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Foreword



The COVID-19 crisis has created unique challenges for health care and particularly for surgery. While the impact has extended to every nation, the response has clearly been influenced by each country's health care system. In this issue of *Current Problems in Surgery*, Drs. Natasha L. Wielogórska and Chidi Ekwobi from the Royal Preston Hospital in Lancashire, England provide a perspective from the United Kingdom's National Health Service (NHS) entitled, "Covid 19: What are the Challenges for NHS Surgery?" They begin with an introduction and follow with detailed perspectives organized around the unique hurdles for surgical patients, surgical workforce, and surgical process. They finish with a section on emerging challenges, including mortality risk, delays to treatment, addressing the backlog, and litigation. For each topic, they provide an overview and then review the controversies. Their arguments are both informative and insightful. This balanced perspective provides a useful framework for decision-making and a foundation for advising patients navigating between the various options. This superb treatise is a significant addition to the literature on this topic and should be useful for trainees and clinicians alike.

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