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Introduction

- COVID-19 continues to ravage countries despite vaccines, with new waves and strains
- As the initial sprint to control the outbreak turns into a marathon in managing the pandemic, what have we learnt about managing our clinical practice, our patients, our residents and our staff?
- Are we ready for further outbreaks and future pandemics or disasters?
- We propose 4 key components to remain prepared and agile in our response (PROS)

P. R. O. S.

- 1) **P**atient care
 - Patient triage (Figure 1.)
 - Tele-consultations
- 2) **R**esidency and educational
 - Online learning
 - Video conferencing
- 3) **O**rganisational readiness
 - OT management (Figure 2.)
 - Emergency roster
- 4) **S**urgical safety
 - PPE preparedness (Figure 3.)

Figures

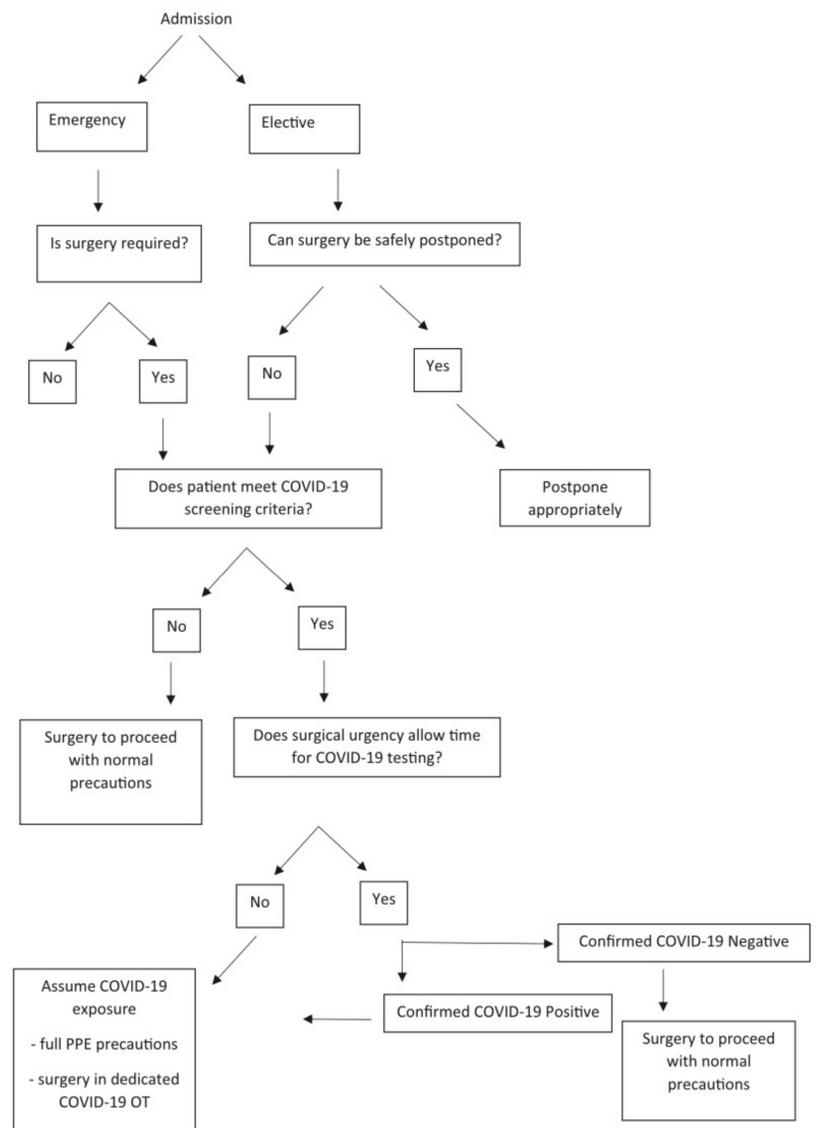


Figure 1. Triage workflow

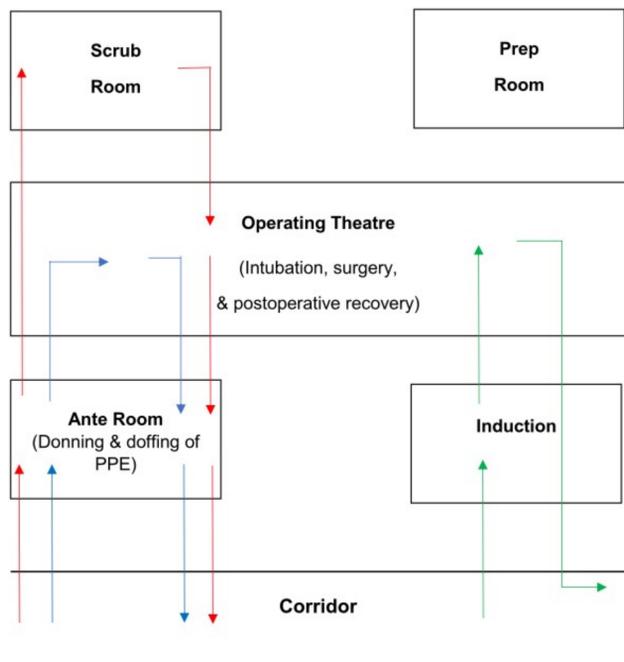


Figure 2. Urology/Surgical and scrub nursing team movement (red), Anesthesia team movement (blue), and patient movement (green).

Patient Profile	OT Location	PPE for OT staff
A) Confirmed COVID-19	COVID-19 OT A	Tier 2 PPE is mandatory for all OT staff. OT personnel involved in AGP or surgical team involving in long surgery may consider the use of PAPR if trained.
B) Known pneumonia, air-borne precaution (e.g. tuberculosis), or unclear COVID-19 status	COVID-19 OT B	Tier 2 PPE is mandatory for all OT staff. OT personnel involved in AGP or surgical team involving in long surgery may consider the use of PAPR if trained.
C) Low risk patients who do not fit profiles A) or B)	Regular, non-COVID-19 OT	Tier 1 PPE is mandatory for all OT staff. OT personnel involved in conduct of AGP should don additional PPE.

Figure 3. Patient profiles, appropriate OT location, and appropriate PPE.

CONCLUSION

As we continue to address this pandemic, and in preparation for future crises, we must not forget patients who still require Urological care and surgery. By employing **P.R.O.S.** and applying them to our practice, Urologists can keep ourselves, our colleagues, and our loved ones safe as we continue to care for all our patients.

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