





Using social media to support World Hormone Day 2025!

Our first-ever World Hormone Day takes place on **Thursday 24 April 2025**. The campaign will bring together the endocrine community around the world to raise awareness of the importance of good hormone health. Under the banner of **#BecauseHormonesMatter**, we'll share the small steps everyone can take to improve hormone health, individually and within our communities.

World Hormone Day is primarily an online campaign, though we encourage participants to organise in-person events and activities, too. We encourage you to join in the conversation on social media by sharing what good hormone health means to you. Social media is a fantastic tool to help spread the word to a larger audience.

For those who are not regular users, this guide is intended as a brief "how-to" to help you support the campaign if you would like to get involved. While social media is changing all the time, the core purpose remains the same: to connect with others and share information that you think they might be interested to see. Use whichever platform you feel most comfortable on and where you or your organisation have a relevant audience.

(You will also find a recording of ESE's workshop on using social media to support WHD in the Toolkit, available at www.worldhormoneday.org.)

Why use social media for World Hormone Day

- **1. Reach more people, quickly!** Even just giving a World Hormone Day post a 'thumbs up' (or a like or a love!) means people in your network will see the message too.
- 2. Start conversations about why hormones matter. Social media is a bit like hanging around the coffee stand at a conference you can chat to people with similar interests, ask questions and share thoughts in an informal and friendly way. It's a great way to share information you think will be helpful or interesting to your professional network.
- **3. Promote your organisation's wider work:** Joining in the campaign on social media can make more people aware of your organisation (and ESE!) and encourage engagement with wider advocacy and outreach activities.

How to use social media easily and effectively

1. Choose one platform: you don't have to use all social media platforms! If you already use one, stick with that. If you prefer to use a professional account rather

than a personal account, LinkedIn may be the best choice for you. Here's an overview of each of the main platforms ESE uses:

- **LinkedIn** tailored for professional networking, making it an ideal platform for connecting with peers, sharing research, and discussing what you're working on. Posts are text-based with the option to add images and videos.
- **X** (formerly known as Twitter) a public forum that's ideal for getting and sharing quick updates on the latest news, research and discussions. Use the hashtags to see posts relating to the conversations you want to take part in. Free accounts have a 280-character limit per post.
- **Facebook** a community-based platform that's good for sharing longer posts. Posts can be text/image/video based.
- Instagram an image/video-based platform that's great for visual content. ESE has set up the @BecauseHormonesMatter account on Instagram to share more public-facing messaging about why hormones matter.
- **Bluesky** a text-based platform like X where you can share quick updates, follow relevant news stories and discussions.
- 2. Follow your organisation, ESE and others in the endocrine community so you can see what they're posting. When you see a post you want to share with your network, you can "like" or "share" the post. If you want to add your own thoughts or comments, you can reply to the post or repost it with your own observations.
- 3. Use and follow hashtags. You can also see what other organisations are saying about World Hormone Day by entering the campaign hashtags in the search box on whatever platform you're using. These are #BecauseHormonesMatter and #WorldHormoneDay. If you search for these terms without the hashtag, you'll still see content relating to the campaign, but the hashtags help us track the conversations more easily. When you write your own posts, please add these hashtags.
- **4. Keep it simple.** This doesn't have to be complicated or time-consuming! Think of it as "watercooler chat", where you can start and join in conversations with people in your professional community about the campaign and wider outreach activities.
- **5. Stay safe.** Social media can be very effective and even fun, but avoid sharing personal or sensitive information that you wouldn't want strangers to know.

Connect with ESE on social media to follow the campaign:

- <u>European Society of Endocrinology</u>
- **European Society of Endocrinology**
- @ESEndocrinology





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Got questions?

If you have any questions about using social media to support World Hormone Day, please contact the ESE Marketing team who will be happy to help: info@ese-hormones.org.