Arthroplasty During the COVID Pandemic: Surveillance of AAHKS CAN ASSOCIATION members during the first 3 Months KNEE SURGE

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Outline

Review of the first 4 surveys sent to AAHKS Membership





Timeline

- March 11, 2020- WHO COVID-19 pandemic
- AAHKS Survey 1- March 20, 2020
- March 27,2020- CARES Act signed into law
- AAHKS Survey 2- April 3
- AAHKS Survey 3- May 1
- AAHKS Survey 4- June 5

Survey

- AAHKS: 4,000 American Surgeons
- Majority of the estimated 900,000 TJR each Year
- Active survey for 1 week
- Survey questions slightly adjusted over the various lockdown periods and attempts to recover





Responses

• Survey 1: 20%

• Survey 2: 21%

• Survey 3: 20%

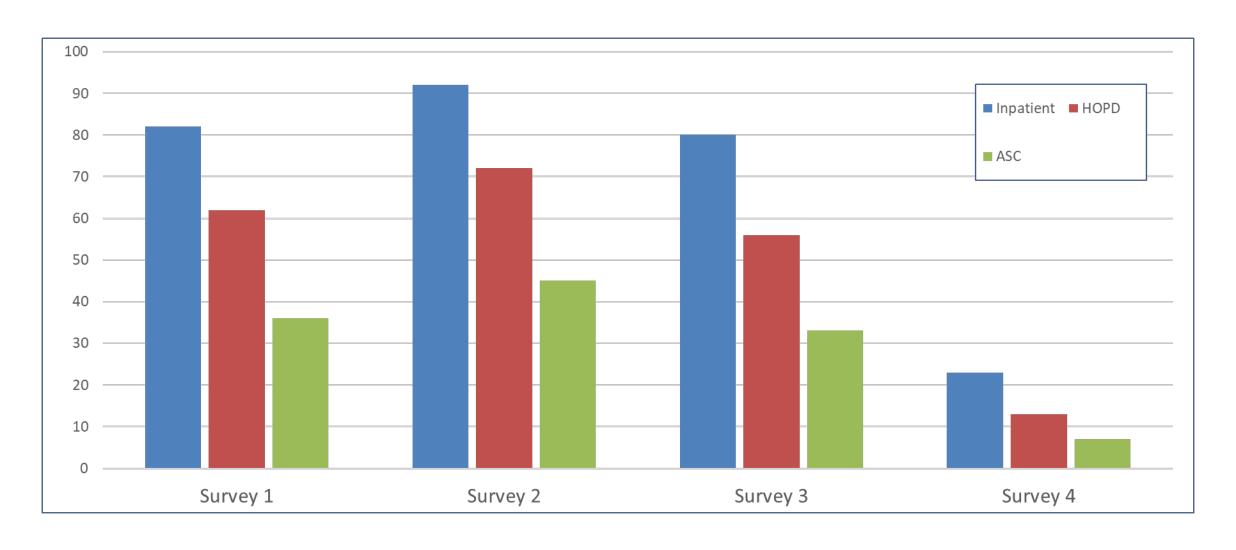
• Survey 4: 12%



"This is interesting, 70% of the respondents to our survey said they don't respond to surveys."

