



CSANZ Statement on the temporary suspension of all non-urgent elective surgery

The Cardiac Society Australia and New Zealand is supportive of the government's temporary suspension of all non-urgent elective surgery in the current context of needing to actively direct resources to the COVID-19 crisis and minimize unnecessary foot-traffic of well people in the hospital system.

From a cardiac services perspective we think that this will enable us to maintain access for patients with acute myocardial infarction that require urgent percutaneous coronary intervention and unstable patients due to cardiac ischemia, arrhythmia or other emergencies.

The consistency of this recommendation across all public and private services also supports equitable access for all in the community at this time.

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