

The COVID-19 pandemic impacts us all. As a result, many researchers will have difficulty meeting the timelines associated with our peer review process during standard times.

In this issue of WJOLS, we have many exciting articles which you will like. There is an interesting article on day care laparoscopic cholecystectomy (LC). Day care LC is feasible, safe, and equally effective if performed in a selected group of patients after establishing strict patient selection criteria. High-risk patients present a challenge to safe surgical practice in a day care, particularly during the early postoperative period. Criteria for patient selection are crucial for the development of safe day care surgery.

There is an original article in this issue on laparoscopic vs. open drainage of complex pyogenic liver abscess. Conventional open liver abscess drainage has some advantages over laparoscopic drainage in operation time, postoperative recovery, and length of hospital stay.

Treatment of diaphragmatic hernia can be performed by laparotomy or thoracotomy or both. Riolfi performed the first successful repair of diaphragmatic hernia in 1886. In this issue, there is a case report on laparoscopic diaphragmatic repair.

Laparoscopic surgery during a pandemic comes with multiple threats for the surgical team. When used during laparoscopic procedures, it will effectively and efficiently remove smoke from the peritoneal cavity. So, the surgeon can have enhanced visualization of the surgical site safety from COVID-19 and improved air quality in the.

Therefore, I request the whole surgical team should wear personal protection equipment including:

- Use of laparoscopic smoke evacuation system
- Medical protective mask (N95)
- Surgical shield uniform
- Disposable medical protective uniform
- Full-face respiratory protective devices, and
- Powered air-purifying respirator

At last, I would like to say that you take time for yourself during this pandemic, slow down and breathe in the freshness. Find moments that belong only to you and may your spirit savor them. Be blessed with all that makes you happy and healthy today and every day!



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