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### **Abstract**

#### BACKGROUND

The current coronavirus disease 19 (COVID-19) pandemic is changing the organization of health care and has had a direct impact on the management of surgical patients.

At the General Surgery Department of Sant'Anna University Hospital in Ferrara, Italy, surgical activities were progressively reduced during the peak of the COVID-19

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