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Message from the President: COA Update on COVID-19

COVID-19 Resource Centre on the COA web site & an update on advocacy initiatives



Dear Valued COA Members,

In response to the impacts of COVID-19 on our profession, the COA web site now includes a [COVID-19 Resource Centre](#) providing straightforward access to related COA advocacy initiatives and relevant resources from public health authorities and affiliate stakeholder organizations. Our Resource Centre includes evidence-based education through OrthoEvidence, remuneration and billing information, telemedicine guidelines, resources on physician well-being, and links to the latest advisories. This page will be updated regularly and serves as a point of reference to find answers and information on your COVID-19 related concerns.

Important advocacy initiatives are being conducted by the COA leadership and our various committees. Two new position statements on [remuneration for orthopaedic surgeons](#) and [orthopaedic surgical care during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) are available for download from the COVID-19 Resource Centre web page. Your COA leadership is regularly reviewing the emerging issues and encourages you to get involved and contribute to related advocacy projects as we face these challenges together.

The COA recognizes the personal toll this has taken on the lives of our members and their families. More than ever, we need to come together as a specialty and a united front with our Association and support each other through these challenges and changes. Your role as medical specialists and scientists continues to evolve with the pandemic and **we commend your efforts and are grateful for your contributions.**

Please contact CEO, Cynthia Vezina: cynthia@canorth.org if you have questions and I encourage you to keep in touch through the COA's social media platforms.

Thank you.

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COA President