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Orthopaedics cases reduction during COVID 19 and the lockdown

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We read the recently published article “Disruptive Effect of COVID-19 on Orthopaedic Daily Practice: A Cross-Sectional Survey” where the authors had pertinently reported the disruptive effects of daily Orthopaedics practice.

Jerome et al (1) had brought out the real-time Orthopaedics surgery case reduction during COVID19 and subsequent to the lock down in a survey involving 100 Orthopaedics surgeons from 50 countries during their early and mid-lockdown phase of corona virus disease.

Jerome et al (1) found marked reductions in the surgical cases uniformly in these 50 countries. Surgeons (18%) performed less than five surgical cases per month; 100 cases in 8%. Ten percent of surgeons did not operate during the entire lockdown period. More than half of the surgeons had 50 to 75% reduction in patients’ turn-up for regular clinics.

Again, countries with public health care systems modeled with the government, general taxations, ministry of health control, or insurances, such as United States, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, and New Zealand had been continuing to operate more than 100 cases per month. Countries with huge populations such as China, India, and Pakistan which depend on partly private and government support had marked reduction in the number of cases (5–25 cases per month). Overall, 63% of surgeons felt three-fourths reduction in their surgical cases compared with their routine schedule.
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