EAU Guidelines Office Rapid Reaction Group: An organisation-wide collaborative effort to adapt the EAU guidelines recommendations to the COVID-19 era

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Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic is unlike anything seen before by modern science-based medicine. As of 14/4/20 there are 1,933,800 confirmed cases globally in 210 countries and 120,434 deaths [1]. Health systems globally have struggled. Anaesthetists and theatre teams have been redeployed, and Intensive Care Units struggle with demands as the entire service is refocused on managing the acutely unwell. Added to this are the effects of social confinement and isolation. Staff at risk are removed from the workforce for their own health and some of these get sick also limiting capacity. This brings into question if the latest guidelines based upon the best evidence and published only 2 weeks ago are relevant in this crisis.

As a scientific society and via the Guidelines, Sections Offices and the European Urology family of journals, we believe it is important that we try to support urologists in this difficult situation. We aim to do this by providing tools that can facilitate decision-making. Our goal is to minimize the impact and risks for both patients and health professionals delivering urological care, whenever possible although it is clear it is not always possible to mitigate them entirely. It should be understood there may not be high quality evidence for the compromises proposed but we hope this document will function as an important additional guide to the management of urological conditions during the current COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic, caused by SARS-CoV-2, based on the current EAU-Guidelines.

Methodology

The Guidelines Office commissioned a Rapid Reaction Group (GORRG) on 19th March 2020 to facilitate the development of adapted guidelines to deal with a range of situations and priorities. Using the resources of the GO, the panel chairmen, panel members and in collaboration with other relevant EAU section offices, plus the Executive Committee, the aim was to ensure an aligned organisation-wide consensus and response underpinned by the best knowledge at our disposal describing how to react to the urgent crisis impacting urological care and services.

All recommendations in the Guidelines have been reviewed in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and have been adapted where appropriate. Panels also had access to and reviewed a range of national and local COVID-19 guidelines to ensure complementarity wherever possible. New evidence has been searched for by targeted (non-systematic) screening of the available published literature as well as including those recently accepted and in press with access provided by the publisher in strict confidence. The findings (mostly level 3/4 evidence) were discussed and approved by panel members across 21 EAU Guideline Panels using electronic communication. Regarding surgical approach that applies across several guidelines, it was decided that the GORRG will provide general recommendations instead of guideline-specific surgical approach recommendations in each disease area. All panels were provided the following specific terms of reference:

PROTOCOL FOR ADAPTATION OF GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATIONS TO COVID-19 PERIOD

A-Review of recommendations across 4 broad areas:

- 1- DIAGNOSIS
 - a- IMAGING and/or TESTS
 - b- INVASIVE PROCEDURES
- 2- SURGICAL TREATMENT AND MEDICAL THERAPY

- 3- FOLLOW-UP/TELEMEDICINE (give updated recommendations on follow-up tailored for the COVID-19 era, with the aim of limiting as much as possible healthcare resources without losing our ability to timely diagnose disease recurrences/progressions).
- 4- EMERGENCIES

B-Levels of priority

Panels were asked to provide tables with recommendations based on level of priority; not necessarily covering all recommendations on the recently published updated EAU Guidelines 2020 [2], but those that the panels felt were critical drivers of outcome and would especially be impacted by the current crisis and always based on the highest level of evidence that was possible and referenced whenever possible to maintain a transparent link from evidence to adapted recommendation. In order to achieve this, the GORRG produced a color-coded risk stratification tool (Figure 1) for completion by guideline panels to aid them with adaption of their recommendations:

- LOW PRIORITY: Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of function) very unlikely if postponed for 6 months (GREEN COLOUR)
- INTERMEDIATE PRIORITY: cancel but reconsider in case of increase in capacity (not recommended to postpone more than 3 moths: Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of organ function) possible if postponed 3 months but unlikely) (YELLOW COLOUR)
- HIGH PRIORITY: the last to cancel, prevent delay of > 6 weeks. Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of organ function and deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks (RED COLOUR)
- EMERGENCY: cannot be postponed more 24 hours. Life threatening organ function threatening condition (BLACK COLOUR)

Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation. Likely to have presented via A&E despite the current pandemic

Figure 1: levels of priority

A&E = Accident & Emergency Department.

C-Criteria for prioritization

Criteria established for prioritization regarding procedure and disease:

- 1- Impact of delay on primary outcomes (for instance OS in oncology, CSS in oncology, risk of metastases, kidney failure for transplant patients)
- 2- Possibility of alternative methods that could replace the procedure with less OR requirement.
- 3- Presence of co-morbidities and/or increased risk of complications.
- 4- There is a threat to patient life if the procedure is not performed immediately.

- 5- There is a threat of permanent dysfunction of the organ system if the treatment is not performed.
- 6- There is risk of rapidly progressing severe symptoms that are time-sensitive.

Criteria derived from COVID-19 pandemic:

- Current and projected COVID-19 cases in the facility and region. The final decisions should be made in consultation with the hospital, surgeon, patient, and other public health professionals
- Supply of PPE to the facilities in the system
- Staffing availability
- Bed availability, especially intensive care unit (ICU) beds
- Availability of adjuvant treatments (i.e chemotherapy) without which the primary treatment is less / not effective
- Ventilator availability
- Health status and age of the patient, especially given the risks of concurrent COVID-19 infection during recovery
- Urgency of the procedure
- Risk of bleeding/transfusion There is a lack of RBC units because blood donors do not go to the hospital. Co-morbidities such as COPD should be taken into account; Patients taking anti-coagulants/anti-platelet therapy (due to increased risk for transfusion)
- Length of hospitalization
- Risk of acquiring the COVID infection by the patient during the treatment course.
- Risk of contamination of the staff by asymptomatic but already positive patient
- Capacity of COVID-19 testing

D-Peer reviewing process

Once submissions of adapted recommendations were received from all 17 EAU Guideline Panels, the GORRG proceeded with a first round of peer review and ensured uniformity of the format of recommendations and checked for consistency and limit duplication across panel recommendations.

Finally, a second step peer reviewing process was done by 7 independent Section Office members (3 experts on oncology and 3 in non-oncology, 1 to comment on both oncology and non-oncology); we also sought peer review comments from China given the significant experience they have had with COVID-19 and being a few months ahead of Europe in terms of stage of pandemic and recovery.

After the second round of peer review process the different recommendations have been released and these can be consulted for 17 Guidelines topics in Supplementary tables 1 - 17.

Discussion

The guidance produced are based on expert opinion and consensus building across the European Association of Urology with contributions from all 250 members of the EAU Guidelines Office and with contributions from the 130 key opinion leaders forming the membership of the EAU Section Offices. It is important to emphasise that during the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, this guidance may further change and critically will require adaptation to local resources, health systems and specific circumstances of each country or city bearing in mind that different countries and indeed different cities are likely to be at different phases of the pandemic and national/local health system capacities must dictate level of prioritisation implemented in line with local COVID-19 policies.

In addition, there are some overarching principles which should be emphasized (as presented in Table 1). In order to minimize the number of staff that become infected, all medical personnel should comply with the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) regulations. If possible, patients should be asked if they are at risk of COVID-19 prior to any visit in a practice or clinic or hospital setting. Patients who are currently known to be shedding COVID-19 virus should postpone any investigations of other symptoms unless they are thought to be life threatening. However, urologists working in hospitals treating COVID-19 patients may be required to perform urgent investigations on infected patients. In these cases, procedures should be performed in dedicated consultation or operating rooms following the hospital recommendation for staff PPE. Even following a negative COVID-19 test result, it is important to remember the relatively high risk of a false negative result and as a consequence ensure all the necessary PPE tools and general recommendations to reduce COVID-19 transmission are adequately followed [3] (Table 1). It is also prudent during this pandemic, in the absence of extensive community testing and effective isolation/quarantine strategies in place, that health professionals perform their duties on the presumption that all patients they treat are potentially infected with COVID-19 even if asymptomatic given that there is increasing evidence of high infection rates in asymptomatic individuals in countries conducting extensive community testing of their citizens [4, 5]. In this regard, it is important to consider not only the risk for staff but for the patients. Recent evidence from Wuhan reported a 20% mortality rate in asymptomatic patients who tested COVID positive after the surgical procedure [6]. Onset of symptoms were within 2.6 days and 44.1% required ICU support. Out of 20 asymptomatic COVID positive patients undergoing level-3 complexity procedures, which are equivalent to urological transabdominal or retroperitoneal interventions, 7 patients died on ICU from ARDS (Table 1).

If surgical procedures are unavoidable, it is recommended that all procedures should be performed by experienced urologists confident in the procedure. They should be performed with the minimum number of staff members, who should also be fully trained and experienced. Furthermore, no external observers should be present during the procedure (i.e. fellows, or students) [7]. Use of ultrasonic scalpels or electrical equipment producing surgical smoke, should be discouraged because such smokes could carry the COVID-19 [8]. In previous studies, activated Corynebacterium, papillomavirus and HIV have been detected in surgical smoke and several doctors contracted a rare papilloma virus suspected to be connected to surgical smoke exposure. There is no reason to suppose COVID-19 infection could not be spread in the same way. One study found that after using electrical or ultrasonic equipment for 10 minutes, the particle concentration of the smoke in laparoscopic surgery was significantly higher than that in traditional open surgery [8]. Thus, it is recommended to lower electrocautery power settings as much as possible. There is no conclusive evidence regarding the differences in risks of open versus laparoscopic surgery for the surgical team. However, laparoscopic surgery may be associated with a higher amount of smoke particles than open surgery [9]. On the other hand, minimally invasive surgery has the benefit of reducing length of hospital stay and reduces the risks to the patient for contracting COVID-19 whilst in hospital. During laparoscopy, surgical smoke is released into theatre under pressure at several stages of surgery. It is advisable to keep intraperitoneal pressure as low as possible and to aspirate the inflated CO₂ as much as possible before removing the trocars [7-9] (Table 1).

The duration and frequency of shedding of COVID-19 virus in urine is unknown [10]. However, a recent study by Ling et al. reported limited persistence of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid in urine [11]. This data does not prove a link between urine spillage and virus transmission. However, although no evidence of disease transmission through urine is demonstrated yet, urine sampling (for urine culture, dipsticks and other analyses), urethral catheterization and endoscopic procedures (e.g., TURP, TURB, ureteral stenting, etc.) should be executed with caution. As spills are inevitable, surfaces should be rapidly cleaned by using appropriate absorbent and decontamination with chlorine (5000-10000 mg/L) or another appropriate disinfectant (note that chlorhexidine is

ineffective against COVID-19 and is not appropriate) [12]. Spills should be handled according to local guidelines. Similarly, in case of spillage leading to unwanted contact (i.e., accidental exposure) with a member of the staff, appropriate measures should be taken following local protocols.

It is now clear that SARS-CoV-2 is present in the stools of COVID-19 patients. Therefore, the transmission during various procedure (e.g., transrectal prostate biopsy, urinary diversions) might be possible [13]. Therefore, even if clear evidence of COVID-19 virus spreading through faeces is not demonstrated yet, it is preferable to minimize risks of faecal transmissions.

Social distancing is the key player to fight against COVID-19 pandemic. We have a duty to avoid unnecessary outpatient visits and in doing so reduce the chance of virus transmission. Increasing use of Telehealth may be an important way to continue to support patients and their carers during this crisis. It will be interesting to see if this change, born of necessity, is incorporated into urological practice beyond the pandemic [14, 15] (Table 1).

While it cannot be predicted when we will be able to revert back from the acute phase of the COVID-19 pandemic and resume more normal levels of urological care, we do need to plan ahead on how the urological community should do this.

The most logical step will be to reverse back through the aforementioned prioritisation stages. During this process we will need to confer with our fellow surgical (sub)specialties to prioritize the available surgical time and resources among all surgical patients.

Undoubtedly there will be cases where the optimal surgical treatment timepoint will be surpassed. These patients may be at risk of sub-optimal outcome or increased psychological burden due to delayed surgery and should be prioritized in the long waiting lists that we will undoubtedly be facing on the other end of this crisis.

