SGIM Statement on Gun-Related Violence
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Last night in Uvalde, TX, 19 students and two teachers were killed in a fourth-grade classroom at Robb Elementary School. At least 17 others were injured. This tragedy is just the latest in a series of mass shootings in the US; events which unfortunately are too commonplace and desensitizing for all of us as politicians on both sides of the aisle continue to do nothing to control gun laws, regulations, and safety in our country.

SGIM condemns this senseless act and holds the victims and their families in our hearts. But this isn’t enough - it’s never enough.

Gun violence is a public health crisis; gun safety is a public health imperative.

SGIM members are general internists, but we are also teachers, researchers, and promoters of the public health. In each of these roles, we see the deadly consequences of gun-related injuries. SGIM and our members follow a core set of values and advocates for our vision of a just health system that brings optimal health to everyone. We as physicians, and as a nation, need to do more to reduce preventable death and injury due to firearms. Our representatives need to do more.

Please read SGIM’s statement on gun violence from 2013, which is as valid today as it was when it was written nine years ago. Please contact your Congressional representatives about #GunViolence today.