

Mini-roundup

Wednesday 25 March

Dear ENT UK member,

We are very pleased to announce that Public Health England (PHE) has accepted the need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be used in all ENT-related procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic, and has agreed to change their list of Aerosol-Generating Procedures (AGPs) to reflect this. PHE has also agreed to ENT UK's PPE request for all patient contact for examination and procedures, not just for suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

New guidance published today:

- [Guidance PPE for patients with emergency oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal conditions whose COVID Status is unknown](#)
- [Guidance for undertaking otological procedures during COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [COVID-19 Epistaxis Management](#)
- [FFP3 respirator usage: current ENT UK recommendations](#)

Please be aware that, due to the rapidly evolving nature of the situation, these versions are currently the most up-to-date advice and therefore supersede any previously issued guidance which may be circulating. ENT UK is aware that there will be hospital/department variation on how our guidance is implemented. It is up to each individual Trust to decide how the guidance is administered and ENT UK is unable to influence this.

There is also a new information sheet for patients:

- [Advice for patients with new onset anosmia during COVID-19 pandemic](#)

This can be found in the patient information area on the ENT UK website.

Other resources

The [Global Tracheostomy Collaborative](#) is running a free webinar: 'Working Toward Zero Harm in the Time of COVID-19: Strategies for Reducing Infectious

Transmission' which will take place on Thursday 26 March at 11pm. This webinar will focus on safe practices for tracheostomy, airway, and intensive care related to novel coronavirus infection. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Existing guidance and resources

- [Initial guidance for head and neck cancer management during Covid-19](#)
- [BAETS statement on COVID-19 and Thyroid Cancer Services - PDF](#)
- [Remote triaging of urgent suspected head and neck cancer referrals during Covid-19 pandemic](#)
- [Nasal endoscopy and laryngoscopy examination of ENT patients](#)
- [COVID-19 Tracheostomy Guidance](#)
- [Aerosol-generating procedures in ENT](#)
- [Loss of sense of smell as marker of COVID-19 infection](#)
- [ENTUK Guidelines for changes in ENT during COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [NTSP considerations for tracheostomy in the Covid-19 outbreak](#)
- [Tracheostomy guidance during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Initial guidance for head and neck cancer management during Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Guidance for ENT during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [ENT UK response to COVID 19 and BACO 2020](#)

You can find all of these documents and more on our dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#), which is regularly updated with valuable guidance and resources for members, so please continue to check there for the latest documents and most up-to-date information.

Kind regards,

Professor Nirmal Kumar

President, ENT UK