COVID-19 Pandemic and Anesthetic Challenges in Indian Scenario

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Due to the widespread nature of the COVID–19 pandemic, the safety of anesthesiologists is an international concern. Many international societies have issued consensus statements or guidelines for the anesthesiologists during the COVID–19 pandemic.¹² These guidelines should be adopted strictly to prevent disease transmission. As the pandemic progresses, patients ranging from asymptomatic carriers to those who present with a false negative COVID–19 test may approach the anesthesiologist. Thereby, in this situation, the need arises for proper precaution for all aerosol-generating medical procedures, and anesthesiologist should renew their familiarity with airborne isolation procedures, which are seldom necessary in routine anesthesia practice. However, to follow all the steps of these guidelines properly is challenging in the Indian scenario. Local modification for safety of healthcare workers is the need of the hour.

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