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ISA ADVISORY AND POSITION STATEMENT (II) **REGARDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Dear ISAIans,

Greetings from ISA National Head Quarters!

We all are in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic. Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists National appreciates, acknowledges and places on record the efforts by its members across the nation.

Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists National issues the following ISA Advisory and Position Statement (II) arising out of COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Use of PPE, Masks and Face Shields by Anaesthesiologists

- ISA advises all its members to wear N 95 mask and face shield along with cap, gloves and surgical gown during all surgical procedures till further notice.
- Please follow Government instructions for the indications of use of PPE. (Attached)
- Administration of anaesthesia to confirmed COVID 19 patients is to be done in dedicated COVID OT in designated COVID Hospitals only. The advisory on conduct of anaesthesia in such patients has been already published on 23 March 2020. (Copy attached for ready reference)

2. Availability of PPE, Masks and Face Shields for Anaesthesiologists

- The respective ISA State and City Branch President and Secretary are requested to identify vendors near to their place and circulate the details of the same in social media groups/ sms and the like to all the members of the city.
- Please procure standard N 95 / FFP3 masks only.
- Please procure standard PPE only. (Specifications are attached)

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3. Funds for Buying PPE, Masks and Face Shields for Anaesthesiologists

- ISA National has earmarked a sum of INR 50 lacs of the ISA Constitutional Provision of Grant-in-Aid to ISA City and State Branches.
- This amount will be used by the ISA Branches for the purchase of PPE, Masks and Face Shields for ISA Members.
- As a special gesture arising out of extra-ordinary situation, ISA National has waived the submission of audited statements to ISA Secretariat before releasing the Grant-in-Aid.
- As a special gesture, ISA National has also included the financial year ending on 31-03-2020 also for releasing the Grant-in-Aid.
- All ISA City /State Branches are requested to send the complete bank details to isanhq@gmail.com within two days, even if already submitted along with the details of current President and Secretary (Name, e-mail ID and Mobile number).
- The ISA Branches should also mobilize additional funds locally as per requirement, including contribution by the members, utilization of savings from previous scientific events.

4. ISA DATA BASE

- ISA National has been requested by following Government of India Departments: NITI Aayog, Board of Governors in supersession of MCI and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to share the details of ISA City and State Branch President, Secretary and ISA Members (including Name, City, State, E-Mail and Mobile number). Indian Medical Association has also requested to share the same data base.
- This has been necessitated to avail the services of Anaesthesiologists, especially in critical care / intensive care in case of possible surge in COVID 19 patients.
- The same has been shared with the above. The ISA City and State Branch President, Secretary and Members can receive calls from local administration for their services to the nation in this hour of crisis arising out of COVID 19 Pandemic.

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- All the above departments and associations have been clearly informed to ensure adequate availability of appropriate PPE to the anaesthesiologists while managing suspected/confirmed COVID 19 patients.

5. ISA National Task Force (ISA NTF)

ISA National Task Force on COVID 19 has been formed.

It comprises of following: State Nodal Officers: ISA National Governing Council Member, State President and Secretary (additional member, if required). These State Nodal Officers will appoint coordinators at State/ City Level for

a. Coordinator for Procuring Supplies

To procure supplies of PPE, N 95 masks, face shields; identify local vendors, negotiations, etc.

b. Coordinator for Distribution of Supplies

To ensure rational distribution of PPE, N 95 masks, face shields, maintain record, submit record to ISA National.

c. Coordinator for Management/ Mobilization of Funds

d. Clinical Coordinator

- Nominate one or two anaesthesiologists from each state who are actively involved in managing COVID 19 patients to ISA National. Send their name, email and mobile number within two days to isanhq@gmail.com
- This Clinical Group will interact with each other for sharing experiences and practical problems faced by them in management of COVID 19 patients. They will give suggestions to each other for benefit of all.
- They will also share their experience of institutional purchases, technical specifications and staffing in COVID ICU/ Isolation ward/Screening/COVID OT.

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e. Training Coordinator

- Form a team of Anaesthesiologists to conduct refresher course for anaesthesiologists and teaching and training courses of doctors of other specialties on mechanical ventilation.
- Nominate anaesthesiologists from each state and city. Collect their name, email and mobile number within two days. Send information to isanhq@gmail.com also.
- The local training is required because of different makes of ventilators in different cities.
- This may be required in near future due to possible surge of patients.
- The Government is also buying new ventilators and supplying to district hospitals.
- ISA National requests all Head of Departments of different Medical Colleges, Corporate Hospitals, etc to contribute actively and depute anaesthesiologists for Training on Mechanical Ventilation and clinical management of COVID 19 patients.
- IMA has also requested ISA to train doctors at city level in managing ventilators.
- The training should be done online. For physical training, maintain adequate social distancing during the training sessions.
- ISA National will also conduct webinars on mechanical ventilation.

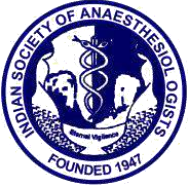
The ISA National Governing Council Nodal Officers are:

- Telangana- Dr Muralidhar Joshi
- Rajasthan-Dr. Suresh Kumar Bhargava
- Kerala- Dr Venkatagiri K M and Dr Sugu Varghese (ex officio)
- Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, other UTs - Dr Naveen Malhotra
- Uttar Pradesh- Dr Virendra Sharma
- Madhya Pradesh- Dr Lalit Mehdiratta
- Karnataka- Dr S Bala Bhaskar
- Maharashtra and Goa: Dr J. V. Divatia and Dr Ashok Deshpande
- Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh- Dr S.S. Bajwa
- Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal- Dr Manoj Kumar

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Andhra Pradesh- Dr Chintala Kishan

Assam & North East States- Dr Surajit Giri

Gujarat- Dr Bhadresh Shah (ex officio)

ISA National is thankful to its State and City Office Bearers for the work done so far. However, it is a long battle and we are sure that TEAM ISA will serve our beloved nation India and we all shall emerge victorious.

Long Live ISA !
Jai ISAian !
Jai Hind !!

Encls: As above

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