



Dear colleague,

Welcome to the August 2020 edition of the CPOC newsletter. In this edition you will find an update on the work taking place along with other content we hope you find of interest.

COVID-19

We thank everyone for their continuing hard work amidst the pandemic.

Please access the joint website below from the the Royal College of Anaesthetists, The Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine, the Intensive Care Society and the Association of Anaesthetists, which provides information, guidance and resources to support clinicians during the COVID-19 outbreak.

For regular news and updates, [follow us on Twitter!](#)

[Visit the COVID-19 guidance hub](#)



CPOC and COVID-19

Delivering on Opportunities for Better Health and Perioperative Care in the COVID-19 Era

CPOC has published the report ['Delivering on Opportunities for Better Health and Perioperative Care in the COVID-19 Era'](#) to highlight how the dramatic change in services during the pandemic provides the opportunity to re-design surgical pathways and deliver perioperative care. The importance of an optimised multidisciplinary team in the delivery of efficient and quality care is critical.

'My Operation and Coronavirus' Guidance for Young People Undergoing Surgery

CPOC has now published a new [Paediatric FAQ](#) aiming to address the concerns that young patients may have about going to hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic and what to expect. The leaflet takes patients through the journey they may experience before, during and after hospital. This fantastic piece of guidance will help decipher the strange experience young people may have at hospital with staff in full PPE and why they have to adhere to strict hygiene routines.

CPOC 'FAQs for Patients Having an Operation During the Pandemic' **UPDATED**

CPOC's ['FAQs for patients having an operation during the pandemic'](#) has been updated and republished in line with the July 2020 NICE ['COVID-19 Rapid guideline: arranging planned care in hospitals and diagnostic services.'](#)



Read and Watch- All things Perioperative Care

- NICE has published '[Perioperative Care in Adults](#)' that covers care for adults having elective or emergency surgery. It covers the full perioperative pathway from the time people are booked for surgery until they are discharged. The guidance includes recommendations on preparation, safety during surgery and pain relief during recovery.
- CPOC Deputy Director and Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon Scarlett McNally has published '[Win-win for sustainability and health](#)' in the July 2020 issue of Bulletin published by the Royal College of Surgeons England. This details the benefit of a perioperative approach.
- Mr Mark Weiss, CPOC Influencing Policy workstream Lead and RCoA Head of Policy and Public Affairs, has published '[Perioperative care: the two words that could unite our health and care services after COVID-19](#)' in the RCoA July 2020 Bulletin.
- The Royal College of Surgeons webinar '[Perioperative care during a crisis](#)' with Dr David Selwyn CPOC Director, Mrs Scarlett McNally CPOC Deputy Director and Dr Sue Hill, CPOC Board member and Vascular Surgeon.



The Centre for Perioperative Care (CPOC) Workstreams Update

Work has been progressing on a number of our workstreams. Below are some updates and you can find out more on the CPOC website.

- **Development of guidelines for people with diabetes undergoing surgery**

CPOC is working with Diabetes UK on the development and implementation of guidelines for the perioperative care of people with diabetes. The working group continues to refine the scope of the work and develop the guidance.

- **Redevelopment of the National Safety Standards for Invasive Procedures (NatSSIPs)**

CPOC has been asked by NHS Improvement to take on responsibility for the redevelopment of NatSSIPs. The working group will now convene in September 2020 with the first virtual meeting.

- **Shared Decision Making (SDM)**

The Shared Decision Making pages of the CPOC website are [live to view](#).



Events

- [Virtual Congress 2020](#) (British Orthopedic Association) takes place from the 15 September- 25 September 2020.
- [Future Surgery Virtual 2020](#) (Royal College of Surgeons of England) will be held from the 21 October- 22 October 2020

Want to advertise your event on the CPOC Website and in our monthly newsletter?

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Surveys on Perioperative Care

We now have a survey page on the [CPOC website](#), hosting current surveys on perioperative

care. We are very happy to upload surveys from external contributors, once approved by the CPOC Executive Team. You can find the submission form on the [survey webpage](#).

Are you a Scottish Perioperative Lead?

We currently have live a survey on Scottish Perioperative Care of the Elderly. [ScoOP \(Scottish Care of Older people\)](#), is a collaboration between the British Geriatrics Society and HIS (Health Improvement Scotland) to evaluate variation and encourage quality improvement in the care of the older people. This survey is an initial scoping exercise to gauge opinion on current care.

Clinical preferences for the treatment of older patients facing major GI surgery

There is wide variation in UK practice relating to the treatment of older patients with both malignant and non-malignant gastrointestinal diseases; major surgery rates vary between regions and clinicians. We want to establish the practice of different UK surgeons in how they assess suitability for major GI surgery, how they optimise care and the importance of different factors in surgery decision making.

[Surveys on perioperative care](#)



PERIOPERATIVE JOURNAL WATCH

**See which articles on perioperative care have caught our attention.
Recently added articles cover topics such as:**

1. Mortality and pulmonary complications in patients undergoing surgery with perioperative SARS-CoV-2 infection: an international cohort study
2. The association of pre-operative anaemia with morbidity and mortality after emergency laparotomy
3. Perioperative interventions for prevention of postoperative pulmonary complications: systematic review and meta-analysis

[View the CPOC Journal Watch](#)

Get in touch...

We really want to hear what you are up to. Please send us any news about what is going on in perioperative care in your area or any issues you may be having in running your service, accessing resources etc.

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