



## WADEM Position Statement

There may arise an occasion when the WADEM may be asked to state its position or stance on important emergency or disaster health-related issues. A position statement explains, justifies, or recommends a course of action reflecting WADEM's position on emergency or disaster health-related issues or concerns. Position statements are formulated by the WADEM Board of Directors (BoD) and are products of the organization. Position statements are recommendations, and are not codified into law or regulation. All WADEM position statements will be posted on the WADEM open access website, may be distributed via social media accordingly.

### **Process**

Requests for the development of a specific WADEM position statement may be submitted to the Chair of the WADEM Board of Directors by:

- A Board Member or Executive
- WADEM Section or Chapter Chair
- Leader of a standing or ad-hoc BoD committee or task force

The Board will evaluate each request, and if approved, will assign the task of drafting the position statement to an ad hoc Position Statement Committee member identified by the Chair:

- The draft position statement is presented to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval within a designated time;
- Upon Board approval, the position statement is endorsed, all WADEM members will be notified of the position statement posting on the WADEM website, and it will be distributed appropriately;
- The Board of Directors will review all position statements every two years for relevance; any changes in position statements will follow the above process.

Please submit to the Chair of the Board of Directors the following completed document as well as a cover letter identifying the WADEM members/Chapter/Section/Committee/Task Force that have reviewed/commented on the statement during the development process.

## **WADEM Position Statement Template**

Requests for the development of a specific WADEM position statement may be submitted to the Chair of the WADEM Board of Directors by:

- A Board Member or Executive
- WADEM SIG or Chapter Chair
- Leader of a standing or ad-hoc BoD committee or task force

### **Please provide the following information:**

1. Request made by:

2. Date request made:

3. Proposed Statement Title:

4. Purpose or problem being addressed:

5. The recommended WADEM position:

6. Relevance to the WADEM mission:

7. References or resources (if appropriate):

Please submit to the Board of Directors accompanied by a cover letter identifying the WADEM members/Chapter/SIG/Committee/Task Force that have reviewed/commented on the statement during the development process.