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## ADVISORY FROM INDIAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS (NATIONAL)

Dear ISAians,  
Greetings from ISA National Head Quarters !

Due to extreme second wave of COVID pandemic, ISA National issues this advisory for its members:

1. Conduct anaesthesia for emergency and semi-emergency surgery only, so as to divert human manpower and resources, including oxygen towards COVID patients. However, the rules and regulations of local Government have to be followed.
2. The Office Bearers of ISA State and City Branches will help in availability of oxygen bed / ICU bed for anaesthesiology colleagues, whenever required.
3. Optimal Utilization of Oxygen: Anaesthesiologists are competent to avoid wastage of oxygen. However, they will guide in optimal utilization of oxygen in all hospital working areas, like
  - a. Zero leaks at all oxygen ports
  - b. Educate awake repositioning and proning to minimize oxygen requirements.
  - c. For emergency surgery, use regional anaesthesia techniques, wherever feasible. For general anaesthesia for emergency surgery, use low flow anaesthesia technique. Judicious use of oxygen in the post operative period.
  - d. The anaesthesiologists are competent to decide, as per their clinical wisdom, upon oxygen delivery and ventilatory support for COVID patients - nasal prongs, face masks, non rebreathing masks, non invasive ventilation, invasive ventilation, etc. Keep the target oxygenation to 94 %. HFNC to be used very selectively.

Work Safely and Survive !

Jai ISA !

Jai ISAian !!

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