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Top News

Best practices for surgeons: COVID-19 evidence-based scoping review – a unifying report of global recommendations



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In the midst of the rapidly unfolding COVID-19 pandemic, public initiatives and solutions need to be quickly identified and implemented on a large scale. There is an urgent need for protocols to guide clinical decision-making in settings focused on keeping the burden of novel coronavirus illness within the capacities of health-systems around the world. **READ MORE**

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COA members also received a White Paper – "Practice Survival for an Orthopaedic Practice During COVID-19." If you did not receive this White Paper and want to check on your COA membership, call the COA office – 916-454-9884.

COVID-19 Guidance

COVID-19 Emergency Fund Disbursements



The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced the immediate disbursement of the first \$30 billion out of the \$100 billion that Congress allocated to hospitals, physicians and other health care providers in the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

This initial \$30 billion is being directed to hospitals and physician practices in direct proportion to their share of Medicare fee-for-service spending. **No application is required. Check your Medicare account. COA received reports that members started receiving the funds last Friday.**

All facilities and health professionals that billed Medicare FFS in 2019 are eligible for the funds. These are grants, not loans, and do not have to be repaid. Note that the funds will go to each organization's TIN which normally receives Medicare payments, not to each individual physician. The automatic payments will come to the organizations via Optum Bank with "HHSPAYMENT" as the payment description.

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CMS share guidance for processing attestation statements from Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) temporarily enrolling as hospitals during the COVID-19 public health emergency. [READ MORE](#)

Novel decontamination procedure for N95 masks appears safe, effective



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Researchers from Nebraska Medicine have developed a procedure for decontaminating N95 respirators using ultraviolet germicidal irradiation, according to a publication on the process released by the institution. [READ MORE](#)

Other Articles

Intra-articular hip corticosteroid injections do not offer prolonged pain relief or time to THA



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For patients with advanced hip osteoarthritis, intra-articular hip corticosteroid injections will not provide a long-term solution for pain or prolong the time to total hip arthroplasty, according to study results. [READ MORE](#)

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Amid this crisis, there have been so many beautiful reminders about the incredible kindness and resilience of the human spirit, like the way communities have come together to ensure that people are fed and taken care of. While society practices social distancing and certain cities shut down, community is more important than ever. To help keep you moving, breathing, and thriving during these next few weeks, we are happy to offer a selection of curated mindbodygreen classes completely free of charge. [READ MORE](#)

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