Conclusion

Although the European Association of Urology is a family of 19,000 members and, beyond our membership, the EAU feels a huge sense of responsibility toward each and every urologist globally, wherever they may be, appreciating that the EAU Guidelines are now endorsed by national societies from 72 countries. This extended family ethos is even more important at a time like this when we are acutely aware of the despair that nations and their citizens are experiencing around the world. For instance, we realise that our colleagues and friends in Italy, Spain, France, UK, other EU member states and increasingly in the United States of America are being particularly impacted, whilst on the other side of the world, our friends in China, South Korea, and Japan look to rebuild and return to some form of new normality. Our thoughts are with each and every one of you. Despite these incredibly difficult times, key opinion leaders from across breadth of our membership have come together like never before to rapidly produce this publication of COVID-19 adapted EAU Guideline Recommendations which we hope will fill an important urological practice void and assist urologist surgeons across the globe as they do their very best to deal with the crisis of our generation.

Table 1*: General recommendationa applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

General recommendations for surgical procedures

- 1. Depending on the resources and capacity we recommend treating only high-priority and emergency cases surgically during the COVID pandemic.
- 2. Consider not only equipment, OR and ICU beds capacity but also blood supplies available, drugs shortage in order to prioritize your surgeries.
- 3. Consider that even if capacity is available low priority patients increase the footfall and the risk

of COVID transmission between patients and staff.

- 4. Consider that surgery has been reported to be harmful in asymptomatic patients who subsequently tested COVID positive [6].
- 5. Consider treating intermediate priority patients if capacity is available but not during the COVID surge
- 6. Consider older patients with comorbidity at severe risk of COVID infection and a fatal outcome. Therefore, carefully balance if in high-priority cases surgery is the only alternative.
- Where ventilator capacity for COVID patients has been breached, high-priority surgical candidates requiring ICU ventilation should be triaged according to local recommendations – or if unavailable – age and comorbidity.
- 8. Follow the local recommendations to test staff and patients for COVID, if resources are available. These may differ per hospital and country and familiarize yourself with them. Be aware that they may change as new information is coming in.
- Follow the local recommendations for personal protective equipment (PPE), if resources are available; the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) advise full PPE irrespective of COVID status of the patient. Familiarize yourself with their recommendation [16, 17].
- 10. Wear full PPE for COVID positive patients according to the World Health Organization (WHO). This should include double gloves, gowns, face shields and virus-proof masks [17, 18].
- 11. Intubation and extubation should preferably take place in a negative pressure room if available [19].
- 12. All non-essential staff should stay outside the operating room during the procedure
- 13. Set electrosurgery units to the lowest possible settings to reach the required effect.
- 14. Avoid or reduce use of monopolar electrosurgery, ultrasonic dissectors, and advanced bipolar devices as these can lead to particle aerosolisation.
- 15. Use, if available, monopolar diathermy handheld devices with attached smoke evacuators.
- 16. Clean surgical equipment of COVID positive or suspected patients separately.

General guidance on what to do when faced with a known COVID-19-positive patient needing surgery (these measures partially also applicable for COVID-19-negative patients)

- 1. A specially equipped dedicated OR has to be prepared for these cases. For endourology, a mobile C-arm fluoroscopic X-ray system for radiological imaging and experienced personal for its handling has to be in the special operating room.
- 2. Surgeons and operating team (surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, technicians, nursing assistants / healthcare workers and hospital housekeepers) in OR should be completely protected against infection of COVID-19 and adopt adequate protection devices.
- 3. All minimally invasive procedures should be preferably performed by experienced surgeons and with the minimum number of experienced OR staff members required. Additionally, no external observer is allowed in the OR [7] (<u>https://uroweb.org/wp-content/uploads/ERUS-guidelines-for-COVID-def.pdf</u>)
- 4. To date, there is no specific data demonstrating an aerosol presence of the COVID-19 virus released during minimally invasive abdominal surgery.
- 5. Smoke evacuation systems with active filtered smoke evacuation mode, capable of filtering the aerosolized particles from the carbon dioxide should be provided during laparoscopic surgeries [16].
- 6. Utilizing CO_2 insufflation with a closed system with appropriate filtering of aerosolized particles
 - a. Not inserting 8 mm instruments in a 12 mm da Vinci trocar without a reducer
 - b. Not inserting a 5 mm instrument in a 12 mm da Vinci trocar even with the reducer in place
 - c. Turning CO_2 insufflation off and venting the gas through a filter prior to specimen extraction

- d. Consultation with the CO₂ insufflation manufacturer used in your hospital may be necessary to ensure proper settings are selected for maximal filtration effect.
- e. The full recommendation of SAGES on this topic as well as the cited published evidence can be found on the SAGES website [16]. A recent publication that reports the experience of minimally invasive surgeons from China and Italy in the setting of known/suspected COVID-19 can be accessed at the Annals of Surgery [8].
- 7. For (robot-assisted) laparoscopy and retroperitoneoscopy lowest allowed intraabdominal pressure with the use of intelligent integrated Insufflation systems is recommended [7] (ERUS).
- 8. It is recommended lowering electrocautery power setting as much as possible in order to reduce the surgical smoke production especially in laparoscopic surgery. During access, electrocautery should be provided with automatic suction system.
- 9. Evacuation of irrigation fluid during endourological procedures (cystoscopy, TURB, BPH endoscopic surgery, URS, RIRS, PCNL) should be collected through a close system.

General guidance for testing patients before surgery in the COVID-19 period

- 1. Patients with clinical symptoms like fever and respiratory distress and/or with travel history to endemic areas and previous contact with COVID-19 patients should all undergo preoperative COVID-19 test. In an emergency situation it is suggested to handle those patients as COVID-19 positive patient in order to reduce risk of contagion for both patients and health-care workers.
- 2. Patients without any clinic symptoms and without travel history to endemic areas and previous contact in the last 2 weeks with a COVID-19 positive patient: Testing of elective patients is recommended whenever possible within 48 hours prior to surgery in an outpatient clinic setting. One may consider starting with PCR testing and withholding a chest CT only if the PCR is positive for a COVID-19 infection. However, this might have severe logistical implications (patients need to visit the hospital repeatedly) and joint testing of PCR and CT may be a more desirable and practical approach, depending on the local situation. Main reason for that approach:
 - a. Patients may be in the incubation period of a COVID-19 infection and subsequently develop COVID-19 post-operatively, placing them at risk for adverse post-operative outcomes [6].
 - b. Patients may be asymptomatic/mildly symptomatic carriers and shedders of SARS-CoV-2 and place hospital workers at risk, particularly during intubation and aerosolizing procedures.
 - c. Patients may be asymptomatic/mildly symptomatic carriers and shedders of SARS-CoV-2 and place other hospitalized patients at risk, who are often in higher age groups with co-morbidities and at higher risk of severe COVID-19 disease.
 - 3. The group is aware that at present, different triage policies may be applicable depending on region or country. Even following accounts of the false negative results of the test and the fact that PPE has to be adopted in all surgical patients, information on the test may be useful in the post-operative period.
- 4. In addition, we strongly recommend advising patients to comply with general directions regarding social distancing as stated by the government since this will likely lower the risk for COVID-19 disease at the time of operation.

General guidance on other assistance aspects beyond surgery

- 1. TELEMEDICINE
- 2. Potential or proven COVID-19-positive patients must be treated according to local, national and WHO-requirements [18]. In that case a comprehensive and robust infection control workflow has to be followed [20].
- 3. A network of expert high-volume centres at the regional, national or even supranational level, should guarantee the continuity of the oncological care in an appropriate way, ensuring the

availability of hospitalisation beds and the timely management of the new patients.

- 4. Remote consultation and multidiscipline team (MDT) are recommended to offer the optimum therapeutics.
- 5. Testing for SARS-CoV-2 should be considered before any high-dose chemotherapy.
- 6. Guide the patients to get access to non-emergency medical services such as chronic diseases treatment online to reduce the number of visitors in hospitals.
- 7. Encourage patients to take full advantage of digital self-service devices to avoid contact with others to reduce the risk of cross infections.

*Disclaimer: The EAU Guidelines Office COVID-19 recommendations are to support health-care systems under severe constrain during the pandemic, but their application should be modulated according to local pandemic conditions and restrictions in clinical and surgical activity due to local medical directives and guidance.

The EAU Guidelines Office COVID-19 recommendations can be consulted:

Suppl. Table 1:	Recommendations from the EAU NMIBC Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 2:	Recommendations from the EAU UTUC Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 3:	Recommendations from the EAU MIBC Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 4:	Recommendations from the Prostate Cancer Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 5:	Recommendations from the EAU RCC Guideline Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 6:	Recommendations from the EAU Testicular Cancer Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 7:	Recommendations from the EAU Penile Cancer Guidelines applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 8:	Recommendations from the EAU Management of Non-neurogenic Male LUTS Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 9:	Recommendations from the EAU Urinary Incontinence Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 10:	Recommendations from the EAU Neuro-urology Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 11:	Recommendations from the EAU Renal Transplantation Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 12:	Recommendations from the EAU Urolithiasis Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 13:	Recommendations from the EAU Urological Infections Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 14:	Recommendations from the EAU Sexual and Reproductive Health Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 15:	Recommendations from the EAU/ESPU Paediatric Urology Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 16:	Recommendations from the EAU Chronic Pelvic Pain Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic
Suppl. Table 17:	Recommendations from the EAU Urological Trauma Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

	Diagnosis				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, anaemia related problems) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain	
Level of evidence	1	3	3	3	
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Diagnose before end of 3 months	Diagnose within < 6 weeks	Diagnose within < 24 h	
			 US and CT-IVU in patients with visible (macroscopic) haematuria Cystoscopy in patients with visible (macroscopic) haematuria without clots (It should be abandoned in cases with unequivocal lesion on US or CT-IVU. In such a situation we should proceed immediately to TURB) 	TURB in patients with visible (macroscopic) haematuria and clot retention requiring bladder catheterisation	
		Treatment			
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, anaemia related complications) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain	
Level of evidence	3	3	3	3	

Supplementary Table 1: Recommendations from the EAU NMIBC Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

Non-Muscle-Invasive-Bladder Cancer

COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
recommendation				
Transurethral resection of the bladder and 2nd TURB	 TURB in patients with small papillary recurrence/s (< 1 cm) and history of Ta/1 low grade tumour* 2nd TURB in patients with visibly complete initial TURB of T1 lesion with muscle in the specimen** 	TURB in patients with any primary tumour or recurrent papillary tumour > 1cm and without haematuria or without history of high-risk (HG) NMIBC	 TURB in patients with bladder lesion and intermittent macroscopic haematuria or history of high-risk NMIBC 2nd TURB in patients with visibly residual tumour after initial resection and large or multiple T1HG at initial resection without muscle in the specimen 	TURB in patients with macroscopic haematuria with clot retention requiring bladder catheterisation
Intravesical instillations	 Early post-operative instillation of chemotherapy in presumably low or intermediate-risk tumours*** Intravesical BCG or chemotherapy instillations in patients with intermediate-risk NMIBC*** 		Intravesical BCG immunotherapy with one year maintenance in patients with high-risk NMIBC	
Radical cystectomy		 Immediate radical cystectomy in patients with highest-risk NMIBC Early radical cystectomy in patients with BCG unresponsive tumour or BCG failure 		
*May be just**May be post***May be aba	followed or fulgurated during office cy tponed after BCG intravesical instillation ndoned.	vstoscopy. ons.		

Follow-up					
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, anaemia related complications) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain	
Level of evidence	3	3	3	3	
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Follow-up before end of 3 months	Follow-up within < 6 weeks	Follow-up within < 24 h	
	 Follow-up cystoscopy in patients with the history of low- or intermediate-risk NMIBC without haematuria Upper tract imaging in patients with the history of high-risk NMIBC 	Follow-up cystoscopy in patients with the history of high-risk NMIBC without haematuria	Follow-up cystoscopy in patients with NMIBC and intermittent haematuria	Cystoscopy or TURB in patients with visible (macroscopic) haematuria with clots	
Abbreviations					
BCG = bacillus Ca NMIBC = non-mu	BCG = bacillus Calmette-Guérin; CT = computed tomography; HG = high grade; IVU = intravenous urography; LUTS = lower urinary tract symptoms; NMIBC = non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer; TURB = transurethral resection of the bladder; US = ultrasound.				

