

How to plan for re-starting surgery post COVID-19 in LMICs

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BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused the delay or cancellation of tens of thousands of non-emergent essential surgeries such as cleft repair, burn care, and hernia repair.

Now that many countries have flattened their COVID curves and increased their health system capacity to address COVID with improved staffing, infection control, testing, and PPE supplies, hospitals are planning on restarting non-emergent essential surgery.

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1. To understand the potential pre-requisites and factors to consider before restarting essential surgery and other services.
2. To share the experiences of other countries that have restarted essential surgery after COVID-19 and Ebola.
3. To be familiar with the existing professional guidelines on the restarting on non-emergency surgery
4. To be familiar with the ethical issues and patient informed consent issues surrounding the restarting on non-

emergent surgery during the COVID-19 pandemic.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

This virtual roundtable aims to bring together international experts to discuss lessons learned about responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and building back better.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this virtual roundtable, participants will be able to:

- what are non-essential surgeries?
- how can LMIC resolve the current issues around the COVID-19 pandemic

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

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TARGETED AUDIENCE

Participation is open to government officials, diplomats, staff of international organizations, development practitioners, faculty members, and administrators of educational institutions and anyone who is interested in the discussed topics.

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