To all my colleague perfusionists,

The COVID-19 pandemic outbreak has presented major challenges for all nations worldwide. Depending on the actions taken by the different governments, this will burden the hospitals; especially the critical care teams.

Currently we do not have much scientific data on the best treatment for patients with this unseen disease yet.

In the beginning of this month, the ExtraCorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for 2019 novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (ECMOCARD)-study has been created in order to pool data on the ICU management of patients with COVID-19.

I would like to urge all colleagues to cooperate globally to gather data on the treatment of these patients by applying for this study.

Perfusionists are the preferred technical partner in the ECMO treatment of these patients, so I think we have a responsibility to put the participation in this study high on the agenda in your institution.

If your institution wants to participate, they can send an application to covid19@elso.org.

In the meanwhile, I wish you all the necessary courage during these challenging times.

Take care of yourself and others.

Sincerely,

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