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Emergency, critical and operative care (ECO) represent a people-centred continuum. Integrated people-centred service delivery requires ECO services that are linked to communities through primary care by communication, transportation, referral and counter-referral mechanisms. Robust ECO services are at the foundation of national health systems' ability to meet people's health needs across the life course and to respond effectively to emergency events. 

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[Integrated emergency, critical and operative care for universal health coverage and protection from health emergencies](#)

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This resolution, co-sponsored by over 80 Member States, represents a powerful call for near-term action to strengthen health systems for delivery of high-quality emergency, critical and operative care (ECO). It builds on, expands and reactivates the mandates of previous resolutions. The resolution calls on Member States to create national policies for sustainable funding, effective governance and universal access to needs-based ECO services for all; to promote integrated delivery of these services within relevant national health system assessments and strategies; and to promote more coherent, inclusive and accessible approaches to safeguard ECO services in disasters, fragile settings and conflict-affected areas. It calls on WHO to enhance its capacity to provide necessary coordination, technical guidance and support for the efforts of Member States and other relevant actors to strengthen the delivery of ECO services, including for health emergency preparedness, readiness, response and recovery.

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