

COVID-19: We are here!

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID-19.

The current outbreak COVID-19 that was first reported from Wuhan, China, on 31 December 2019 is now a Global emergency.

It is not a surgical emergency however it may be a emergency in surgery.

The World Society of Emergency Surgery through the Global Alliance for Infections in Surgery in last weeks has spread into social networks its position.

“This is the time of fact and not fear, this is the time of science and not rumours, this is the time of solidary and not stigma”

Although the community of emergency surgeons around the world is ready to make its contribution we believe that at this moment it is necessary to respect the indications of the international and national institutions in charge of disease control, that are working closely with global experts, governments and partners to rapidly expand scientific knowledge on this new virus, to track the spread and virulence of the virus, and to provide advice to countries and individuals on measures to protect health and prevent the spread of this outbreak.

We are here and, if needed, we are ready to participate in the battle!