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## Spain country report for FEMS (September 2021)

**Madrid, 10 September 2021;** in recent days the Ministry of Health has provided as usual the data of the number of infections by COVID19, deaths and Accumulated Incidence, figures that this week allowed Spain to get out of the high **risk** by decreasing its Accumulated Incidence. Specifically, as of September 9, a total of 4,903,021 confirmed cases of COVID19 and 85,218 **deaths** have been reported, while the Accumulated Incidence in the last 14 days stood at 140.43.

By autonomous communities, **Catalonia and Madrid** continue to be the ones that reach the **highest figures in terms of occupancy in ICUs** (24.01% and 24.98% respectively of COVID beds in ICU). However, by number of confirmed infections in the last 14 days it is Andalusia that accumulates the most (10,710), while the Accumulated Incidence indicates Melilla, Ceuta and Extremadura as those with the highest rate (356, 267 and 227 respectively).

The total number of **COVID patients hospitalized** throughout the territory is 5,115, while the number of COVID patients in ICU stands at 1,258.

This situation of decrease in the numbers of infections finds its counterpoint in the evident **overload with which professionals, especially Primary Care**, have faced the summer period, where to the usual depleted staff we must add the casualties of colleagues who enjoy their vacations. A summer break that some communities proposed to modify or even suspend before the incidence of what was called fifth wave, fortunately already in the process of remitting according to the number of affected.

As for **vaccination**, which has already reached the range of children under 12 years and older, who these days return to the classrooms, as of September 8 Health indicates that 34,903,802 people already have the complete guideline, which represents 73.6% of the population. On the other hand, there are 37,067,635 people who already have at least one

dose inoculated, which represents 78.1% of the population. In total, 68,002,439 doses of the 75,579,701 doses delivered have been administered.

In this period, young resident doctors who had to choose a destination last June have also been **incorporated into their corresponding specialist positions** in a procedure for which CESM fought from the first moment so that it did not lose guarantees compared to other years. Finally prevailed with the premises that the Ministry of Health drew although with important changes that CESM could introduce thanks to the conflict called, which significantly improved the award system although it was far from ideal.

This conflict over the election system of the residency does not seem to have been solved, since in the recent announcements of the Ministry for the **next call** for Specialized Health Training it is already insisted again on a telematic model **exclusively but in real time** and with quotas **too large** to be able to choose with guarantees.

In addition, last July the Spanish Government made the second tribute to those who died in this pandemic. On this occasion, he gave the Grand Cross of Civil Merit to a list **of 102 health professionals** who left their lives in the fight against COVID 19. From CESM, hand in hand with the General Council of Official Colleges of Physicians (CGCOM, the professional body), the list with the names of the 115 **deceased doctors** was sent to the Presidency of the Government so that the recognition is extended to all colleagues and not only to those who appear on the list, a request that the Executive has attended by transferring it to the Ministry of Health.

In the same way, we continue to defend the need for the national government to recognize the **contagion by COVID19 in health professionals as an occupational disease** and that the practice of Medicine be considered a **risk profession**, something that is still pending.