

Oregon Chapter of ACP Statement on Tree of Life mass shooting in Pittsburgh
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The Oregon Chapter of the American College of Physicians stands with our colleagues in Western Pennsylvania in condemning the hatred, intolerance and violence of today's attack on a peaceful synagogue during religious services.

We join our colleagues in Pennsylvania in mourning the tragic deaths of the 11 members of the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh and offer our sincere condolences to their families and friends. There are no words to express the sorrow but we keep you in our thoughts. We also celebrate the bravery of the first responders of whom 4 were among the 6 people injured by gunfire as they worked to keep the congregants safe.

Hate crimes are a public health issue that affect the safety of our communities and the wellbeing of our friends, neighbours, colleagues and patients. As physicians, we must not be silent about the growing epidemic of hate and violence we have been witnessing over the last two years.

Today, in the wake of yet another mass shooting, we call on our elected leaders to stand with us in working to eliminate all hate crimes, and to reduce firearm related deaths.

We pledge to continue this work and we renew our commitment to the ever more urgent task of building inclusive, tolerant, and resilient communities that respectfully welcome ALL people so all can gather in safety. We ask you to join us on this quest.

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