		Diagnosis		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, anaemia related problems) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
Level of evidence	3	1	1	3
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Diagnose before end of 3 months	Diagnose within < 6 weeks	Diagnose within < 24 h
* Consider to re ** May be tempo	ly on imaging / cytology for risk stra prarily postponed to the post-opera	 In confirmed UTUC perform a urethrocystoscopy to rule out bladder tumour** Use diagnostic ureteroscopy and biopsy if imaging and cytology are not sufficient for the diagnosis and/or risk-stratification of the tumour* 	 Perform a computed tomography (CT) urography Consider not using diagnostic URS for unequivocal lesions suggestive of high-risk UTUC*** 	Perform CT-urography in patients with visible (macroscopic) haematuria, associated with clot retention and drop in haemoglobin
*** The definitions	s of low- and high-risk UTUC may be	e found in the extended text of guide	lines.	
		Treatment		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, anaemia related complications) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
Level of evidence	1	3	3	3
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h

Supplementary Table 2: Recommendations from the EAU UTUC Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

recommendation					
	 Offer peri-operative chemotherapy to patients with muscle-invasive UTUC* Deliver a post-operative bladder instillation of chemotherapy to lower the intravesical recurrence rate** 	 Offer kidney-sparing management as primary treatment option to patients with low-risk tumours*** In metastatic disease: Use cisplatin-containing combination chemotherapy with GC, MVAC, preferably with G-CSF, HD-MVAC with G- CSF or PCG**** First-line treatment in patients unfit for cisplatin ***** Offer checkpoint inhibitors pembrolizumab or atezolizumab depending on PD-L1 status 	 Perform radical nephroureterectomy (RNU) in patients with high-risk non- metastatic UTUC***** Perform a template-based lymphadenectomy in patients with muscle- invasive UTUC Remove the bladder cuff in its entirety Offer kidney-sparing management to patients with solitary kidney and/or impaired renal function, providing that it will not compromise survival. This decision will have to be made on a case-by-case basis with the patient 	 Perform radical nephroureterectomy as a palliative treatment to symptomatic patients (i.e. haematuria – clots) with resectable locally advanced tumours in patients with muscle-invasive UTUC****** Metastatic disease: Excruciating pain Spinal compression Brain metastasis and other neurological loss of function 	
* Pe	ri-operative chemotherapy must be	discussed with the potential severe	COVID-19 infection in case of neu	itropenia.	
** Dependent	t on the individual local situation ar	nd burden of the health care system,	may be avoided (cystoscopy at 3-	4 months is necessary in this	
case). Postponeme	nt for more than 6 weeks makes no	o sense.			
*** Ma	ay be temporarily postponed (up to	3 months).			
**** Ch	**** Choose combination cisplatin-gemcitabine + G-CSF (over MVAC).				
***** Th	***** The impact of checkpoint inhibitors on COVID-19 outcome is unknown to date. Postpone the treatment for few weeks, whenever possible.				
****** The definitions of low- and high-risk UTUC may be found in the extended text of guidelines.					
Pri	ority should be based on the type o	of symptoms to palliate (in case of pa	in, non-surgical alternative should	d be prioritised).	
		Follow-up			
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	

Definition Level of evidence	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) very unlikely if postponed 6 months 3	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely 3	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, anaemia related complications) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks 3	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain 3
recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Deler by 3 months	Follow-up < 6 weeks	Follow-up within < 24 h
	After radical nephroureterectomy: perform cystoscopy and urinary cytology at 6 months	 After kidney-sparing management in low risk tumours tumour: perform cystoscopy, CT urography and ureteroscopy at 3 months After radical nephroureterectomy: perform computed tomography (CT) urography and chest CT at 3 months After kidney-sparing management in high-risk tumours tumour: perform cystoscopy, urinary cytology, CT urography, chest CT and ureteroscopy at 3 months. 	Any UTUC on systemic treatment. Follow up should be based on CT urography, cystoscopy and cytology	Control of treatment for pain, spinal cord compression and haematuria
Abbreviations	pography: GC - gencitabing plus si	colatin: G-CSE - arapulacute colony s	timulating factor: HD_MI/AC - big	h-dose methotrevate vinblasting

CT = computed tomography; GC = gemcitabine plus cisplatin; G-CSF = granulocyte colony-stimulating factor; HD-MVAC = high-dose methotrexate, vinblastine, adriamycin plus cisplatin; PD-L1 = programmed death ligand 1; PCG = paclitaxel, cisplatin, gemcitabine; UTUC = upper tract urothelial cell carcinoma.

Diagnosis				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, anaemia related problems) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
Level of evidence	3	3	3	3
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Diagnose before end of 3 months	Diagnose within < 6 weeks	Diagnose within < 24 h
Staging / Imaging			In case MIBC is diagnosed staging imaging by f.i. CT thorax-abdomen-pelvis should not be delayed	
		Treatment		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, anaemia related complications) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
Level of evidence	3	3	3	3
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
Transurethral			In case of suspicion of an	
resection of the			invasive tumour (identified on	
bladder			imaging) pertorm a TURB	

Supplementary Table 3: Recommendations from the EAU MIBC Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

Cystectomy for MIBC		 Offer RC in T2-T4a, NOM0 tumours Once RC is scheduled the urinary diversion or organ preserving techniques should be done as would be planed outside this crisis period Multimodality bladder sparing therapy can be considered for selected T2N0M0 patients 		
Palliative			Consider other alternatives	In case of intractable
cystectomy			such as radiotherapy +/- chemotherapy	haematuria with anaemia treat with radiotherapy +/- chemotherapy
Neoadjuvant chemotherapy	 Consider omitting neoadjuvant chemotherapy (NAC) in T2/T3 focal NOMO patients. The proven benefit of NAC in T2 tumours (which is limited), has to be weighed against the risks, especially in patients with a short ife- expectancy and patients with (pulmonary and cardiac) comorbidity. Postpone inclusion in NAC trials (ONLY OFFER TO CISPLATIN-ELIGIBLE PATIENTS) 		Individualize risk in high burden T3/T4 NOMO patients while they are on the waiting list (ONLY RELEVANT FOR CISPLATINUM-ELIGIBLE PATIENTS)	

Adjuvant chemotherapy		Offer adjuvant cisplatin-based combination chemotherapy to patients with pT3/4 and/or pN+ disease if no NAC has been given	
Chemoradiation	 Chemoradiation should be offered to improve local control in cases of inoperable locally advanced tumours In patients with clinical T4 or clinical N+ disease (regional), radical chemoradiation can be offered accepting that this may be palliative rather than curative in outcome 		
Supportive care			Acute renal failure for locally advance bladder cancer: treat with nephrostomy at ambulatory setting Bleeding with haemodynamic repercussion: consider embolisation or haemostatic RT
Metastatic disease: First-line therapy	 Assess risk and benefit individually in each patient. Asymptomatic patients with low disease burden can in selected cases postpone start of treatment e.g. 8-12 weeks under clinical surveillance Use cisplatin-containing combination chemotherapy with GC, MVAC, preferably 	 In symptomatic metastatic patients the benefit of treatment is likely higher than the risk. Supportive measures such as use of GCSF should be considered Use cisplatin-containing combination chemotherapy with GC, MVAC, preferably with G- 	

		with G-CSF, HD-MVAC with G- CSF or PCG	CSF, HD-MVAC with G-CSF or PCG	
		Offer checkpoint inhibitors	Offer checkpoint inhibitors	
		pembrolizumab or	pembrolizumab or	
		atezolizumab depending on	atezolizumab depending	
		PD-L1 status	on PD-L1 status	
Metastatic		Offer checkpoint inhibitor		
disease:		pembrolizumab to patients		
Second-line		progressing during, or after,		
therapy		platinum-based combination		
		chemotherapy for metastatic		
		disease. Alternatively, offer		
		treatment within a clinical trial		
		setting		
Post-operative		In case of limited OR time only		
chemotherapy		consider surgery after a		
		favourable response to		
Surgery after		chemotherapy, and if there are a		
partial or		max of 2 lesions and no		
complete		unfavourable site.		
response				
		Follow-up		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Life-threatening situation or
	metastasis, loss of renal	metastasis, loss of renal function)	metastasis, anaemia- related	opioid-dependent pain
	function) very unlikely if	possible if postponed 3-4 months	complications) and (cancer	
	postponed 6 months	but unlikely	related) deaths very likely if	
			postponed > 6 weeks	
Level of evidence	3	3	3	3
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Follow-up before end of 3	Follow-up within < 6 weeks	Follow-up within < 24 h
recommendation		months		

Routine checking	Extend follow-up periods to 6			
after radical	months			
cystectomy				
Abbreviations				
CT = computed tor	nography; GC = gemcitabine plus cis	splatin; G-CSF = granulocyte colony-si	timulating factor; HD-MVAC = hig	h-dose
methotrexate, vinblastine, adriamycin plus cisplatin; MIBC = muscle-invasive bladder cancer; NAC = neoadjuvant chemotherapy; PD-L1 = programmed death				
ligand 1; PCG = paclitaxel, cisplatin, gemcitabine; RC = radical cystectomy; RT = radiotherapy; TURB = transurethral resection of the bladder.				

Supplementary Table 4: Recommendations from the Prostate Cancer Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

		Screening and early detect	tion	
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Life-threatening situation or
	metastasis) very unlikely if	metastasis) possible if postponed	metastasis) and (cancer	opioid-dependent pain
	postponed 6 months	3-4 months but unlikely	related) deaths very likely if	
			postponed > 6 weeks	
Level of evidence	2			
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Diagnose before end of 3 months	Diagnose within < 6 weeks	Diagnose within < 24 h
recommendation				
	To be postponed until the end			
	of the pandemic (at least as long			
	as the confinement is ongoing)			
		Diagnostic evaluation	۱ 	
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Life-threatening situation or
	metastasis) very unlikely if	metastasis) possible if postponed	metastasis) and (cancer	opioid-dependent pain
	postponed 6 months	3-4 months but unlikely	related) deaths very likely if	
			postponed > 6 weeks	
Level of evidence	1	3	3	3
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Diagnose before end of 3 months	Diagnose within < 6 weeks	Diagnose within < 24 h
recommendation				
Benign feeling	Upfront pre-biopsy mpMRI if			
gland, PSA < 10	resources allow then biopsy. If			
ng/ml	not, defer biopsy until after			
	COVID			
Abnormal DRE or	Upfront pre-biopsy mpMRI if	Biopsy without MRI	Biopsy without MRI if locally	
PSA ≥10 ng/ml	resources allow		advanced or highly	
			symptomatic	
Symptoms of			 Stage using CT and/or 	
metastasis			bone scan.	

		 Commence ADT if radiological evidence of metastatic prostate cancer Biopsy can be postponed 	
Impending spinal			Immediate treatment if
cord			diagnosis is clear on basis of PSA
compression			and imaging*

^ The decision whether to proceed with further diagnostic or staging work-up is guided by which treatment options are available to the patient, taking the patient's life expectancy into consideration. Diagnostic procedures that will not affect the treatment decision must be avoided. During the ongoing pandemic, the need for further work-up must be balanced against the increased risk for a patient to visit the hospital.

* Depending of the local situation, discuss decompressive surgery (if needed) or upfront EBRT on top of systemic treatment.

