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Dear Patients and Patient Advocates,

In this time of uncertainty and fear, we would like you to know ESGO and ENGAGE hear and understand your concerns.

While the world seems to be changing every day, we want to reassure you that some constants remain. In particular, please know that every person in your medical care team is still giving 100% effort, even if your follow-up schedule or other aspects of your treatment have changed.

As an example, we had an enormous, global response to the recent professional webinars that ESGO coordinated on ovarian cancer and uterine cancer management during the pandemic. Spaces for the live events filled up quickly, and the recordings have been viewed many times. ENGOT, our clinical trial network, also prepared recommendations to help ensure that the best care in this situation is delivered to patients enrolled in clinical trials, even if the schedule or procedure might have changed. These and other instances of sharing knowledge help your doctors make informed recommendations for your treatment.

In the coming days, we will be asking ESGO doctors to record short videos addressing patients. These videos will be published in the ENGAGE Facebook group and on the ESGO and ENGAGE Facebook pages. We hope you find the doctors' messages to you comforting and inspiring!

We also know that the voice of patients is more important now than ever before, as is the role of patient advocacy groups. We rely on patient perspectives to help us understand your experiences more fully and move forward knowing we have made the right steps. To that end, ESGO and ENGAGE are running an online survey for gynaecological cancer patients: [Perspectives of Gynaecological Cancer Patients During COVID Pandemic](#). When the survey concludes, we will summarise and publish the results. Please take a moment to complete this important survey – your answers will be very helpful!

Patients who are newly diagnosed or who may receive a diagnosis are also in our thoughts. Receiving a cancer diagnosis is a profound changing point in one's life at any time; it is even more stressful now. We encourage patients who have spent more time in treatment to reach out through ENGAGE and your advocacy groups to reassure new patients.

Stay strong. You and your families are in our thoughts.

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Philippe Morice  
ESGO President

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a large 'G', followed by 'n' and 'i', and ending with a long horizontal stroke.

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