

IFCN COVID 19 Survey Results by Questions

Question	Respondent's Answer
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	we have no trainees at present
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	A little... as we upload narrated PPT of the missing lecturers to web....but definitely their clinical practice affected
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	Most of the EMG testing activities are cancelled. Only academic activities remain open.
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	No really
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	The trainees have their training program interrupted because many cases and exams are non urgent. All the attention are being directed to COVID19 patients.
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	The education activities are obviously less than those in the past.
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	n/a
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	Training has been curtailed as they have to be off site except for essential medical activity
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	Yes , they have been sent to the neurological departments to help with thrombolysis and stroke.

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How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	Yes. Formal training suspended
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	Se suspenden las actividades presenciales. Se están implementando aulas virtuales.
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	everybody
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	Very much. Reduction of exams.
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	Website, e-mails, 1. Trainees are now part of the frontline and exposed to the risks that comes with this. 2. Access to practical neurophysiology training limited due to reduced services
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	very much , people are postponing doing any test
How have your trainees been impacted by the pandemic?	Severe limitation in the number of patients seen.

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What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	We don't know yet
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	A lot.....the flow of patients are limited now by the governmental regularion Only few Clinical neurophysiologist are staff members at hospitals. Their income is about the same. Most neurophysiologist are paid by provided services, in the last 2-3 weeks they have had no income, The government offered some benefits to health workers but they apply
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	In university hospital so far practically no impact - we keep on performing CN tests so far (with adequate safety considerations) In private sector there are less patients than normal
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	In our case we are the owners of the clinic. We must pay the employees and we have no incoming as the attendance was suspended until next week.
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	The income has been affected despite the impact was not very significant so far.
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	n/a
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	Reduction in private practice in line with reduced elective OPD practice
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	don't know

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What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	No significant impact yet
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	Importante impacto financiero. Reducción del No de estudios mayor a 80%
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	big one
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	Reduction of Exams.
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	Nothing
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	Fewer tests result in less income - this will impact all institutions. As for individuals, those in the private sector will be more affected
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	I think ,because of financial reason , all patients ask medical advice only in emergency,
What has the financial/economic impact been on clinical neurophysiologists and what is the reason for this impact?	Important economic impact. Number of patients seen clinically and in the neurophysiology lab dropped to almost cero.

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Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	no yet
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	Take your precautions and serve your patients....It is your job
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	--
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	No
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	As the President of the Latin American Chapter of the IFCN we are preparing a paper with the recommendations for the CN practice.
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	The concept of sterilization may be emphasized in some neurophysiological tasks.
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	n/a
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	Many tests can wait in the context of a pandemic
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	Not for now

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Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	Si. Debemos insistir en conductas de bioseguridad en la comunidad.
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	yes
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	----
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	Yes Nothing specific to COVID-19
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	This experience does highlight the need to have more learning opportunities through an online platform. This includes teleconferences and also webinars. I think we must do needle EMG with care , all patients must have swap for COVID-19 before the test
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	and we do only the emergent cases , this is my opinion , we do not know a lot about Covid-19 ,if needle insertion could activate virus , I do not know
Anything else that you have learned of which the rest of the international CNP community should be aware?	No

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What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	In case are requested to do such studies we are coated , masked and gloved
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	Not dealing with covid 19 cases
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	No outpatient testing. Inpatient testing only in selected patients. Surgical masks, face shields or goggles and gloves used.
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	Tailored protective equipment
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	We only do EMG, Intraoperative Neuromonitoring and Ultrasound and we weren't asked to do an exam in COVID19 patients.
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	They have to be checked travel history, upper respiratory infection symptoms before they can get into the lab.
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	Traditional. Access limitation. Especially for staff over 65.
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	PPE - surgical mask, apron, gloves for interperson contact <2m
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	We have reduced to a minimum the ambulant examinations and are only doing the examinations on acute indications.