Treatment of localised prostate cancer: low risk				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
Level of evidence	3			
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
Active surveillance	 Postpone confirmatory rebiopsy as well as DRE PSA can be postponed for up to 6 months 			
Active treatment	Postpone it and patients should be encouraged to have treatment deferred for 6-12 months			
	Trea	tment of localised prostate cancer:	intermediate risk	
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and (cancer	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain

	postponed 6 months	3-4 months but unlikely	related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	
Level of evidence		3		
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
recommendation				
Active		DRE and repeated biopsy when		
surveillance		medical resources allow		
(G3+4)				
RP		It can be postponed until after		
		pandemic		
		 Do NOT use neoadjuvant ADT 		
EBRT		Use moderate		
		hypofractionation (20x3 Gy)		
		starting with neoadjuvant ADT		
		that might be prolonged for		
		up to 6 months		
		 Avoid invasive procedures 		
		such as fiducial insertion		
		and/or rectal spacers		
Brachytherapy	to postpone or to consider an			
	alternative modality (invasive			
	procedures carry a higher risk of			
	COVID-19 transfer)			
		Treatment of localised prostate can	cer: high risk	
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Life-threatening situation or
	metastasis) very unlikely if	metastasis) possible if postponed	metastasis) and (cancer	opioid-dependent pain
	postponed 6 months	3-4 months but unlikely	related) deaths very likely if	
			postponed > 6 weeks	
Level of evidence		3		
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
recommendation				

RP		Postpone until after pandemic. If					
		patient anxious consider ADT +					
		EBRT					
EBRT		Use immediate neoadjuvant					
		ADT up to 6 months followed					
		by EBRT and long term ADT					
		• Do not use fiducials or spacers					
	Treatment of locally advanced prostate cancer (including cN1)						
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency			
	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Life-threatening situation or			
	metastasis) very unlikely if	metastasis) possible if postponed	metastasis) and (cancer	opioid-dependent pain			
	postponed 6 months	3-4 months but unlikely	related) deaths very likely if				
			postponed > 6 weeks				
Level of evidence			2				
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h			
recommendation							
RP			 Do not use neoadjuvant 				
			ADT to postpone RP				
			• Consider long term ADT +				
			EBRT as an alternative to				
			surgery				
EBRT			Start immediate				
			neoadjuvant ADT if				
			symptomatic, followed by				
			EBRT 6-12 months later				
			• Avoid invasive procedures				
			such as fiducial insertion				
			and/or rectal spacers				
	•	Follow-up after treatment with cur	ative intent^	·			
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency			
	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Life-threatening situation or			
	metastasis) very unlikely if	metastasis) possible if postponed	metastasis) and (cancer	opioid-dependent pain			

	postponed 6 months	3-4 months but unlikely	related) deaths very likely if	
			postponed > 6 weeks	
Level of evidence	3	3		
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
recommendation				
Persistently	Postpone PET imaging until the	If a treatment is deemed		
elevated PSA	pandemic is solved	necessary, start ADT and		
		postpone further work-up and		
		potential EBRT later		
PSA relapse after	Defer images until after the	After RP: offer salvage EBRT		
local treatment	pandemic for those with a PSA	for patients with EAU High-		
	relapse	risk BCR if it is available. If not		
		consider ADT with EBRT after		
		the pandemic		
		• After EBRT: If salvage is		
		needed, offer ADT initially if		
		the PSA DT is < 12 months		
^ During the pande	emic, offer telemedicine as often as	possible. This should be considered	as standard provided the patient	has no unexplained complication
from treatment. O	nly patients in absolute need for cli	nical exam should have it. Indeed, it	may well be possible to postpone	for some months physical
assessment and us	e telemedicine interview.			
	Treatmen	t of metastatic hormone sensitive p	rostate cancer (mHSPC)	
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Life-threatening situation or
	metastasis) very unlikely if	metastasis) possible if postponed	metastasis) and (cancer	opioid-dependent pain
	postponed 6 months	3-4 months but unlikely	related) deaths very likely if	
			postponed > 6 weeks	
Level of evidence	3		2	
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
recommendation				
	For men with low volume		Offer immediate systemic	
	metastatic disease when ADT +		treatment* to M1 patients	
	prostate EBRT is considered,		(alphabetic order: abiraterone	
	postpone EBRT, until the		acetate plus prednisone or	

	pandemic is no longer a major threat		apalutamide or enzalutamide)		
* SOC is ADT + som	nething (alphabetic order: abiratero	ne acetate plus prednisone or apalut	tamide or enzalutamide, or docet	axel).	
* Avoid ADT combi	ined with docetaxel based on the ris	sk of neutropenia and frequent hosp	ital visits during the pandemic – T	he use of abiraterone acetate	
with 5 mg prednise	one daily might be reconsidered (st	eroid use).			
	Treatment	of metastatic castration-resistant p	rostate cancer (mCRPC)^		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Life-threatening situation or	
	metastasis) very unlikely if	metastasis) possible if postponed	metastasis) and (cancer	opioid-dependent pain	
	postponed 6 months	3-4 months but unlikely	related) deaths very likely if		
			postponed > 6 weeks		
Level of evidence			2		
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h	
recommendation					
First line			Treat patients with mCRPC		
			with life-prolonging agents.		
			Base the choice of first-line		
			treatment on the performance		
			status, symptoms,		
			comorbidities, location and		
			extent of disease, patient		
			preference, and on the		
			previous treatment for		
			hormone-sensitive metastatic		
			PCa (HSPC) as well as use of		
			medical resources and specific		
			risk during the COVID-19		
			pandemic*		
* Chemotherapy sl	hould be avoided as much as possib	ole. If absolutely needed: docetaxel 7	5 mg/m ² should be given 3-weekl	y with systematic G-CSF to avoid	
a higher number o	f visits or with 50 mg/m² every 2 we	eeks. Cabazitaxel 20 mg/m² with syst	ematic GCSF should be given if in	dicated and no other treatment	
option is available.	option is available. Sipuleucel T should not be used (medical resources needed) – Abiraterone + Pred 10 mg / daily might be reconsidered (steroid use).				

Abbreviations

ADT = androgen deprivation therapy; DT = computed tomography; DRE = digital rectal examination; DT = doubling time; EBRT = external beam radiation

therapy; G-CSF = granulocyte-colony stimulating factor; mpMRI = multiparametric magnetic resonance imaging; PCa = prostate cancer; PET = positron emission tomography; Pred = prednisone; PSA = prostate-specific antigen; RP = radical prostatectomy.

	Diagnosis				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) possible if postponed 3 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain	
Level of evidence	1	3	3	3	
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Diagnose before end of 3 months	Diagnose within < 6 weeks	Diagnose within < 24 h	
	 Cross-sectional diagnostic and staging imaging for all renal tumours < 4 cm suspected on ultrasound Renal mass biopsy for all cT1a tumours (small renal masses < 4 cm) cN0 cM0 Cross sectional imaging for complex cysts irrespective of size on ultrasound 	Cross-sectional diagnostic and staging imaging for all renal tumours > 4 - < 7 cm suspected on ultrasound	 Staging for clinically advanced or suspected metastatic renal cancer Renal mass biopsy to establish subtype for systemic therapy in metastatic IMDC intermediate- and poor- risk patients Adequate cross-sectional imaging to diagnose thrombus level in suspected advanced RCC with IVC thrombi^{\$} 	 Visible (macroscopic) haematuria with clot retention Suspected bowel obstruction in conjunction with a known history of renal mass Excruciating pain in conjunction with a known history of renal mass Spinal cord compression in conjunction with a known history of renal mass 	
* Some patients with kidney cancer are octogenarians and older. They may require ITU support based on frailty and comorbidity. In case of low resources but competing high-priority cases preference should be given to younger patients not requiring ITU support. In addition old age and frailty are risk factors for community or hospital acquired COVID-19.					
^{\$} Some patients with	IVC thrombi (level 3-4) may requir	e cardiovascular bypass and ITU supp	port. In case of low resources but	competing high-priority cases	
preference should be	e given to patients not requiring ITL	J support.			
	Treatment o	f locally confined or advanced bu	it non-metastatic RCC		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	

Supplementary Table 5: Recommendations from the EAU RCC Guideline Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

Renal Cell Carcinoma

Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) possible if postponed 3 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
Level of evidence	1	3	3	3
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
recommendation				
	 All cT1a tumours (small renal masses < 4 cm) cN0 cM0 Bosniak III cysts irrespective of size¹ Treatment of AML (embolisation, ablation) > 4 cm^{2,3} Participation in neoadjuvant or adjuvant trials 	All cT1b-cT2a cN0 cM0 asymptomatic RCC*	 Clinically advanced RCC, cT2b-4, cN0-cN1 cM0* Advanced RCC with IVC thrombi Novick level 1-4^{\$} Or other, if symptomatic 	 Actively bleeding symptomatic renal mass: Try embolisation first. Surgical intervention only if embolisation not successful or not available
* Some patients wit	h kidney cancer are octogenarians a iority cases preference should be giv	and older. They may require ITU support of the supp	port based on frailty and comorbing ITU support. In addition old age	dity. In case of low resources but and frailty are risk factors for
community or hosni	tal acquired COVID-19	ven to younger patients not requiring	Bir o support. In addition old age	and many are fisk factors for
\$ Como notionto with				

⁵ Some patients with IVC thrombi (level 3-4) may require cardiovascular bypass and ITU support. In case of low resources but competing high-priority cases preference should be given to patients not requiring ITU support.

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Treatment of metastatic RCC				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Life-threatening situation or
	metastasis, loss of renal	metastasis, loss of renal function)	metastasis) and (cancer	opioid-dependent pain

	function) very unlikely if	possible if postponed 3 months	related) deaths very likely if	
	postponed 6 months	but unlikely	postponed > 6 weeks	
Level of evidence	3	1-3	3	3
COVID-	Defer by 6 months***	Treat before end of 3 months*	Treat within < 6 weeks**	Treat within < 24 h
recommendation				
	Synchronous mRCC: Cytoreductive nephrectomy and in asymptomatic patients with oligometastatic disease and IMDC favourable risk, metastasectomy or other forms of focal therapy <u>Metachronous mRCC:</u> Oligometastatic asymptomatic metastases in IMDC favourable risk*	Non-progressing asymptomatic metastatic RCC in IMDC favourable and intermediate risk [Consider surveillance rather than VEGF-targeted therapy for some*]	Progressive metastatic RCC irrespective of IMDC risk [Consider starting on VEGFR- TKI rather than immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy**]	 Actively bleeding renal mass with symptoms: Try embolisation first. Surgical intervention only if embolisation not successful or not available. Spinal cord compression in conjunction with mRCC Central or peripheral nervous system disorders suggestive of symptomatic brain metastases Serious adverse events related to systemic treatment

* An initial "wait and see" strategy with re-imaging in 3 months is feasible in favourable- and intermediate- IMDC risk patients with asymptomatic mRCC.

Reference: Rini BI, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2016 Sep;17(9):1317-24. Active surveillance in metastatic renal-cell carcinoma: a prospective, phase 2 trial. ** Treatment with systemic therapy will be dependent on the stage of the pandemic within a particular region and the state/functionality of healthcare resources. Starting immune combination therapy has a significant chance of admission and/or steroid use¹. Therefore there is uncertainty around increased complications of COVID-19 infection in this population. Starting treatment with VEGF-targeted therapy appears attractive as an alternative in some situations. It also negates the risk associated with IV infusions which are hospital based. Patients established on immune therapy may interrupt doses if the risk of breaking self-isolation is high. Patients on VEGF and immune combinations may have the immune therapy withheld for short periods during periods where the pandemic is not well controlled.

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*** Surgery for asymptomatic metastatic disease is controversial irrespective of the COVID-19 pandemic. There needs to be clear justification for this to occur. during the pandemic. Multidisciplinary team discussion is essential. Risk-benefit ratio is high without randomised data.

Follow-up of RCC			
Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) possible if postponed 3 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
1	3	3	3
Defer by 6 months	Follow-up before end of 3	Follow-up within < 6 weeks	Follow-up within < 24 h
	months		
All non-metastatic low- and intermediate risk RCC patients following radical nephrectomy, partial nephrectomy, thermal ablation or active surveillance ^{*,1,2}	 All non-metastatic high-risk RCC patients following radical nephrectomy and partial nephrectomy All asymptomatic metastatic RCC patients who stopped medical therapy or those that have been on therapy for > 1 year³ Patients on systemic therapy/ or in adjuvant trials, preferably according to protocol 	Asymptomatic metastatic RCC patients on systemic treatment	 Actively bleeding renal mass with symptoms after embolisation. Any emergency treatment as above Symptomatic metastatic RCC
	Low Priority Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) very unlikely if postponed 6 months 1 Defer by 6 months All non-metastatic low- and intermediate risk RCC patients following radical nephrectomy, partial nephrectomy, thermal ablation or active surveillance *,1,2 surveillance studies and RECUR data	Follow-up of RCCLow PriorityIntermediate PriorityClinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) very unlikely if postponed 6 monthsClinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) possible if postponed 3 months but unlikely13Defer by 6 monthsFollow-up before end of 3 monthsAll non-metastatic low- and intermediate risk RCC patients following radical nephrectomy, partial nephrectomy, thermal ablation or active surveillance*,1,2• All non-metastatic high-risk RCC patients who stopped medical therapy or those that have been on therapy for > 1 year ³ • Patients on systemic therapy/ or in adjuvant trials, preferably according to protocol	Follow-up of RCCLow PriorityIntermediate PriorityHigh priorityClinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) very unlikely if postponed 6 monthsClinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) possible if postponed 3 months but unlikelyClinical harm (progression, metastasis) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks133Defer by 6 monthsFollow-up before end of 3 monthsFollow-up within < 6 weeks

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Abbreviations

AML = Angiomyolipoma; IMDC = International Metastatic RCC Database Consortium; ITU = intensive care Unit; LE = Oxford level of evidence; LE 1 = based on several prospective studies; LE 3 = based on retrospective cohort studies; mRCC = metastatic renal cell carcinoma; URS = ureterorenoscopy; IVC = inferior vena cava; TKI = tyrosine kinase. inhibitors; VEGF = vascular endothelial growth factor.

