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WHO declares Pandemic!

'Corona Virus' causes havoc all over the world.

'Mask, Social Distancing, Hand washing'



ANNOUNCEMENT

Members of The Indian Association of Day Surgery are requested to:

- Send their correct & working email ID to: <u>info@daysurgeryindia.org</u> As decided earlier, we are going paperless, all communications will be via email only.
- 2019-20 issue of Day Surgery Journal of India, needs articles.

If you have any interesting material to share, please send as soon as possible.

COVID - 19

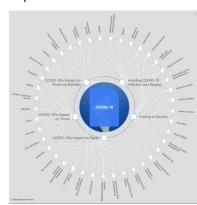
CORONA virus Pandemic is a serious killer.

Please follow safety regulations as issued by the
Government agencies, time to time, till the threat
dissipates. Please get yourself vaccinated.

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Technology in COVID times:

Impact of COVID 19 has been on almost all fronts. A near total



collapse of Health Care infrastructure was seen in most advanced countries too. It was not surprising that a developing country like ours, was accepted to do badly in managing Corona cases, but we did well, all considered!

As the experience grew with the pandemic, new

new directives were issued almost everyday, as the disease is ongoing and with newer data and observations, results varied. But, innovations continued...

Innovations:

There were some concerns about the Cautery smoke in the initial days, and surgeons were quick in creating 'jugad' in

the OT! Which worked very well!

Intubation and extubating was a concern. Again, a quick 'Shield' seems to have

Worked for all OT's in the world. Simple, protective, did take some getting used to, but, then, then human race is very adaptive! In most countries, only emergency surgeries



were allowed and when they did open, most of the pre-operative assessment was carried out remotely. The Day Surgery Pathway underwent a change. The Consultation went online, for investigations, you visited the lab by appointment, pre-op counselling and anaesthesia work up was done online. Patient had to 'Check-in' on the day of surgery and 'Check-out', post op. No relatives waiting, if possible,

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and discharged with instructions, with minimal contact.

A PreOp Kiosk



'Home Care' units were created and they could coordinate with the concerned doctors when required, set up monitoring systems, provide technical assistance to the patients, all at home.

In larger institutes, when patients are expected to be admitted for a longer time, shifting to different departments for investigation became a major issue. You could divide the Hospital into COVID and Non-COVID space, but, large open corridors, with

normal people around, chance of infection spreading, led to a patient shifting device. Another Innovation! This device is



simple, inexpensive as compared to other such chambers available in Europe and Americas. It is now being patented for commercial use.

In our routine life too, we have seen

very useful innovations. 'Work from Home' being the norm, shop from home and delivery systems have undergone changes specially where man power is expensive.





Zoom and Webex have become common nouns in most households. Work, School classes, Meetings, Conferences, and even families have started getting together online.



In medicine, the use of AI and Virtual images and its utilization has seen a huge jump. Data Science and Tech are now increasingly used to fight the Pandemic.

- Al is being used to identify, track and forecast an outbreak.
- Al to help diagnose the virus.
- Al to identify Non-Compliances or Infected individuals.

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