

Country	Status of Elective Procedures
<p>Colombia</p> <p>María Helena Castillo Mcastil8@its.jnj.com</p> <p>Nicolas Medellin nmedelli@ITS.JNJ.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures? <i>Yes, started with the sanitary emergency declaration by the government in order to mitigate the contagious of Covid-19 in the country.</i></p> <p>Official guidance on reopen elective procedures? <i>MoH: started early May</i> <i>Reactivate postponed surgical procedures due to mandatory preventive isolation and scheduling of other surgical procedures, considering:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Emphasis on outpatient surgery o Surgery with low risk of ICU admission.</i> • <i>Short hospital surgeries (less than three days)</i> • <i>Priority in a clinical situation (surgeries that do not pose a risk should continue to be deferred)</i> • <i>Willingness of the person to perform the procedure</i> • <i>Each provider must carry out a prior evaluation of the clinical conditions of patients who are candidates for reactivated surgical procedures</i> • <i>Implement strategies to minimize hospital stay and early discharge with post-surgical follow-up with care modalities such as home and telemedicine</i> <p><i>Bogota: Yes, started late April. (Circular 29)</i> <i>If there is an increase in patients due to Covid-19, non-urgent highly complex procedures should be canceled (e.g. neurology, orthopedics, among others), which require intensive care units, and progressively intermediate complexity procedures that require hospitalization.</i></p> <p><i>Each region in the country will publish their own protocols. After reviewing with the Commercial Team, some regions began to publish their protocols based on the measures proposed by the Bogota Mayor. In addition, healthcare institutions have the freedom to open their services, but it is necessary to recover the confidence of patients to retake these procedures due to the Covid-19 contingency.</i></p> <p>Stage of elective procedures recovery? <i>Elective surgery services are being opened in some regions in the country, where the use of ICU rooms or hospitalization is not required as much as possible.</i> <i>Healthcare Institutions in different regions will be opening elective surgeries according to their local guidelines and apply their own protocols.</i></p>

<p>México</p> <p>Octavio Avendaño oavendan@its.jnj.com</p> <p>Adriana Obregón AObregon@ITS.JNJ.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures? <i>No. Nor the MoH or the 32 states health authorities have issued an official guidance, but effectively most elective surgeries have been delayed and, in the case of public hospitals that are Covid hospitals, elective surgeries are not allowed.</i></p> <p><i>To depressurize public hospitals, on April 8th the MoH announced a collaboration plan with a network of 250 private hospitals (with 3,175 available beds) to expand medical attention capacity for non Covid patients of the public sector for the following procedures: delivery, pregnancy and postpartum care; caesarean sections; appendix diseases; complicated hernias; complicated gastric and duodenal ulcers, and endoscopies. This allowed the public sector hospitals to focus on Covid attention and emergencies. The agreement can be found in https://www.hospitalesxmexico.com/ and came into force from April 23rd to May 23rd ; no official announcement to extend it has been released.</i></p> <p><i>However, in the private sector, most of the hospitals have set their own guidance for elective procedures and only in case an emergency allowed them to do so. Each patient has to begin their pre-acceptance 48 hours in advanced with a general review by a doctor, who is not his main physician, a COVID19 test and a thorax X-RAY.</i></p> <p>Official guidance on reopen elective procedures? <i>There is no federal or state guideline for the resumption (important to say that in Mexico the 32 states are also sanitary authorities who can establish their own restrictions). The federal government announced that municipalities with no Covid cases will reopen activities starting June 1st but local state governments have declared that until the number of Covid cases start to decrease the restrictions will not be lifted.</i></p> <p>Stage of elective procedures recovery? <i>Yet to start.</i></p>
<p>Chile</p> <p>Luz Sosa LSosaLei@its.jnj.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures? <i>Yes. Resolution 203 of March 25, 2020 established the postponement of all elective surgeries whose delay does not pose a serious risk to the patient's health. Duration of the measure: three months.</i></p> <p>Official guidance on reopen elective procedures? <i>Yes. Resolution 323 of April 30, 2020 suspended the measure regarding the postponement of all elective surgeries subject to the following requirements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) major outpatient surgeries</i> <i>b) surgeries whose planned hospitalization does not exceed one night.</i> <p><i>No use of ICU.</i></p>

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<p>Argentina Sebastian Parigi sparigi@ITS.JNJ.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures? <i>MoH published a recommendation to suspend scheduled surgeries. Also, the medical associations had their own recommendations</i></p> <p>Official guidance on reopen elective procedures? <i>No national guideline. Different trade associations are working on protocols to present to the government to be adopted.</i></p> <p>Stage of elective procedures recovery? <i>Is expected the MoH to change recommendations.</i></p>
<p>Brazil Totino, Andre [JANBR] avieir19@ITS.JNJ.com Yuba, Tania [MEDBR] TYuba@ITS.JNJ.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures? Yes ANS (National Regulatory Agency for Private Health Insurance and Plans) Elective surgeries were not suspended by the ANS, but there was the suspension of time limits for elective surgery appointments. But even so, there are exceptions as you can read below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Care related to prenatal care, childbirth and the puerperium; B. Chronic patients; C. Continued treatments; D. Postoperative reviews; E. Diagnosis and therapies in oncology, psychiatry; F. Those whose failure to perform or interrupt put the patient / beneficiary at risk, according to an express statement, substantiated and attested by the attending physician. <p>Therefore, all cases must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and must accompany the opinion of the physician responsible for the care, which will ultimately determine and considering the current situation and the patient's condition, the need to perform a certain procedure.</p> <p>ANVISA (Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency) - Ministry of Health There is an ANVISA technical note (29th April) with updated information to support the decision making of hospital staff during the perioperative practice this pandemic period. In one of the chapters it is described that non-essential elective surgeries should be postponed</p> <p>CFM (Federal Council of Medicine)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd April 2020

	<p>The Federal Council of Medicine (CFM) announced on recommendations to the Councils Regional Medical (CRMs) to assess the need for suspension or not, calls (consultations, procedures and surgeries) elective in their jurisdictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Official guidance on reopen elective procedures? <i>There is no national guideline in the private or public sector for the resumption. There is a guidance on the return of elective surgeries. Published by medical associations in the cardiology. There are local recovery initiatives such as in Rio Grande do Sul State and Minas Gerais (Juiz de Fora):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Montei Sinai Hospital releases gradual return from elective surgeries in Juiz de Fora. The decision was made after analyzing the current scenario of the coronavirus pandemic in the city. Procedures have been suspended since March 19.• The largest hospitals in Santa Maria are already preparing to resume non-urgent surgeries, after the state government authorized the resumption of elective procedures in hospitals and health units throughout Rio Grande do Sul. <p>Stage of elective procedures recovery? <i>Yet to start. Private and philanthropic hospitals across the country recorded a drop in the movement due to the cancellation of exams and elective surgeries caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The ANAHP (National association of private hospitals) shared the information that private hospitals in the country recorded an average drop of 27% in the total number of hospitalizations in the second two months (March and April) of 2020, compared to the same period of 2019. Official data have not been published for the public sector, but it is observed that the drop in the number of elective procedures was greater than in the private sector.</i></p>
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