Supplementary Table 6: Recommendations from the EAU Testicular Cancer Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

Diagnosis and initial treatment				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,	Clinical harm (progression,
	metastasis) very unlikely if	metastasis) possible if postponed	metastasis) and (cancer related)	metastasis) and cancer related
	postponed 6 months	3-4 months but unlikely	deaths likely if postponed > 6	deaths if postponed > 6 weeks
			weeks	or life-threatening situation
Level of evidence	2			2 - clinical principle
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Diagnose before end of 3 months	Diagnose within < 6 weeks	Diagnose within < 24 h
recommendation				
	Biopsy of the			Bilateral testicular
	contralateral testis to patients			ultrasound (US) in all patients
	with TC (testicular cancer) and			with suspicion of TC
	at high-risk for contralateral			Physical examination
	germ cell neoplasia in situ (if not			including supraclavicular,
	done during contralateral			cervical, axillary and inguinal
	orchidectomy)			lymph nodes, breast and
	Sperm banking for those			testicles
	patients that do not need			Serum tumour
	adjuvant, chemo or			markers before and after
	radiotherapy (in patients			orchiectomy taking into
	scheduled for adjuvant			account half-life kinetics
	treatment this should be done			Orchidectomy and
	There is currently no evidence			pathological examination of
	for vertical transmission of			the testis (may be postponed
	COVID-19 However patients			2-3 days)
	may be offered testing at their			Contrast-enhanced CT scan
	discretion at the time of			(chest, abdomen and
	nerforming standard serology			pelvis) in patients with a
	(i e HIV/Henatitis testing) prior			diagnosis of TC. In case of
	to sperm cryopreservation			iodine allergy or other
				limiting factors perform

		Management of clinical Stage Lt	estis cancer	 abdominopelvic MRI (may be postponed awaiting pathology result but no more than 7 days) Perform MRI of the brain (or brain CT if not available) in patients with multiple lung metastases, or high β-hCG values, or those in the poor- prognosis IGCCCG risk group (can be postponed until CT lungs or marker results are available, then it is an emergency)
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and (cancer related) deaths likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and cancer related deaths if postponed > 6 weeks or life-threatening
Level of Evidence	2		2	
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
	Offer active surveillance (AS) to patients with seminoma and low/risk NGCT (LVI -) CSI *		 In patients with seminoma CSI, that do not accept AS treat with 1 course at AUC 7 of carboplatin** In patients with low-risk NSGCT CSI not willing or unsuitable to undergo AS 	

treat with one cycle of BEP (Treat with G-CSF and discuss in multidisciplinary team**)
 In LVI+ patients with CSI- NSCGT treat with one course of BEP if they are not willing to accept AS (<i>Treat</i> with G-CSF and discuss in multidisciplinary team**)
 Primary nerve-sparing RPLND only in CSI - NSGCT patients with contraindication to adjuvant chemotherapy and unwilling to accept AS (LE 1b), or in those with teratoma with somatic-type malignancy

* Active surveillance is the first choice of management in CSI testicular cancer during COVID-19.

** In spite of the lack of evidence on the association of bleomycin with severe lung COVID disease, bleomycin should be avoided when possible and hematopoietic growth factors (G-CSF) to diminish the incidence of neutropenia and infection should be offered to ALL patients with germ cell tumour (GCT) receiving chemotherapy.

Management of metastatic testis cancer				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis,) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and (cancer related) deaths likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and cancer related deaths if postponed > 6 weeks or life-threatening situation
Level of Evidence			2	1-2
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COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
recommendation				
			 In clinical stage IIA seminoma offer radiotherapy or chemotherapy considering the risks of any option* In stage IIA/B NSGCT without marker elevation, exclude marker negative embryonal carcinoma by obtaining histology by either RPLND or biopsy. If not possible, repeat staging after six weeks before making a final decision on further treatment (clinical principle) Perform post- 	 Treat seminoma clinical stage IIB with chemotherapy according to good prognostic group (3x BEP); consider the radiotherapy as alternative depending on availability (LE 2) (Patients in a good general condition may delay the initiation of treatment for 7 days)* Treat seminoma stage ≥ IIC with primary chemotherapy based on the same principles used for NSGCT (LE 2) (Patients in a good general condition may delay the initiation of treatment for 7 days)*
			 Perform post- chemotherapy RPLND of residual masses after chemotherapy for NSGCT when serum levels of tumour markers are normal or normalising Treat growing teratoma with RPLND 	• Treat low-volume NSGCT stage IIA/B with elevated markers like 'good- or intermediate-prognosis' advanced NSGCT, with 3 or 4 cycles BEP (Patients in good general condition may delay the initiation of treatment for 7 days)

				 In metastatic NSGCT with an intermediate prognosis, treat with 4 cycles of standard BEP (Patients in a good general condition may delay the initiation of treatment for7 days)*
				 In metastatic NSGCT with a poor prognosis, treat with one cycle of BEP (or PEI if poor lung function), followed by tumour marker assessment after 3 weeks*
				 In a life-threatening situation due to extensive metastasis, hospitalise and commence chemotherapy prior to orchidectomy (clinical principle)*
				 In patients with poor-risk, hospitalise and commence chemotherapy ± orchidectomy (clinical principle)*
 In spite of the la hematopoietic grov receiving chemother 	ack of evidence on the association c wth factors (G-CSF) to diminish the erapy.	of bleomycin with severe lung COVID incidence of neutropenia and infection	disease, bleomycin should be avo on should be offered to ALL patier	ided when possible and nts with germ cell tumour (GCT)
		Follow-up of testis canc	er	
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency

Testicular Cancer

Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and (cancer related) deaths likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) and cancer related deaths if postponed > 6 weeks or life-threatening situation
	Defer by 6 menths	Z	Z Follow up within < 6 wooks	
recommendation	Delet by 6 months	months	Follow-up within < 0 weeks	
	Metastatic disease after adjuvant treatment or complete remission: do not postpone follow-up beyond 6 months of the original appointment (the mininum follow-up schedule is defined in the Guidelines)	 Seminoma CSI on AS or after adjuvant chemotherapy, do not postpone follow-up beyond 3 months of the original appointment (the mininum follow-up schedule is defined in the Guidelines) In non-seminoma CSI on AS, do not postpone follow-up beyond 3 months of the original appointment (the mininum follow-up schedule is defined in the Guidelines) Metastatic disease after adjuvant treatment or complete remission, do not postpone follow-up beyond 3 months of the original appointment (the mininum follow-up schedule is defined in the Guidelines) 	 In seminoma CSI on AS or after adjuvant chemotherapy, do not postpone any follow-up beyond 6 weeks of the original appointment (the mininum follow-up schedule is defined in the Guidelines) In non-seminoma CSI on AS, do not postpone follow-up beyond 6 weeks of the original appointment (the mininum follow-up schedule is defined in the Guidelines) In metastatic disease after adjuvant treatment or complete remission, do not postpone follow-up beyond 6 weeks of the original appointment (the mininum follow-up 	 Symptomatic brain metastases following treatment Post-obstructive polyuria Post-operative bleeding after RPLND after discharge and symptomatic lymphoceles / lymphascitis following RPLND Uncontrollable pain or metastasis Neutropenia during /after chemotherapy and sepsis during chemotherapy

			schedule is defined in the		
			Guidelines)		
Abbreviations					
AS = active surveille	AS = active surveillance; AUC = area under curve, BEP = cisplatin, etoposide, bleomycin; G-CSF = granulocyte colony-stimulating factor; CS = clinical stage; CT =				
computed tomogra	computed tomography; GCT = germ cell tumour; IGCCCG = International Germ Cell Cancer Collaborative Group; LVI = lymphovascular invasion; MRI =				
magnetic resonanc	ce imaging; NSGCT = non-seminoma	atous germ cell tumour; PEI = cisplati	n, etoposide and ifosfamide; RPLI	ND = retroperitoneal lymph node	
dissection; TC = tes	tis cancer.				

		Diagnosis		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis,) and (cancer related) deaths likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
Level of evidence	3	1	1	3
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Diagnose before end of 3 months	Diagnose within < 6 weeks	Diagnose within < 24 h
	Glans or penile shaft biopsies which appear clinically Tis cN0.	Glans or penile shaft biopsies if indicated for ≤ cT1 lesions without inguinal nodes (cN0)	Distant staging with CT if inguinal nodes appear clinically positive	Not applicable.
		Treatment		·
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, and (cancer related) deaths likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
Level of evidence	1	3	3	3
COVID- recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months	Treat within < 6 weeks	Treat within < 24 h
	 Adjuvant chemotherapy recommended in pN2/3 inguinal disease Chemotherapy for distant metastatic disease. Consider 	 Tis: Topical therapies (5FU/imiquimod) or ablative therapies or glans resurfacing, alternatively consider surveillance 	 ≥ T1G3cN0: Wide local excision (WLE)/Glansectomy +/- reconstruction If cT3: 	 Best supportive care Transfusion if needed Relief of lower urinary tract obstruction
	best supportive care and		 Partial/total penectomy 	

Supplementary Table 7: Recommendations from the EAU Penile Cancer Guidelines applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

	palliation instead	 T1 G1 cN0: Circumcision/WLE Ablative therapies Glans resurfacing T1 G2 cN0: T1 lesions – Circumcision/WLE Ablative therapies Glans resurfacing H Dynamic sentinel lymph node biopsy (DSNB)/modified iLND T4 disease or cN3: Neo-adjuvant chemotherapy and surgery in responders 	 + DSNB/iLND but could be deferred for 3 months according to capacity If cN1-2: Radical inguinal lymphadenectomy Ipsilateral pelvic dissection if pN2/pN3 in ipsilateral inguinal basin 	Metastatic disease:Excruciating painSpinal compression
		or palliative deep X-ray therapy*		
*Consider that this	therapy might be palliative which i	may need downgrading to low priorit	ty in extremely constraint circums	stances.
		Follow-up		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, loss of renal function) possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm (progression, metastasis, anaemia related complications) and (cancer related) deaths very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life-threatening situation or opioid-dependent pain
Level of evidence	3	3	3	3
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Defer by 3 months	Follow-up within < 6 weeks	Follow-up within < 24 h
recommendation				
	For low risk (node negative) disease, remote review/self- examination is recommended for the duration of the outbreak	For high risk (node positive), perform cross sectional imaging every 3 months		Not applicable

Abbreviations

DSNB = dynamic sentinel lymph node biopsy; 5-FU = 5-fluorouracil; iLND = inguinal lymphadenectomy; WLE = wide local excision.

Supplementary Table 8: Recommendations from the EAU Management of Non-neurogenic Male LUTS Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

	Diagnosis			
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks	
		unlikely		
	 Diagnostic evaluation of 		 Suspected Renal 	
	new patients with LUTS		Impairment	
			 Suspected oncological 	
			causes of LUTS	
Level of evidence	Expert advice		Expert advice	
COVID-	Defer - Remote assessment may		Prioritise the investigation of	
recommendation	be possible depending on local		LUTS when renal impairment	
	resources and capacity.		and/or oncological causes are	
			suspected.	
		Treatment		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks	
		unlikely		
	 Conservative and 	 Surgical Management of 		
	pharmacological	patients with urinary		
	management of new	retention		
	patients with LUTS			
	 Surgical Management of 			
	male LUTS			
Level of evidence	Expert advice	Expert advice		
COVID-	If capacity allows then continue	Prioritise patients in retention as		
recommendation	conservative and	there is a significant risk of		

	pharmacological management	infection due to the presence of a		
	of male LUTS including nocturia,	catheter and the need to attend		
	as normal.	hospital for regular changing of		
		the catheter. Alternatively		
	Prolong the use of conservative	instruct patients to do clean		
	and pharmacological	intermittent catheterisation.		
	management options where			
	possible until after the outbreak			
	has been controlled.			
	In the interim period use 5α -			
	reductase inhibitors (5-ARIs) as			
	monotherapy or in combination			
	in men who have moderate-to-			
	severe LUTS and an increased			
	risk of disease progression			
	Delay initiation of desmonressin			
	for the management of nocturia			
	due to nocturnal polyuria where			
	nossible to avoid need for			
	resource neavy ronow-up.			
	Dolay surgical management of			
	patients with moderate to			
	patients with moderate-to-			
	severe LOTS depending on local			
	resources and capacity.			
		Follow up		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm verv likelv if	Life threatening situation
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks	
		unlikely		

Follow-up	Patients under treatment who had at least one FU visit before	 Patients who have recently begun medical treatment and had no previous FU visit 	 Patients who are taking desmopressin 	 Patients who have begun taking desmopressin
Level of evidence	Expert advice		Expert advice	Expert advice
COVID- recommendation	Defer follow-up of patients under treatment who had at least one FU visit before Remote follow up may be possible depending on local resources and capacity.	Assess treatment efficacy and safety in patients who have recently begun medical treatment and had no previous FU visit Remote follow up may be possible depending on local resources and capacity.	Follow-up patients receiving desmopressin for serum sodium measurement. This can be done in primary care where possible.	In patients who have begun taking desmopressin, measure serum sodium concentration at day three and seven and after one month.
General considera	tions	. ,	L	
1) If capacity	allows then remote consultations of	an proceed utilising all of the curren	t recommendations.	
2) Symptom s	scores and bladder diaries can be (e	e)-mailed out to patients.		
3) Urodynam	ic investigation should be deferred.			
4) If capacity	allows then resources from primar	y care can be used.		

