Global Anesthesia Priorities in the COVID-19 Era

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused drastic changes in surgical and anesthesia systems worldwide. While each region of our world has been affected, countries each have their own approach to the pandemic as well as different pacing of their respective surges. This is especially true in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in sub-Saharan Africa.

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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:

1. Address and define the varying stages of countries in their response to COVID-19
2. Understand the anesthesiology-specific challenges to perioperative care, critical care, as well as patient and provider safety during the pandemic
3. Become familiar with COVID-19 information for anesthesia providers in LMICs, including WFSA-curated resources and the WHO Academy COVID-19 Learning Centre
4. Share experiences of anesthesiologists from around the world in transitioning through the stages of response to the pandemic

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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.