



Surgeons against COVID-19

Useful information for membership

The College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka would recommend practicing some of the suggested practices of The American College of Surgeons (ACS).

Each hospital, and surgeon should thoughtfully review all scheduled elective procedures with a plan to minimize, postpone, or cancel electively scheduled operations, endoscopies, or other invasive procedures until the peak of the epidemic has passed and can be confident that our health care infrastructure can support a potentially rapid and overwhelming uptick in critical patient care needs.

Immediately minimize use of essential items needed to care for patients, including but not limited to, ICU beds, personal protective equipment, terminal cleaning supplies, and ventilators. There are many asymptomatic patients who are, nevertheless, shedding virus and are unwittingly exposing other inpatients, outpatients, and health care providers to the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Time is of the essence. Please be vigilant and take a leadership role in your practice setting so that these recommendations begin to take hold immediately.

Ref – ACS (<https://www.facs.org/about-acscovid-19/information-for-surgeons>)

For anesthesia management during this epidemic we recommend strict adherence to safety.

Ref – AA (<https://anaesthetists.org/Home/Resources-publications/Anaesthetic-Management-of-Patients-During-a-COVID-19-Outbreak>)