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What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	We have access to PPE in accordance with national guidelines. Aun no tenemos solicitudes de estudios en pacientes con COVID19. Si fuera el caso tomaríamos las medidas de bioseguridad emitidas por nuestro MSP, para las cuales estamos preparados (EPP).
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	we do not performe studies now
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	We just perform the exam if it is clinical important to treat the patient.
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	Protective suit, face protective and gloves At time of writing, there has been no requests for neurophysiology studies on COVID-19 patients at our Centre. If there were, we would minimize the number of personnel seeing patient and also don full PPE as per protocol.
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	I asked all patients to do complete blood picture before the test , , I measure temperature for all cases , but I cannot ask them for swap because in my country ,they do swap only for symptomatic cases ,as the swap test is very expensive
What extra precautions is your hospital and lab taking when doing these studies?	Mask, gloves and careful hand washing, in addition to cleaning the equipment and other devices

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What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	Following our routine
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	All except PSG and long term EEG
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	IOM. EMGs in GBS or MG crisis.
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	Any test
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	We are allowed to do any test.
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	As usual. Most of the neurophysiological tests are allowed.
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	In accordance with medical diagnostic standards.
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	EEG EMG EPs
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	Only acute indications, NCSE, ALS, myositis, painful plexopathies, acute inflammatory PNP

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What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	In theory any test that are required in a very sick patient. In practice, we have close to zero neurophysiology activity.
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	No hay consenso.
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	mo test
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	Only if it is important.
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	We are allowed to do only urgent cases . NCS/EMG, EEG, EPS, PSG, IONM, Ultrasound
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	The number of procedures have dramatically reduced due to Institution and Government policies for limits on non-essential work and travel.
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	EEG
What tests are you being allowed to do on non COVID-19 patients?	EMG, PESSs, VEP, motor stimulation, autonomic test

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Are you seeing any epilepsy/neuromuscular/sleep/encephalitis complications associated with COVID-19?	No
Are you seeing any epilepsy/neuromuscular/sleep/encephalitis complications associated with COVID-19?	No in fact I see nowadays increase frequency of epileptic attacks in children , I do not know if this correlated to COVID-19 ,particularly we do not do regular swap to children , but we know from our colleges in pediatric , the incidence of diarrhoea have
Are neurophysiologic studies (EEGs, EMGs, others) being requested on COVID-19 patients more or less often than you would have suspected?	No at any level as the quaranted hospitals are away from my hospital
Are neurophysiologic studies (EEGs, EMGs, others) being requested on COVID-19 patients more or less often than you would have suspected?	Less
Are neurophysiologic studies (EEGs, EMGs, others) being requested on COVID-19 patients more or less often than you would have suspected?	no ,I do not see any case
Does your staff have adequate personal protective equipment (PPE)?	Yes
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Does your staff have adequate personal protective equipment (PPE)?	in fact , we depend on our expense to get personal protective equipment
Do you approach all patients as if they are COVID-19 patients?	Some how ...yes
Do you approach all patients as if they are COVID-19 patients?	No
Do you approach all patients as if they are COVID-19 patients?	yes
	
In your outpatient practice, are you finding that a lot of your epilepsy/neuromuscular/sleep or other patients are being affected by COVID-19 more than general population?	No
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Are clinical neurophysiologists and neurophysiology technologists being called to the front lines to help manage medical issues with COVID-19 in your facility?	No
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Are clinical neurophysiologists and neurophysiology technologists being called to the front lines to help manage medical issues with COVID-19 in your facility?	yes
	
Has your Society done anything specific for your members regarding COVID-19 (i.e. website update, informational email to members, etc.)?	Yes
Has your Society done anything specific for your members regarding COVID-19 (i.e. website update, informational email to members, etc.)?	Our society postponed the routine education meetings for members. The supervisory board meeting is held on web.
Has your Society done anything specific for your members regarding COVID-19 (i.e. website update, informational email to members, etc.)?	yes