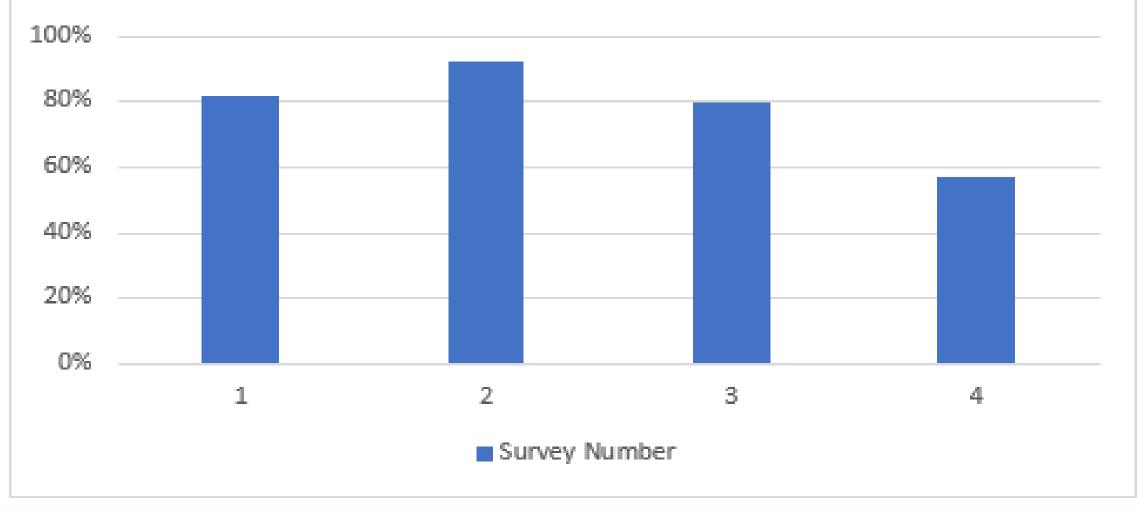


Surgeons stopping elective surgery



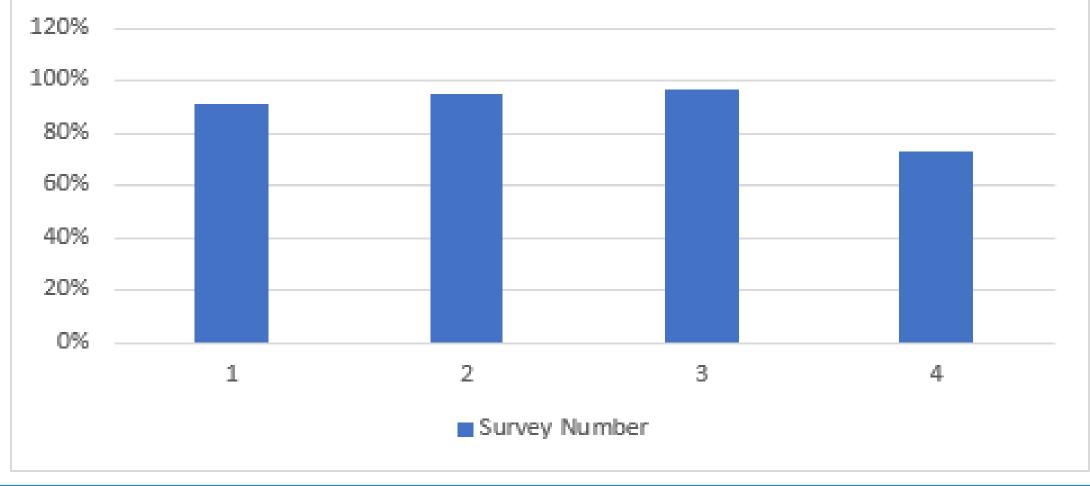


Percent of Surgeons Reporting Cessation of Elective Surgery Per Survery



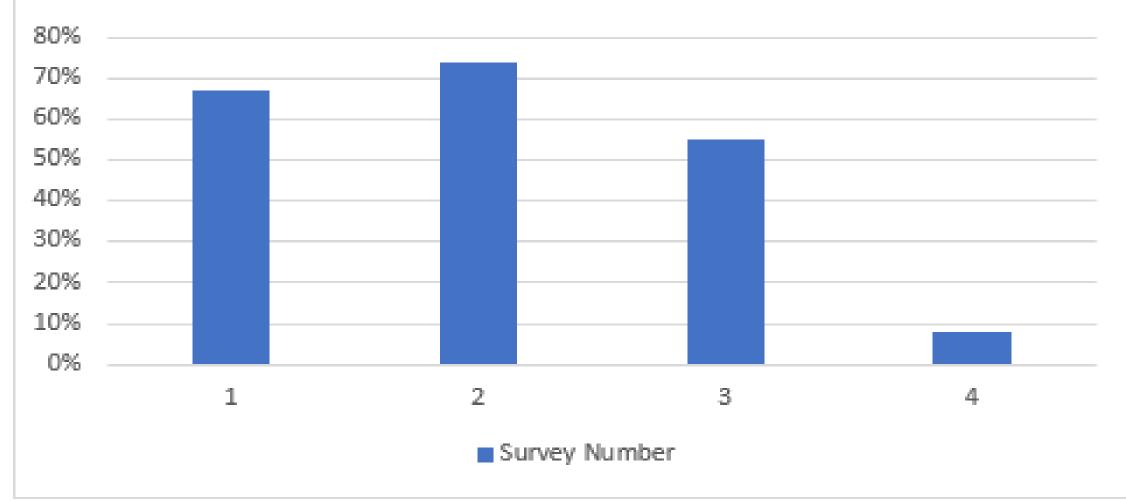






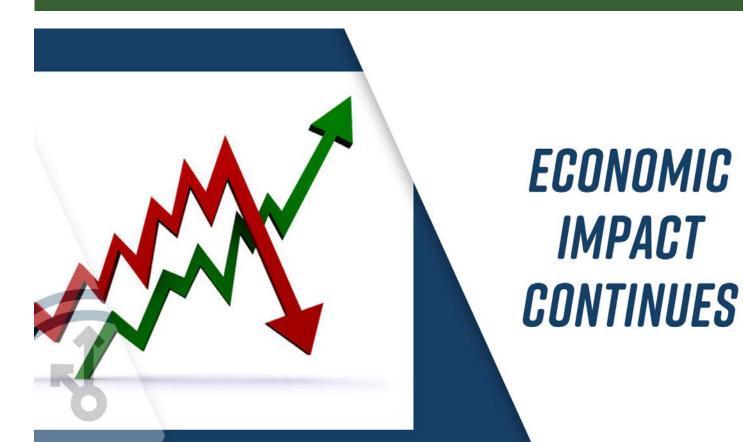


Percentage of Surgeons Reporting Not Effectively Working





Practice Economic Impact



- Furlough Employess: Up to 58%
- Shut down Practice: Up to 20%
- Permanent Closure: 3%
- Cares Act Applications: 67%

Clinical Procedures Response



- Preop Testing: 88% by survey 4
- Removal of restrictions on elective cases: Survey 4 54%
- Routine use of N95 mask: Survey 4L 19%



Key Findings

- At its peak, 92% of respondents had stopped performing elective inpatient procedures
- As many as 74% of respondents reported not working, and 65% reported foregoing some amount of compensation
- **97%** of respondents reported routine pre-operative testing of patients, 12% reported routine testing of providers
- An estimated 22,500 primary and 2,000 revision Total Joint Replacements were **not** performed each week of April and May, and a further estimated 10,000 primary and 1,000 revision were not completed each week of June
- **47%** of respondents reported feeling financial stress, 46% reported mental/emotional stress due to the effects of the pandemic



- Resources Stretch
- Evolving repercussion for TJA until the pandemic is resolved
- "New Normal"
- Rescheduling hurdles





More Surveys and Data

- Still to come
- Survey 5 and 6