



# COVID RULES for SURGERY at IHR

**ALL PATIENTS SHOULD BE ASYMTOMATIC**

## Patient with No history of being COVID positive

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| For Surgery in any OT with no test report                    | → | No Surgery  |
| For any Surgery in OT 1, 2, 3, 4 (Elective cases)            | → | RAT / RT-PCR both   |
| For Minor Procedures in OT 4 (Emergency cases only)          | → | RAT   |
| For Emergency Surgery in any OT 1, 2, 3 with only RAT report | → | Surgery to be performed with PPE Kit. Is advisable to do RT-PCR also ASAP |

## Patient with history of being COVID POSITIVE (Irrespective of INSTITUTIONAL QUARNTINE / HOME ISOLATION)

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| If patient is within 14 days of 1 <sup>st</sup> day of COVID positive or is RT-PCR positive        | → | No Surgery  |
| If patient has completed 14 days from 1 <sup>st</sup> day of COVID positive and is RT-PCR negative | → | Any OT → Use of PPE kit is not mandatory but with High Risk Consent |

- RT-PCR/RAT to be done irrespective of previous COVID recovery duration / antibody titres/ vaccination status of the couple.
- Any patient with history of COVID positive in past, a gap of minimum of 4 weeks (from the 1<sup>st</sup> positive report) should be there before any elective procedure except delivery. It is advisable to follow ASA Guidelines.
- Requesting all consultants to take past history of COVID positive from all patients.
- Any patient with history of COVID positive in past, PAC is compulsory and also require High Risk Consent
- RAT maximum validity 48 hours.
- RT-PCR maximum validity 5 days.

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