

CAS COVID-19 Banner

Subject: CAS Call to Action: COVID-19 Incident Reporting

During these extraordinary times, CAS has the critical role of supporting members in their care of patients and the Canadian healthcare community. As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds, medical professionals confront ongoing challenges head-on, while also recognizing the increased peril faced by the profession. During the SARS epidemic upwards of 40% of the infected patients were healthcare workers.

The goal of the CAS Canadian Anesthetic Incident Reporting System (CAIRS) is to collect all incidents, errors, and complications that take place during perioperative care and to provide analysis and timely feedback. While there are currently many reporting systems collecting data, CAIRS uniquely offers real-time feedback on both a local and national level.

The CAIRS team has created a comprehensive, simplified data capture tool specifically for COVID 19 events. We strongly encourage everyone to document COVID-19- related events and experiences that occur during practice. Our objective is to determine the impact of critical patient safety incidents during COVID-19 care in Canada, and to better prepare for future pandemics or crisis scenarios. Successful translation of incident reporting to improvement measures will contribute to safer COVID-19 care. Examples of key incidents to report:

- PPE and provider safety
- Critical Equipment shortages
- Donning/doffing incidents
- Adequate testing and screening of patients
- Airway incidents
- Ventilation problems
- Equipment malfunction
- Abnormal practice circumstances
- Healthcare provider symptoms/infection

As you will see, data entry is quick and easy. The CAIRS team will provide feedback with regular updates (weekly) to Canadian anesthesiologists and related care team members. While this link is being distributed to all CAS members, we encourage you to share this link with non-members, Anesthesia Assistants, Residents and fellows.

Please assist CAS in collecting this critical data. Participate now at: <https://covid19.cairs.ca>
(The link works for all digital platforms. We encourage you to bookmark this link on your phone, tablet and desktop.)

Stay safe,

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