



Dear colleague,

Welcome to the second 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.

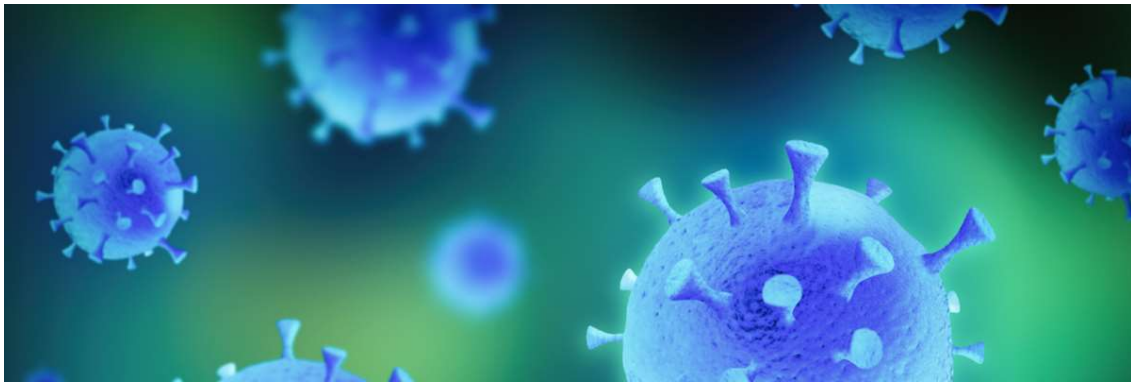
COVID-19

We thank everyone for their continuing hard work amidst the pandemic. Anaesthetists and intensive care practitioners are integral to the safe and effective care of patients diagnosed with COVID-19, and play a role in informing and reassuring the public about this viral outbreak.

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

FAQ for patients having an operation during the COVID-19 Pandemic

CPOC has published [guidance](#) for patients undergoing surgery during the pandemic. The FAQ aims to address the concerns that patients may have about going to hospital during the pandemic; please do not hesitate to adopt this resource to give to your own patients. To find out more please find out on the [CPOC website](#).

CPOC is in the process of finalising guidance for paediatric patients having an operation during COVID-19 and this will be available shortly.

CPOC patient blog series

CPOC has published a [three part blog series](#) by our CPOC patient representative, Lawrence Mudford, on how we can prepare our mind and body in the event of contracting COVID-19. This fantastic three part series covers; expecting the unexpected, exceeding our expectations and mental resilience.

Next Steps

CPOC is working with organisations and government bodies on how to make health better for the future following COVID, including topics such as; critical care facilities, the promotion of perioperative care, the role every individual can play in safeguarding their own health, multidisciplinary working and what role technology plays in the future of healthcare.



Important Reads

- The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges has published the report [Developing professional identity in multi-professional teams](#) echoing CPOC's message that multi-professional working facilitates better patient care.
- [Mortality and pulmonary complications in patients undergoing surgery with perioperative SARS-CoV-2 infection: an international cohort study](#) published in the Lancet explores the impact of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) on postoperative recovery which needs to be understood to inform clinical decision making during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. *The article is also summarised and commented on in [CPOC Journal Watch](#).*
- CPOC Deputy Director Mrs Scarlett McNally has published a blog for the RCoA on the effect smoking has on your ability to recover from COVID-19. Please find out more and [read the full blog](#).



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. Due to the prioritisation of the workforce in light of

COVID-19 the work on the guidelines has been delayed but will recommence in June 2020. You can keep up-to-date on this work via the [CPOC website](#).

- **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. In light of COVID-19 the convening of a steering group has been delayed but we hope it will be up and running as soon as possible.

- **Shared Decision Making (SDM)**

The Shared Decision Making pages of the CPOC website will be live shortly to provide a wealth of information and resources for patients. Please keep an eye out on social media for the launch in June.



EBPOM 2020

EBPOM is back this year from 27th June to 3rd July online live from London. This includes pre-recorded sessions broadcast on the day followed by live themed Q&A panel discussions. Day 3: Centre for Perioperative Care provides the opportunity to attend live sessions held by CPOC.

[Find out more and book](#)



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](#).

We currently have live a survey on [Preassessment Leads' use of patient information resources](#).

Surveys on perioperative care



PERIOPERATIVE JOURNAL WATCH

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

- Accelerated surgery versus standard care in hip fracture (HIP ATTACK)
- Recurrence of breast cancer after regional or general anaesthesia
- The older surgical patient - to operate or not?

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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That's all for now, thank you for your support.

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