

Special Issue

COVID-19: Impact on Surgery

Message from the Guest Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about a great challenge in the field of surgery. The need of preserving ICU facilities and hospital beds for the overwhelming number of COVID-19 patients has reduced oncological surgical activities, resulting in suboptimal treatments and the late management of potentially curable disease. The nonoperative management (NOM) of surgical emergencies has been implemented, but the overall effect still needs to be elucidated. Perioperative coronavirus infection seems to increase mortality and complications, but more granular data are needed to quantify the impact and identify the best practice to increase patient safety. The implementation of telemedicine and consultations by remote reduced the number of in-person visits, but it poses new challenges for health systems worldwide. Therefore, researchers in the field of surgery (general surgery and other surgical specialties), interested in analyzing the impact and the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on surgery (e.g., surgical services, surgical diseases, surgical patients and surgical training) are encouraged to submit an original article or a review to this Special Issue.

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