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Physiotherapy and COVID-19: An international survey

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Purpose of the study

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the novel Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) a global pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has overwhelmed thousands of hospital-based clinicians and healthcare facilities worldwide. In addition to challenging the clinical expertise of experienced cardiorespiratory physiotherapists, COVID-19 has led to the need for physiotherapists to upskill and adapt in alternative fields of physiotherapy management outside their usual area of work to cope with the large cardiorespiratory caseloads. The purpose of this study is to investigate the clinical experiences and management strategies adopted by physiotherapists during the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia, United Kingdom, Italy, France, South America, Spain, Singapore, Thailand, South Africa, and India.

This study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia. (Approval Number 2020/598, 04/08/2020)

Procedures

If you would like to participate in this study, we will ask you to complete an online survey. The survey will include basic questions about the hospital you worked at during the COVID-19 pandemic and clinical questions about the management of COVID-19 patients.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about the study, you may contact the principal investigator Anthony Trojman at a.trojman@griffith.edu.au, or the supervisor Dr. Jennifer Paratz at j.paratz@uq.edu.au.

Study findings will be presented at research conferences, in journal publications, and a doctoral thesis dissertation (A.Trojman).

Voluntary Participation

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You are not under any obligation to participate. If you agree to participate, you can withdraw from the study at any time without adverse consequences

Potential Risks

There are no foreseeable risks associated with participation in this research

Confidentiality

All information pertaining to participants in the study will be deidentified prior to analysis and no reference to personal details of participants will be presented in written documents or conferences. Access to participants' data will be limited to members of the research team.

Storage of Data

Once the data has been exported from the Typeform™ servers, data will be cleared from Typeform™ and stored on a password protected accounts of the chief investigators on a dedicated Griffith University research network (Griffith-only network research drive, created by Griffith University IT). Data will be kept for a period of 5 years before being destroyed.

Instructions for participation in the study

This survey has three main parts. The first part contains questions about the hospital you were working at during the COVID-19 pandemic. The second part contains questions about the management of patients with COVID-19. The third section contains questions specific to oxygen delivery and ventilation of patients with COVID-19.

Completing the survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

Participant Consent

I have read the above information and indicate my agreement to participate in this study by clicking "Agreement and start" button.

Results

A plain language summary of the research results can be accessed on completion of the study by request to chief investigator Anthony Trojman via a.trojman@griffith.edu.au

Survey Link

<https://atrojman.typeform.com/to/WOy9V9DP>

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