		Diagnosis		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	postponed > 6 weeks	
Diagnostic Evaluation	 Investigation of urinary incontinence in the non-neuropathic patient. Exclude urinary tract infection (UTI) as a cause of <i>de novo</i> urinary incontinence. 		 Suspected oncological causes of urinary incontinence. 	
Level of evidence	Expert advice		Expert advice	
COVID-	Defer - Exclusion of UTI could be		Prioritise investigation of	
recommendation	done in primary care if capacity		suspected cancer e.g. malignant	
	allows.		urinary tract fistula.	
		Treatment		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation
Conservative	 Lifestyle modification and 			
management	fluid management.			
	 Management of associated 			
	conditions.			
	 Provision of containment 			
	products.			
	Pelvic Floor Muscle Training.			
	Electrical / Magnetic			
	Stimulation.			

Supplementary Table 9: Recommendations from the EAU Urinary Incontinence Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

Level of evidence	Expert advice		
COVID-	Defer - If capacity allows then		
recommendation	written information can be given		
	to patients or advice given to		
	primary care colleagues regarding		
	medication adjustment, bowel		
	management, provision of		
	containment products, weight		
	loss, fluid management,		
	prompted voiding and bladder		
	training.		
Pharmacotherapy	Pharmacotherapy for urge		
	urinary incontinence or stress		
	urinary incontinence.		
	Pharmacotherapy for post-		
	prostatectomy incontinence.		
	• Review of medication efficacy.		
Level of evidence	Expert advice		
	Defer - If canacity allows for		
recommendation	remote symptom assessment and		
recommendation	pharmacotherapy is felt to be		
	appropriate then advice		
	regarding prescribing can be		
	given to primary care colleagues.		
	Do not recommend		
	pharmacological treatments that		
	require monitoring e.g.		
	Desmopressin.		
Surgical	Surgical treatment of stress	Surgical treatment of urinary	
Treatment	urinary incontinence or stress	tract fistulae where	

	predominant mixed		oncological treatment such	
	incontinence.		as systemic chemotherapy	
	Surgical treatment of urge		or intra-cavity radiotherapy	
	urinary incontinence or urge		can only proceed if fistula is	
	predominant mixed		closed.	
	Incontinence			
	 Surgical treatment of urethral 			
	diverticula			
	Surgical treatment of past			
	Surgical treatment of post-			
	prostatectomy incontinence.			
	Surgical treatment of non-			
	obstetric urinary tract fistulae.			
Level of evidence	Expert advice			
COVID-	Defer		Consider early fistula repair on a	
recommendation			case-by-case basis	
		Follow up		
	Low Priority	Follow up Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Low Priority Clinical harm very unlikely if	Follow up Intermediate Priority Clinical harm possible if	High priority Clinical harm very likely if	Emergency Life threatening situation
Definition	Low Priority Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Follow up Intermediate Priority Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but	High priority Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Emergency Life threatening situation
Definition	Low Priority Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Follow up Intermediate Priority Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	High priority Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Emergency Life threatening situation
Definition	 Low Priority Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months Follow-up of patients with 	Follow up Intermediate Priority Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	High priorityClinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks• Patients who are taking	Emergency Life threatening situation • Patients who have recently
Definition	 Low Priority Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months Follow-up of patients with Urinary Incontinence. 	Follow up Intermediate Priority Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	 High priority Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks Patients who are taking desmopressin. 	Emergency Life threatening situation • Patients who have recently commenced taking
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Definition Level of evidence COVID- recommendation	 Low Priority Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months Follow-up of patients with Urinary Incontinence. Expert advice Defer 	Follow up Intermediate Priority Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	High priority Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks • Patients who are taking desmopressin. Expert advice Follow-up patients receiving desmopressin for serum sodium	 Emergency Life threatening situation Patients who have recently commenced taking desmopressin. Expert advice In patients who have begun taking desmopressin, measure
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Definition Level of evidence COVID- recommendation	Low Priority Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months • Follow-up of patients with Urinary Incontinence. Expert advice Defer	Follow up Intermediate Priority Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	High priority Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks • Patients who are taking desmopressin. Expert advice Follow-up patients receiving desmopressin for serum sodium measurement. This can be done in primary care where possible.	 Emergency Life threatening situation Patients who have recently commenced taking desmopressin. Expert advice In patients who have begun taking desmopressin, measure serum sodium concentration at day three and seven and after
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- 2) Symptom scores and bladder diaries can be (e)-mailed out to patients.
- 3) Urodynamic investigation including uroflowmetry, cystometrogram, pressure-flow studies and supplementary investigations such as pad testing should be deferred.
- 4) Imaging of the urinary tract is not recommended in the evaluation of patients with incontinence.
- 5) If capacity allows then resources from primary care can be used such as for monitoring of blood tests.
- 6) Remote follow-up of existing patients with urinary incontinence is recommended only if capacity allows.

	Diagnosis					
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency		
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation		
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks			
		unlikely				
	Imaging		Suspected Progressive Renal	Suspected Sepsis		
			Impairment			
Level of evidence	Expert advice		Expert advice	Expert advice		
COVID-	All routine investigations		Prioritise the investigation and	Emergency treatment according		
recommendation	including blood tests and		treatment – assess on a case-by-	to local sepsis protocols.		
	ultrasound scans should be		case basis.			
	postponed EXCEPT where they					
	need to be undertaken for					
	patients with urosepsis					
	requiring hospitalisation or in					
	patients going into renal failure.					
		Treatment				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency		
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation		
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks			
		unlikely				
	Medical Treatment			Blocked catheter		
	Invasive procedures					

Supplementary Table 10: Recommendations from the EAU Neuro-urology Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

	Surgical treatment			
Level of evidence	Expert advice	Expert advice		Expert advice
COVID-	Defer hospital attendance.			Instruction in catheter
recommendation	Adjustments to medications			unblocking to patients and their
	may be carried out via			relatives may be considered;
	telephone or video consultation			however, patients who have
	All routine invasive procedures			blocked catheters must be seen
	should be postponed including			and managed on an urgent
	urodynamic studies			basis to avoid potentially
	All elective surgical treatment			serious complications like
	should be postponed. These			autonomic dysreflexia.
	patients should be managed			
	with medications and other			
	therapies including			
	catheterisation for the duration			
	of the pandemic.			
		Follow up		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks	
		unlikely		
	Hospital Follow-up			
Level of evidence	Expert advice			
COVID-	Defer - Telephone clinics should			
recommendation	be undertaken to try to pick up			

	only the patients who need				
	urgent attention are brought to				
	the hospital.				
General considera	General considerations				
The aim is to keep	neuro-urological patients out of the	e hospital environment as much as po	ossible. A significant proportion wou	ld be considered as a high-risk	
group in the current circumstances. However, virtual clinics could be undertaken to pick up urgent issues and allow them to be dealt with in the most safe and					
effective manner. It is imperative to follow the local protocols and guidelines in the context of locally available resources.					

Renal Transplantation					
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation	
	 Non-urgent renal transplantation with living donor Renal transplantations with complex medical, surgical and immunological situations (e.g. desensitisation protocols, presence of donor specific antibodies), that require increased resource use, prolonged hospital stay, and/or more intense immunosuppression (e.g. Anti-thymocyte globulin [ATG] induction). 	 Standard candidate to renal transplantation with expected long waiting time with deceased donor e.g. having a perfect full match kidney offered. 	Combined transplants (Heart and kidney, Liver and Kidney).	Urgent dialysis-access problems	
Level of evidence	Expert advice	Expert advice	Expert advice	Expert advice	
COVID- recommendation	Defer	Case-by-case discussion	Perform Renal transplantation	Perform renal Transplantation	
General consideration	ons for renal transplantation in indiv	vidual centres			
 The Global System situation and recommendations (e.g. WHO, Euro-Transplant recommendations). The National System situation and recommendations for renal transplantation. The Local Health Care System situation and recommendations renal transplantation. 					

Supplementary Table 11: Recommendations from the EAU Renal Transplantation Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

- 4) A high level and complex interdisciplinary integrated system is required for successful kidney transplantation. Resources needed for renal transplantation may take away resources (e.g. blood units, emergency ORs, health care personnel) from other emergency situations both at the time of renal transplantation and over the following days and weeks after renal transplantation.
- 5) Important complex consent issues exist for renal transplantation in the era of COVID-19. This applies to both transplant recipients and potential living donors and must be fully explored and carefully documented.
- 6) For renal transplantation continue to use standard immunosuppression according to guidelines, try to avoid experimental or very potent immunosuppression such as ATG.

Testing of donor's for SARS-CoV-2

No clear recommendation can be stated on the necessity to test a potential organ donor for SARS-CoV-2; however, the Panel have reached consensus on the following statements:

- 1) Evaluation of the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2: medical history and potential contacts with people with proven COVID-19 over the last 28 days.
- 2) One negative nucleic acid test (NAT) for the identification of SARS-CoV-2 performed on a naso- and oropharyngeal swab. If the risk analysis favours organ retrieval and SARS-CoV-2 NAT is negative, then organ retrieval can be done according to local guidelines and regulations.
- 3) If NAT for SARS-CoV-2 is positive then patient and medical staff should be informed of infectious risk and the kidney be possibly discarded.

Follow up						
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency		
Definition	Clinical harm (decrease in renal	Clinical harm (decrease in renal	Clinical harm (loss of renal	Life and/or renal transplant		
	function, rejection, loss of renal	function, rejection, loss of renal	function, loss of renal	threatening situation		
	transplant, death) very unlikely	transplant, death) is possible as	transplant, rejection, death)			
	if postponed 6 months	recipients are extremely	very likely if postponed			
		vulnerable				
Level of evidence	Expert advice	Expert advice	Expert advice	Expert Advice		
COVID-	Defer by 6 months	Consultation based on a case by	Hospitalisation in emergency	Hospitalisation in emergency		
recommendation		case discussion				
	For all stable patients with	Renal transplant recipients with	For surgical or immunological	Life threatening situations		
	overall good general health and	suspected COVID-19.	complications of renal	(e.g. fungal transplant renal		
	stable renal transplant function:	 Renal transplanted 	transplant:	artery aneurysm) should		
	Visits to hospital should	patients with fever	 The safest, fastest and 	follow standard of care		
	be minimised and	and/or COVID-19	most minimally invasive	treatment pathways.		
	possibly spaced or	symptoms should call	appropriate treatment			
	postponed. Telephone	their appropriately	should be performed			

and video consultations	designated hospital and	(e.g. nephrostomy tube	
are instead	avoid general	placement instead of	
recommended.	emergency units where	ureteral re-	
Continue to use	possible.	implantation), allowing	
standard		postponement of	
immunosuppression		definitive treatment to	
according to established		later date post-COVID-	
protocols.		19.	
1		 In case of suspected 	
		graft rejection	
		diagnosis and treatment	
		should follow current	
		standard guidelines a	
		graft bionsy is doomed	
		graft blopsy is deemed	
		sale in case of	
		suspected acute	
		rejection in order to	
		make correct diagnosis	
		before intensifying	
		immunosuppression.	

