

COVID-19



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
INTERVENTIONAL PAIN PHYSICIANS

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

UPDATE ON COVID-19 EPIDEMIC

COVID-19 continues to spread. Please adhere to the appropriate guidance from CDC and other organizations. Follow the [President's guidelines](#) for America, meaning there should be no gatherings of more than 10 people at any time in waiting rooms, surgery areas, or anywhere in the office if you continue to be open. Continuously check the following information:

CLINICAL CRITERIA:

Identifying at risk patients

- [Clinical Criteria: Identifying At-Risk Patients](#)
- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Information for Personnel with Potential Exposure to COVID-19](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Healthcare Facilities: Preparing for Community Transmission of COVID-19 in the United States](#)

Patient Visits

Follow temperature monitoring to an extremely careful level of considering anything over 99.4° F as abnormal, which may even be reduced if you desire. A fever should be documented.

Fever and travel are 2-4 weeks, **NOT** 2-4 days.

Please click here to view the [ASIPP COVID-19 STATEMENT](#) released on March 16 with precautionary measures and helpful links.

Decision Making

On patient visits, [CDC guidance](#) directs the health system to “reschedule non-urgent outpatient visits as necessary.” This applies to all outpatient procedures. Consequently, an overwhelming number of interventional pain physicians and surgery centers are canceling their procedures including many of the board members. Please check [identifying at risk patients](#) and [guidance of potential exposure](#).

Beginning on March 6, 2020, Medicare—administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)—will temporarily pay clinicians to provide telehealth services for beneficiaries residing across the entire country.

To read the Fact Sheet on this announcement visit: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-telemedicine-health-care-provider-fact-sheet>

To read the Frequently Asked Questions on this announcement visit:
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-telehealth-frequently-asked-questions-faqs-31720.pdf>

We will continue to update you as we gain more information. Until then, stay healthy and safe!