in the health care system to identify all the conflict situations that lead to violence and the possible solutions for preventing or sanctioning them.

“The patients must realize that we need cooperation, decent language and behavior when we practice our profession. Verbal and physical aggression create a tensioned environment which affects the medical care, and this does not work to the advantage of the patient”, said **Leonard Bărăscu, president of SANITAS federation.**

All throughout February there will be debates in various regions in the country and on the 1st of March we will organize a conference presenting the conclusions and proposals for identifying and resolving the most frequently met conflict situations in the health care facilities.

“The health care workers must feel safe at their workplace. You cannot provide medical care working under stress and with good performance. The medical staff must be protected and if they happen to be aggressed they must file complaints”, said **Marius Sepi, prime-vicepresident of SANITAS federation.**

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