

OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ATTENTION AND PREVENTION OF SARS-CoV-2 INFECTION AT INTERVENTIONAL BRONCHOSCOPY UNITS

Dear Editor

Highly specialized bronchoscopic procedures performed at Interventional Pulmonology Units are considered high risk due to the particle aerosolization. In response to the current world health situation, due to the infection of the new severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus and coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and despite the fact that bronchoscopy has a relatively contraindicated indication due to the risk of infection in health personnel and for its limited usefulness in COVID-19 diagnosis, is important to establish protocols on how to act in the operating centers for patients care with COVID-19, as well as for the prevention of infection in health personnel. The document shown in supplementary information contains recommendations proposed by experts from the Interventional Pulmonology Unit of the National Institute of

Respiratory Diseases "Ismael Cosío Villegas" in Mexico City and by International Organizations. As shown in the guideline, the most important points to consider are as follows: prioritization of procedures, patient care, staff distribution, description of work areas, procedure room conditions, patient transfer, intervention flowchart, personal protection, and processing of bronchoscopy equipment.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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