	Diagnosis					
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency		
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation		
COVID-recommendations						
Acute flank pain - Imaging			Ultrasound (US) followed by non-contrast enhanced computer tomography (NCCT) weighting clinical situation and US findings; alternative Kidney-Ureter- Bladder (KUB) radiography (in known radiopaque stone formers).	 US, followed by NCCT with fever, suspected urosepsis or solitary kidney, and when diagnosis is doubtful. When uncertain cause Thorax/Abdomen/Pelvic computed tomography scan (to rule out Covid-19 pneumonia at the same time). 		
Acute flank pain - Laboratory examinations			 Spot urine dipstick, infection possible → urinary culture. Blood tests depending on clinical situation and imaging findings. 	 Spot urine dipstick-test and urine culture. With fever basic blood test incl. coagulation-test. Covid-19 swap or screening (as per local / national requirements) 		
Suspected asymptomatic renal stone (US) - Imaging	Small stone/lower pole: NCCT / Kidney-Ureter- Bladder radiography, and/or contrast study if stone removal is planned.	Large stone burden, risk of obstruction or with dilatation at US: NCCT.				

Supplementary Table 12: Recommendations from the EAU Urolithiasis Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

Metabolic evaluation	Perform stone analysis in			
	first-time stone formers			
	using a valid procedure.			
	Postpone complete			
	metabolic evaluation.			
General considerations				
Any diagnostic measures with I	ow or intermediate priority mus	t be balanced with the potential t	herapeutic consequence and ris	k of Covid-19 transmission.
		Treatment		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation
	postponed > 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks	
		unlikely		
COVID-recommendations				
Sepsis due to obstructing				Urgent decompression of the
stones, anuria				collecting system (PCN or
				stent*).
Renal insufficiency (renal				Urgent decompression
failure, bilateral obstruction,				or endourologic stone
solitary kidney).				removal.
Acute flank pain				Pain relief (see general
				considerations below).
Obstructing / symptomatic			Interventional treatment	
ureteral stone not suitable for			(i <i>n situ</i> - SWL, URS	
MET			or decompression*).	
Non-obstructing ureteral		• Medical expulsive therapy.		
stone		Interventional stone		
		removal or JJ placement.		
Renal stones causing		Interventional stone removal		
intermittent obstruction		or JJ placement.		
Renal stone with recurrent			First decompression, than	
infection and obstruction,			interventional stone removal	

partial or complete staghorn			as early as possible.	
stones				
Others, asymptomatic /	Interventional stone			
oligosymptomatic renal	removal.			
stones				
Indwelling DJ-stent due to	No/low JJ morbidity:	Pain/Symptoms due to JJ:		
stone	Interventional stone removal	patients should receive higher		
	as soon as situation allows.	priority.		

Notes

*Choice of decompression must include consideration of the possibilities for outside procedures or at bedside, with use of local anaesthesia thus avoiding the necessity of admission to the ward and involvement of an anaesthetist, sparing ventilators AND considerations on future therapeutic time lines for definitive stone treatment during pandemic. Stents might be preferred due to high risk of accidently removing/dislodging a pcN and possible long-wait until definitive stone treatment can be carried out. In the short-term, preferably use stents with a string for self-removal in order to reduce outpatient visits.

General considerations

Acute treatment of a patient with renal colic

- In principle, the same considerations as mentioned in the EAU-Guidelines on Urolithiasis apply, in particular immediate pain relief in patients with an acute stone episode. However, some evidence exists of a link between NSAIDs (Ibuprofen) and both respiratory and cardiovascular adverse effects in several settings, but so far the causality remains unclear. However, the WHO has recommended to avoid the application of ibuprofen when possible. Metamizol seems to be a good alternative in acute renal colic [1, 2].
- 2) Renal decompression in case of analgesic refractory colic pain or threatening urosepsis are emergency procedures and shall be performed as soon as the local situation allows [3].

Medical expulsive therapy (MET) and Chemolysis

3) In the situation of an infectious pandemic like SARS CoV2 these therapeutic options become more important as a potential way of avoiding surgical interventions.

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Diagnosis							
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Priority callegory	Clinical horra years yearly holy if		Clinical horm your likely if	Life threatening situation			
Definition	Clinical narm very unlikely if		Clinical narm very likely if	Life threatening situation			
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks				
		unlikely					
COVID-recomment	COVID-recommendations						
Uncomplicated	Telephone/electronic						
Cystitis	consultation for case history.						
Urethritis	Telephone/electronic						
	consultation for case history.						
Level of evidence	Expert advice						
	L	Treatmen	t				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency			
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation			
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks				
		unlikely					
COVID-recommen	dations						
Uncomplicated	Antibiotics after urology						
Cystitis	consultation.						
Uncomplicated	Antibiotics after urology						
Pyelonephritis	consultation.						
Complicated UTIs			Antibiotics after urology				
			consultation. Inpatient				
			treatment when necessary.				
Acute	Antibiotics after urology						
epididymitis	consultation.						
Urethritis	Antibiotics after urology						
	consultation						
Acute bacterial	Mild: Antibiotics after		Severe: Intravenous antibiotics:				
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Supplementary Table 13: Recommendations from the EAU Urological Infections Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

prostatitis	urology consultation.		suprapubic catheter if residual		
			urine/obstructive.		
Urosepsis				Patient with suspicion of urosepsis	
				are to be referred to the nearest	
				hospital and immediate	
				management according to cause	
				and symptoms.	
Fournier's				Surgical debridement and	
gangrene				intravenous antibiotic treatment;	
				IMC if necessary.	
Level of evidence	Expert advice		Expert advice	Expert advice	
		Follow up			
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation	
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks		
		unlikely			
COVID-recommend	dations				
	Telephone and video				
	consultations or electronic				
	communication. Only				
	patients who need urgent				
	attention brought to the				
	hospital.				
Level of evidence	Expert advice				
General considera	tions				
1) As many und	1) As many uncomplicated UTIs (e.g., uncomplicated cystitis, uncomplicated UTI or recurrent UTI etc.) will self-resolve within a short time with or without				
appropriate	antimicrobial treatment, it is re-	commended to utilize as much as po	ossible the use of telemedicine, vide	eo conferencing or voice call	
interview. Pa	atients for which a urine sample	(for urine culture or other analysis)	must be taken or patients with add	litional risk factors should be given	
priority.					
2) Most urological infections do not require surgery; however, in cases of obstructive disease linked to an infection, for example, some interventions may					

be required. In these cases, it is recommended that all procedures should be preferably performed by experienced urologists, outside of their learning

curve. Procedures should be performed with the minimum number of staff members.

3) The duration and frequency of shedding of SARS-CoV-2 in urine is unknown. Although no evidence of disease transmission through urine has been demonstrated urine sampling (for urine culture, dipsticks and other analyses), urethral catheterisation and endoscopic procedures (e.g., TURP, TURB, ureteral stenting, etc.) should be executed with caution.

Supplementary Table 14: Recommendations from the EAU Sexual and Reproductive Health Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

General Statement						
Management (diagnosis, treat following recommendations.	Management (diagnosis, treatment and follow up) of Sexual Health/Erectile Dysfunction in the COVID-19 period is of low priority, with the exception of the following recommendations.					
		Diagnosis				
Priority Category	LOW PRIORITY	INTERMEDIATE PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	EMERGENCY		
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening		
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	postponed > 6 weeks	situation		
COVID-recommendations						
Evaluation of late-onset hypogonadism (LOH)		All diagnosis of LOH except for testosterone therapy trial which is low priority.				
Erectile dysfunction			 Medical and psychosexual history (use of validated instruments, e.g. IIEF). Take a comprehensive medical and sexual history in every patient presenting for erectile dysfunction (ED). Consider psychosexual development, including life stressors, cultural aspects, and cognitive/thinking style of the patient regarding their sexual performance. 			
Evaluation of male		 Investigate both partners 		A multidisciplinary team		
infertility		simultaneously to categorise		discussion concerning		

Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation
COVID-recommendations		· ·	·	·
Late-onset hypogonadism			 Use conventional medical therapies for treating severe depressive symptoms and osteoporosis. Do not use testosterone therapy to improve body composition, reduce weight and benefit cardio- metabolic profile. Do not use testosterone therapy for improving cognition vitality and physical strength in aging men. 	
Late-onset hypogonadism choice of treatment		 Treat, when indicated, organic causes of hypogonadism (e.g., pituitary masses, hyperprolactinaemia, etc). Improve lifestyle and reduce weight (e.g., obesity); withdraw, when possible, concomitant drugs which can impair testosterone production; treat comorbidities before starting testosterone therapy. Select the testosterone 		

	preparation in a joint decision process, only with a fully informed patient.		
Erectile dysfunction	 Assess all patients for inadequate/incorrect information about the mechanism of action and the ways in which drugs should be taken, as they are the main causes of a lack of response to phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors (PDE5Is.) Treat a curable cause of ED first, when found. Use PDE5Is as first-line therapeutic options. Pro-erectile treatments should start at the earliest opportunity after radical prostatectomy/ pelvic surgery and other curative treatments for prostate cancer 	Discuss with patients undergoing radical prostatectomy (any technique) about the risk of sexual changes other than ED, including libido reduction, changes in orgasm, anejaculation, Peyronie's like disease and penile size changes.	
Recurrent haemospermia	Men > 40 years of age with persistent haemospermia should be screened for prostate cancer.		
Peyronie's disease	Offer conservative treatment to patients not fit for surgery or when surgery is not acceptable to the patient.	Do not offer oral treatment with vitamin E, potassium para-aminobenzoate (potaba), tamoxifen, pentoxifiline, colchicine and acetyl esters of	

	 Discuss with patients all the available treatment options and expected results before starting any treatment. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) can be used to treat penile pain in the acute phase of PD. Phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors can be used to treat concomitant ED or if 	carnitine to treat Peyronie's disease.	
	difficulty in penetrative		
	optimise penetration.		
Cryptorchidism	Men with unilateral undescended testis and normal hormonal function/spermatogenesis should be offered orchidectomy.		
Germ cell malignancy and	· ·	Mon with testicular	If there are suspicious
testicular microcalcification		microcalcification should learn to perform self-	findings on physical examination or
		examination even without	ultrasound in patients
		this may result in early	microcolcification with
		detection of testicular germ	associated lesions,
		cell tumour.	perform inguinal
		 Sperm cryopreservation 	surgical exploration
		should be performed prior	with testicular biopsy or
		to planned orchidectomy,	offer orchidectomy

		 since men with testis cancer may have significant semen abnormalities (including azoospermia). Men with testis cancer and azoospermia or severe abnormalities in their semen parameters may be offered onco-testicular sperm extraction at the time of radical orchidectomy. 	after multidisciplinary meeting and discussion with the patient.
Hormonal Therapy	 Hypogonadotropic hypogonadism (secondary hypogonadism), including congenital causes, should be treated with combined human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) and follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) (recombinant FSH; highly purified FSH) or pulsed Gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) via pump therapy to stimulate spermatogenesis. In men with hypogonadotropic hypogonadism, induce spermatogenesis by an effective drug therapy (hCG; human menopausal gonadotropins; recombinant FSH; highly purified FSH). 		Do not use testosterone therapy for the treatment of male infertility.

		 In the presence of hyperprolactinaemia dopamine agonist therapy may improve spermatogenesis. 		
Male fertility surgery	All elective surgical sperm retrieval and fertility procedures should be cancelled until further notice.		Women who have limited ovarian reserve or are of advanced maternal age, a delay in fertility intervention may result in significantly poorer outcomes and a full discussion with the couple needs to take place highlighting this.	
Sperm cryopreservation in men with testis cancer since they may have significant semen abnormalities (including azoospermia).	Sperm banking: Low Priority (in patients receiving adjuvant treatment, but should be performed before any gonadotoxic or ablative therapy. There is currently no evidence for vertical transmission of COVID 19. However, patients may be offered testing at their discretion at the time of performing standard serology (ie HIV/Hepatitis testing) prior to sperm cryopreservation.			Prior to planned orchidectomy.
Onco-testicular sperm extraction in men with testis cancer and azoospermia or severe abnormalities in their				At the time of radical orchidectomy.

semen parameters					
Follow up					
Priority Category	LOW PRIORITY	INTERMEDIATE PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	EMERGENCY	
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation	
COVID-recommendations					
Late-onset hypogonadism			 Assess for cardiovascular risk factors before commencing testosterone therapy. Assess men with known cardiovascular disease (CVD) for cardiovascular symptoms before testosterone therapy and with close clinical assessment and evaluation during treatment. Treat men with hypogonadism and pre- existing CVD, venous- thromboembolism or chronic cardiac failure, who require testosterone therapy with caution, by careful clinical monitoring and regular measurement of haematocrit (not exceeding 54%) and testosterone levels. Exclude a family history of venous-thromboembolism 		

before commencing
testosterone therapy.
Monitor testosterone,
haematocrit at three, six
and twelve months after
testosterone therapy
initiation, and thereafter
annually. A haematocrit
more than 54% should
require testosterone
therapy withdrawal and
phlebotomy. Reintroduce
a lower dose once the
haematocrit has
normalised and consider
switching to topical
testosterone therapy at
testosterone preparations.

