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Reply to letter to the editor



To the Editor,

We thank Dr. Ayesha Saleem and associates for sharing their experience. Unlike your findings, we and other researchers [1] did not find an increase in patients presenting with complicated appendicitis during the height of the pandemic, although these are admittedly all small studies. We agree that this pandemic has forced us all to be flexible and rethink our previous workflows.

The long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on patient care and research remains to be seen. Preexisting disparities in access to quality care are being amplified by this pandemic. The resilience of our social safety nets will be tested in the months and years to come.

Thank you,

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