Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Resources: Concerning Non-Urgent and Elective Surgeries and Procedures During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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TOP RESOURCES

Executive Order by Governor Abbott:
Relating to Hospital Capacity During the COVID-19 Disaster (4/17/20)

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:
Healthcare Facilities Guidance (2/29/20)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services:
Re-opening Facilities to Provide Non-emergent Non-COVID-19 Healthcare: Phase I (4/19/20)

Texas Medical Board:

Texas Medical Board:
Updated FAQs Regarding Non-Urgent, Elective Surgeries and Procedures (4/21/20)

American Hospital Association and National Specialty Societies:

Texas Medical Association: White Paper on Non-Urgent Surgeries Rule (4/22/20)

Texas Medical Association: TMA COVID-19 Resource Center

NOTE: In addition to the resources above, TMA physician members may wish to contact or visit resource centers by their American Board of Medical Specialty (ABMS) member board and their national specialty societies for guidance on non-urgent and elective surgeries and procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, please note that these resources do not bind the Texas Medical Board or the attorney general’s interpretation and enforcement of the governor's order.

TMA STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT A PHYSICIAN SEEK THE ADVICE OF A RETAINED ATTORNEY TO HELP NAVIGATE THE GOVERNOR’S ORDER AND THE BOARD’S RULES.
American Board of Medical Specialties*

The American Board of Allergy and Immunology
The American Board of Anesthesiology
The American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery
The American Board of Dermatology
The American Board of Emergency Medicine
The American Board of Family Medicine
The American Board of Internal Medicine
The American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics
The American Board of Neurological Surgery
The American Board of Nuclear Medicine
The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology
The American Board of Ophthalmology
The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery
The American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
The American Board of Pathology
The American Board of Pediatrics
The American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
The American Board of Plastic Surgery
The American Board of Preventive Medicine
The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
The American Board of Radiology
The American Board of Surgery
The American Board of Thoracic Surgery
The American Board of Urology


Organizations With COVID-19 Resource Centers*

Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research
AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
AMSUS The Society of Federal Health Professionals
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Clinical Toxicology
American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery
American Academy of Dermatology
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Inc.
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pain Medicine
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Blood Banks
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
American Association of Clinical Urologists, Inc.
American Association of Endocrine Surgeons
American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
Organizations With COVID-19 Resource Centers* (continued)

American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin
American Association of Plastic Surgeons
American Association of Public Health Physicians
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American College of Cardiology
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Gastroenterology
American College of Legal Medicine
American College of Medical Toxicology
American College of Mohs Surgery
American College of Nuclear Medicine
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American College of Radiation Oncology
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Dental Association
American Epilepsy Society
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Hospital Association
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
Organizations With COVID-19 Resource Centers* (continued)

American Medical Association
American Medical Group Association
American Medical Women's Association
American Orthopaedic Association
American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society
American Osteopathic Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Rhinologic Society
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society for Surgery of the Hand
American Society of Addiction Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Breast Surgeons
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
American Society of Echocardiography
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians
American Society of Nephrology
Organizations With COVID-19 Resource Centers* (continued)

American Society of Neuroradiology
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Society of Retina Specialists
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association
American Vein and Lymphatic Society
America's Physician Groups
College of American Pathologists
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Endocrine Society
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality
Heart Rhythm Society
HIV Medicine Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International College of Surgeons-US Section
International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery
International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery
National Association of Medical Examiners
National Medical Association
North American Neuromodulation Society
North American Spine Society
Obesity Medicine Association
Radiological Society of North America
**Organizations With COVID-19 Resource Centers* (continued)**

Renal Physicians Association

Society for the Advancement of Blood Management

Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions

Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

Society for Hospital Medicine

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Society for Vascular Medicine

Society for Vascular Surgery

Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons

Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography

Society of Critical Care Medicine

Society of General Internal Medicine

Society of Gynecologic Oncology

Society of Hospital Medicine

Society of Interventional Radiology

Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging

Society of Surgical Oncology

Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Spine Intervention Society

Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society

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