

ASOS-2

African Surgical OutcomeS-2 Trial

COVID-19 statement

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4 important messages regarding COVID-19

1. We are concerned about COVID-19 and the health of you and your patients in Africa

We have attached a position statement by the South African Society of Anaesthesiologists which gives good advice on healthcare preparation for COVID-19.

Please share it with your colleagues.

It is in English, but if you do translate it, please could you share the translation with us.

2. ASOS-2 Trial: *If you are or going to recruit in the 'intervention arm' of the trial;*

Please **DO NOT** allow the 'family to sit at the patient's bedside' with 'high-risk' patients requiring increased postoperative surveillance.

(We would recommend that you keep all healthy family members out of hospitals)

3. ASOS-2 Trial: *If you have recruited;*

Please could you upload ASOS-2 data immediately, or send us copies of the data now.

(It is very important that all the hard work you put into the trial is reported in the Trial. This will then allow you to focus on managing the COVID-19 pandemic when it arrives at your hospital. Please note that missing data will seriously compromise the ability of the Trial to answer the question whether increased postoperative surveillance decreases postoperative mortality, and so it is important to submit the data now.)

4. ASOS-2 Trial; *If you have not yet recruited, but about to start recruitment;*

We recommend that you start recruiting as soon as possible, and confirm your new start date with us as soon as possible.

(At present the last recruitment date for the trial is Monday 6th April.)

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Please look after yourself. Take adequate precautions.

