



Good morning. Here are this week's stories.
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Editor's Note

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the AMA is committed to ensuring physicians have the information and tools they need to help fight this virus. While Morning Rounds Weekend is usually reserved only for AMA members, we're opening the newsletter to all physicians on our Morning Rounds Daily list to deliver up-to-date guides and articles.

Top AMA News

What I told the president we need to effectively fight COVID-19

On Wednesday, in a small virtual meeting with President Trump, Vice President Pence and other senior members of the administration, I told them, loud and clear, the single biggest thing on your minds: WE NEED MORE PPE AND TEST KITS. [Read more from the AMA.](#)

COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions

Want to learn more about COVID-19? Review the answers to the frequently asked questions about the disease. [Read more from the AMA.](#)

COVID-19: How the virus is impacting medical schools

Medical schools are working to keep students safe while minimizing disruptions to learning during the COVID-19 outbreak. [Read more from the AMA.](#)

Key changes made to telehealth guidelines to boost COVID-19 care

To broaden access to telehealth services, certain federal privacy rules have been relaxed and Medicare payments expanded during the COVID-19 emergency. [Read more from the AMA.](#)

COVID-19 national emergency: 6 top insights from 2 AMA presidents

Former AMA president and Kentucky's top public doctor, Steven Stack, M.D., joins AMA President Patrice Harris, M.D., M.A., to offer some context on the pandemic's local impact. [Read more from the AMA](#) or [watch their conversation here](#).

Doctor's Day is March 30: Show your virtual gratitude

To the physicians and healthcare teams on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic: thank you for putting your lives on the line and taking care of us. Leave your words of encouragement and we'll share the love with physicians across the country on March 30. [Share your support](#).

COVID-19 Resources

Quick guide to telemedicine in practice

In an effort to keep our health care workers and patients safe amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the AMA has designed this quick guide to support physicians and practices in expediting the implementation of telemedicine, so care can continue to be provided to those who need it most. [Explore the guide](#).

Get the AMA Physician's Guide to COVID-19

This quick-start COVID-19 physician guide, curated from comprehensive CDC, *JAMA* Network and WHO resources, will help prepare your practice, address patient concerns and answer your most pressing questions. [Download the guide](#).

Resources from the CDC: COCA Calls

- [Outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus – Interim Guidance for Clinicians](#)
- [Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [What Clinicians Need to Know to Prepare for COVID-19](#)

TOP *JAMA* AND *JAMA* NETWORK ARTICLES

JAMA: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Italy](#)

JAMA Pediatrics: [What Does COVID-19 Mean for Families?](#)

JAMA Network Open: [Cognitive Outcomes of Kids After Prenatal Exposure to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder](#)

JAMA Network Open: [Estimated Mortality from Secondhand Tobacco Smoke Exposure, 1990-2016](#)

POPULAR MEDIA STORIES

New York Times: [Researchers say there may be five to 10 people with undetected coronavirus infections for every confirmed U.S. case](#)

AP: [CMS announces Medicare will expand coverage for telemedicine to help seniors avoid coronavirus](#)

New York Times: [Hospitals confront potential shortage of ventilators to treat patients with coronavirus](#)

Washington Post: [Analysis: About 85% of U.S. coronavirus fatalities were older than 60](#)

A Look Ahead

2020 International Conference on Physician Health™ postponed to April 2021

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty it brings, the British Medical Association, American Medical Association and the Canadian Medical Association have decided to postpone the International Conference on Physician Health™. We have rescheduled the conference to Wednesday, April 28 – Friday, April 30, 2021 at the same venue – The IET Savoy Place, London.

We will share further details of our updated planning as soon as possible but will be in contact with authors who submitted abstracts in response to our call for abstracts at some time in April 2020. Our conference theme will remain ‘a vision for humanity in medicine’.

For additional details, please view the conference website [here](#).

News From AMA Sections and Special Groups

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