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Madrid, 12 September 2022; As we already commented in the previous report, the change in the way in which the Ministry of Health provides data on the evolution of the pandemic in Spain means that figures are available twice a week. The last update corresponds to September 9, with a total of **13,367,647 confirmed cases reported** in Spain, 113,130 deaths from COVID and 2,869,087 confirmed cases reported in people over 60 years of age, which represents a **cumulative incidence in the last 14 days of 137.39**, with 4,873 new cases reported in people over 60 years.

Regarding **vaccination**, the ministry and the autonomous communities are finalizing the coordination to administer the fourth dose of the coronavirus vaccine to people over 80 years this September. In total, 95,704,323 doses have been administered in Spain and 40,637,968 people already have the complete vaccination schedule.

Regarding the current health situation, in CESM we have seen how despite having warned of the risks and demanded changes, the current call for Internal residency doctors (MIR: Medicos internos residentes) places was closed for the first time with **more than 200 places that had not been chosen**, the vast majority corresponding to Family and Community Medicine, to which later those vacancies will be added because the resident has not joined. Despite this situation, the ministerial solution was to increase the quota for non-EU residents, when the union proposal went in the direction of lowering the cut-off grade so that applicants from the European community could access Specialized Health Training, with more options to practice later in Spain.

For the next call, the Ministry of Health has announced 8,550 specialist positions, which is **362 more than** the previous year.

On the other hand, in these months negotiations are being carried out **for the modification of the Framework Statute (Estatuto Marco)**, which has

already seen some changes approved, mainly on the casuistry in future contracting, so that temporary contracts in the National Health System are limited to those really essential. However, much remained to be done in the direction of the necessary amendments to the text.

In the months prior to the summer holidays CESM has participated in different protest acts, such as the **demonstration of May 4** in front of the Congress that aimed to dignify the profession; the celebration of a new **May 27 claiming a specialty of Emergencies and Emergencies** that does exist in other countries and that here has not yet been launched. Also, the signing of a **new collaboration agreement**, this time with AMEUSA (Association of Spanish doctors in USA) to facilitate the residence to Spaniards interested in doing it in the United States and the opening of the **debate on the current model of medical guards** and where the changes should be directed.

In addition, this summer Spain has seen once again how the problem of the **lack of professionals** that we have been dragging for years is **aggravated by the regulatory holidays** of doctors, which have led to the closure of plants and health centers in some places. An attempt has also been made to alleviate the lack of professionals in positions such as UVI care services, whose **coverage has been filled with non-medical personnel**, causing an important campaign to defend the profession by raising awareness among citizens.

Finally, data from the National Institute of Statistics (INE) have reflected a new **loss of purchasing power of health professionals in the second quarter** of the year, since the wage cost per effective hour of work has fallen by 0.7% between the months of April and June compared to the same period of the previous year, assuming the **biggest pay cut recorded in the last four years**. In this line, the disbursement for salaries in health and social services activities has broken its upward trend, according to the Harmonized Labor Cost Index. All this confirms the need to improve the working conditions of doctors, as the union has been urgently demanding in recent years.