

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

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MISSION: TMA supports Texas physicians by providing distinctive solutions to the challenges they encounter in the care of patients.



Physicians Caring for Texans

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:

[TMB Adopts Emergency Rule to Enforce Gov. Abbott's Executive Order GA-15](#) (4/21/20)

Texas Medical Board:

[Updated FAQs Regarding Non-Urgent, Elective Surgeries and Procedures](#) (4/21/20)

American Hospital Association and National Specialty Societies:

[Joint Statement: Roadmap for Resuming Elective Surgery after COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (4/17/20)

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](#)

**Please note that ABMS board websites and COVID-19 resource centers do not all provide guidance concerning non-urgent and elective surgeries and procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic, but they do offer relevant information that may be helpful to your practice.*

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