OTA International Journal Publishes New Series on Global Response to COVID-19

A year into the unprecedented global pandemic, orthopaedic traumatologists around the world have found ways to adapt their practices in order to continue to help patients in need. As new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus are discovered and infectious disease specialists continue to warn that we must be prepared for future pandemics, it is important for medical professionals to learn from the experiences of their colleagues to maximize safety and minimize disruption in the delivery of trauma care.

In a new series of supplemental articles published in OTA International, orthopaedic trauma surgeons from around the globe offer knowledge gained in dealing with and adapting to the COVID-19 crisis.

“The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has significantly affected the treatment of patients with surgical conditions, including those with acute and chronic musculoskeletal issues,” writes supplement editor Theodore Miclau, MD. “While different global regions experienced different levels of COVID-19 activity and had different resources with which to deal with the pandemic, there were many consistent approaches to injury care and musculoskeletal trauma management. Understanding these approaches is necessary to improve current and future strategies to taking care of orthopaedic trauma patients in an infectious disease outbreak.”

The COVID-19 supplement can be found at otainternational.org under the “Latest Articles” tab. The COVID-19 supplement articles are dated March 15.

The following articles are included in the supplement:

- Orthopaedic trauma care: initial global approaches to management during a pandemic
- Orthopaedic trauma care during the early COVID-19 pandemic in the Asia-Pacific region
- International trauma care: initial European approaches during the COVID 19 pandemic
- Effects of Covid-19 on orthopaedic trauma services: early experiences in South Africa and Israel
- Orthopaedic trauma care during the COVID-19 Pandemic: the Latin American perspective
- Orthopaedic trauma care during a pandemic: initial responses in the United States and Canada
- Impact of COVID-19 on orthopaedic residents—an Indian perspective

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