Supplementary Table 15: Recommendations from the EAU/ESPU Paediatric Urology Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

Diagnosis and outpatient clinics for paediatric urology cases					
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation	
COVID-recommendation	Benign scrotal and penile pathology, incontinence.	Semi-urgent cases like initial post-operative ultrasound after upper tract surgery.	Urgent cases in which delay may cause irreversible progression or organ damage: includes ultrasound, VCUG in suspected severely obstructed uropathy where surgery is still considered.	Continue all care in which delay is potentially organ threatening or life threatening.	
	Post-ope	rative follow up schedule afte	r surgery		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation	
COVID-recommendation	Follow-up by 6 months	Follow-up before end of 3 months	Follow-up within < 6 weeks	Follow-up within < 24 h	
	Orchidopexy, hydrocele, hypospadias, circumcision, inguinal hernia, buried penis, urolithiasis if no obstruction or infection.	Any kind of anti-reflux surgery, pyeloplasty, incontinence surgery if bladder emptying is working.	 Pyeloplasty with possible loss of function. Recurrent UTI after anti- reflux surgery. Incontinence surgery with bladder emptying problems. 	 Macroscopic hematuria after trauma. Inguinal hernia repair with onset of scrotal pain. Suspected bowel obstruction or intestinal perforation in conjunction with 	
	Surgical	procedures for paediatric urole		 bladder augmentation. Urolithiasis with signs of sepsis and/or obstruction. PUV with urinary retention. Local wound infection or abscess formation after any kind of surgery. Febrile UTI/uroseptical signs after any kind of surgery. 	
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Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation	
COVID-recommendation	Defer by 6 months	Treat before end of 3 months Perform surgery that is semi- urgent.	Treat within < 6 weeks Perform surgery for urgent cases in which delay will cause irreversible progression of disease or organ damage.	Treat within < 24 h Perform surgery in cases of organ threatening of life threatening disease.	
	 Benign scrotal and penile surgery (orchidopexy, hydrocele, inguinal hernia, circumcision). Functional surgery (incontinence surgery, meatotomy, botulinum toxin injections). 	 Surgery for VUR (open re- implant and bulk injection). Pyeloplasty if no loss of function. Urolithiasis if no infection or obstruction. 	 Pyeloplasty in UPJ obstruction with progressive loss of function or severe symptoms (consider drainage with JJ of nephrostomy). PUV. 	 Urosepsis with obstruction (urolithiasis, ureterocele with obstruction or POM). Trauma with haemodynamic instability or urinoma formation. 	

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General considerations				I	
 While most children themselves may not be severely ill with COVID-19, this pandemic will impact paediatric urological care. Careful decision must be made on what care requires postponement and what care is essential to be continued. 					
2) Depending on the resources and capacity we recommend to only treat high-priority and emergency cases surgically during the COVID-19 pandemic.					
3) Consider treating intermediate-priority patients if capacity is available, but not during the COVID-19 surge.					
4) It is important to note that postponing surgery in patients with obstructive uropathy (UPJ-, UVJ-obstruction, PUV, neurogenic bladder) may lead to					
loss of renal function and the decision to postpone may be revised depending on the duration of the local situation as well as the severity of the					
obstruction in the individual case. Temporary drainage methods may be considered to bridge definitive surgery.					

5) Undoubtedly there will be cases of congenital abnormalities where the optimal surgical time point will be surpassed, such as hypospadias and cryptorchidism. These children may be at risk for suboptimal outcome or increased psychological burden due to delayed surgery and should be prioritised in the long waiting list.

Abbreviations

PUV = posterior urethral valves; POM = primary obstructive megaureter; UPJ = ureteropelvic junction; VCUG = voiding cystourethrogram; VUR = vesicoureteral reflux; UVJ = ureterovesical junction; and UTI = urinary tract infection.

Supplementary Table 16: Recommendations from the EAU Chronic Pelvic Pain Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

Diagnosis				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4	Clinical harm very likely	Life threatening
	months	months but unlikely	if postponed > 6 weeks	situation
COVID-recommen	dation			
	All diagnostic procedures and			
	recommendations for Chronic Pelvic Pain			
	are deemed low priority			
		Treatment		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4	Clinical harm very likely	Life threatening
	months	months but unlikely	if postponed > 6 weeks	situation
COVID-recommen	dations			
Prostate Pain	Offer multimodal and phenotypically	Use antimicrobial therapy (quinolones		
Syndrome	directed treatment options for Prostate	or tetracyclines) over a minimum of		
	Pain Syndrome (PPS).	six weeks in treatment-naïve patients		
	Offer high-dose oral pentosane	with a duration of PPS less than one		
	polysulphate in PPS.	year.		
	• Offer acupuncture for use in PPS.	• Use α-blockers for patients with a		
		duration of PPS less than one year.		
		• Offer non-steroidal anti-inflammatory		
		drugs in PPS, but long-term side-		
		effects have to be considered.		
Bladder Pain	Offer subtype and phenotype-oriented	Administer amitriptyline for		
Syndrome	therapy for the treatment of Bladder	treatment of BPS.		
	Pain Syndrome (BPS).	Offer transurethral resection (or		

•	Always consider offering multimodal	coagulation or laser) of bladder	
	behavioural, physical and psychological	lesions, but in BPS type 3 C only.	
	techniques alongside oral or invasive		
	treatments of BPS.		
•	Offer oral pentosane polysulphate for		
	the treatment of BPS.		
•	Offer oral pentosane polysulphate plus		
	subcutaneous heparin in low		
	responders to pentosane polysulphate		
	alone.		
•	Offer intravesical hyaluronic acid or		
	chondroitin sulphate before more		
	invasive measures.		
•	Offer intravesical lidocaine plus sodium		
	bicarbonate prior to more invasive		
	methods.		
•	Offer intravesical heparin before more		
	invasive measures alone or in		
	combination treatment.		
•	Offer submucosal bladder wall and		
	trigonal injection of botulinum toxin		
	type A (BTX-A) plus hydrodistension if		
	intravesical instillation therapies have		
	failed.		
•	Offer neuromodulation before more		
	invasive interventions.		
•	Only undertake ablative organ surgery		
	as the last resort and only by		

		experienced and BPS-knowledgeable		
		surgeons.		
Scrotal Pain	•	Do open instead of laparoscopic		
Syndrome		inguinal hernia repair, to reduce the		
		risk of scrotal pain.		
	•	In patients with testicular pain		
		improving after spermatic block, offer		
		microsurgical denervation of the		
		spermatic cord.		
Gynaecological	•	Involve a gynaecologist to provide		
Aspects of CPP		therapeutic options such as hormonal		
		therapy or surgery in well-defined		
		disease states.		
	•	Provide a multidisciplinary approach to		
		pain management in persistent disease		
		states.		
Functional	•	Undertake biofeedback treatment in		
Anorectal Pain		patients with chronic anal pain.		
	•	Offer Botulinum toxin type A and		
		electrogalvanic stimulation in chronic		
		anal pain syndrome.		
	•	Offer percutaneous tibial nerve		
		stimulation in chronic anal pain		
		syndrome.		
	•	Offer sacral neuromodulation in chronic		
		anal pain syndrome.		
	•	Offer inhaled salbutamol in		
		intermittent chronic anal pain		

	syndrome.	
Sexological	Offer behavioural strategies to the	
Aspects in CPP	patient and his/her partner to reduce	
	sexual dysfunctions.	
	Offer pelvic floor muscle therapy as	
	part of the treatment plan to improve	
	quality of life and sexual function.	
Psychological	For CPP with significant psychological	
Aspects of CPP	distress, refer patient for CPP-focused	
	psychological treatment.	
Pelvic Floor	Apply myofascial treatment as first-line	
Dysfunction	treatment.	
	Offer biofeedback as therapy adjuvant	
	to muscle exercises, in patients with	
	anal pain due to an overactive pelvic	
	floor.	
Management of	Prescribe opioid treatment, following	
Chronic/Non-	multidisciplinary assessment and only	
acute Urogenital	after other reasonable treatments have	
Pain by Opioids	been tried and failed.	

Supplementary Table 17: Recommendations from the EAU Urological Trauma Guidelines Panel applicable during the COVID-19 pandemic

Diagnosis, Treatment and Follow up				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation
Renal Trauma COV	ID-recommendations			
	Stable patients with Grade 1 and 2 injuries should be managed conservatively and not be admitted to hospital at all if possible.	Stable Patients with Grade 3-4 injuries should be managed conservatively with a view for early discharge if possible.		 A high-grade renal injury with active bleeding in a haemodynamically-stable patient should be managed with selective angio-embolisation if available. Patients with high-grade injuries and persistent haemodynamically instability should have urgent surgical exploration plus nephrectomy.
Level of evidence	3	3		3
General considerat	ions renal trauma			
Surgical exploration risk of recurrence a reduce ICU demand	n requires OR facility, but might al nd exploration. A tailored approa I.	low for a quicker discharge from ICU ch should be used. Complete embol	, while angio-embolisation needs isation of the kidney in this crisis	s close observation usually at ICU with situation is a valid option and may
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation
Ureteral Trauma Co	OVID-recommendation	1	1	1
			In case of ureteric injuries,	

			only urinary diversion is	
			essential in the acute	
			setting.	
			Nephrostomy should be	
			preferred above JJ-stent as	
			it avoids general	
			anesthesia and an	
			operation theatre. If a JJ-	
			stent can be inserted with	
			x-ray guidance outside the	
			OR, it is a valid option	
			mainly for females	
			Beconstructive procedures	
			can be nosthoned	
Level of evidence				
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if	Clinical harm possible if	Clinical harm very likely if	Life threatening situation
	postponed 6 months	postponed 3-4 months but	postponed > 6 weeks	
		unlikely		
Bladder Trauma CC	VID-recommendation	•		
	Conservative: Extra-peritoneal			Immediate surgical exploration and
	or small iatrogenic intra-			repair: Intra-peritoneal bladder
	peritoneal lesion.			ruptures by blunt trauma, and any
				type of bladder injury by penetrating
Loval of ovidance	2			trauma.
Drigrity sategory	5	Intermediate Drievity	High priority	5 Emorgonov
Definition	Clinical barm yong unlikely if	Clinical harm passible if	Clinical harm yony likely if	Life threatening situation
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		unlikely	postponed > 0 weeks	
Urethral Trauma Co	DVID-recommendations			1

	 A urethral injury should be managed by transurethral or suprapubic urinary diversion. Deferred (at least three months) urethroplasty is advisable, while early urethroplasty (two days to six weeks) or early endoscopic re-alignment have low-priority. 		Female PFUI (pelvic fracture urethral injury) should be repaired early within 7 days (high priority).		
Level of evidence	2a-3		3		
Priority category	Low Priority	Intermediate Priority	High priority	Emergency	
Definition	Clinical harm very unlikely if postponed 6 months	Clinical harm possible if postponed 3-4 months but unlikely	Clinical harm very likely if postponed > 6 weeks	Life threatening situation	
Genital trauma CO	VID-recommendations				
	Conservative: non-penetrating injuries without signs of ruptures.		Testicular injury with tunical rupture, penile fracture, and penetrating genital injury are all organ-threatening and should be managed surgically with high-priority.		
Level of evidence			3		
General considerations					
In "regular" trauma situations, damage control principles are followed in order to stabilise the patient and delay definitive procedures until the patient is in a better physiological state. In mass casualties event, such as the current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, when health system demands exceed its resources, we can use the same principles to postpone non-urgent procedures until better times. A nephrostomy tube, for example, can drain an obstructed kidney even for a few months until reconstructive surgery is planned. One must be mindful that at present we have no indication of when the SARS CoV2 pandemic will be resolved so such patients should be clearly informed on the mechanisms to urgently contact the health care systems in case of an emergency (direct phone numbers and email addresses).					

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