

COLORECTAL SURGERY IN ITALY DURING THE COVID19 OUTBREAK: A SURVEY FROM THE ITALIAN COLORECTAL ANASTOMOTIC LEAKAGE (ICRAL) STUDY GROUP

Italy represents one of the most affected countries by COVID19, with more than 90,000 cases at *March 28, 2020*

A survey among the 43 centers of iCral study group revealed:

1. Two-thirds of the centers involved in the treatment of COVID19 cases;

2. Intensive Care Units (ICU) beds were partially or totally reallocated for the treatment of COVID19 cases in 72% of the hospitals. Elective colorectal surgery for malignancy stopped or delayed in nearly 30% of the centers;



3. Less than 20% of them still scheduling elective colorectal resections for frail and comorbid patients needing postoperative ICU care;

4. Significant reduction of the number of colorectal resections during the time span from January to March 2020;

5. Significant delay in treatment in more than 50% of the centers.

