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Coronavirus: Statement of the Swiss Society of Neonatology

Dear neonatologists, dear colleagues and friends

The coronavirus pandemic has radically changed our job, our society, and our life. We hope to go through and stay healthy, also in order to be able to help those who require support and treatment.

Many health professionals wish to have clear guidelines regarding prevention, investigations and treatment of our patients and their mothers. As you know, the situation is highly dynamic and knowledge about this virus is very incomplete. The evidence is poor, particularly in newborn infants, who, based on preliminary data, seem to be mainly preserved. The coronavirus pandemic is a public health issue. For those reasons, the Swiss Society of Neonatology does not publish guidelines about this pandemic. We ask you to implement the guidelines delivered by the WHO, the Federal Office of Public Health and the regional/cantonal health authorities. Further, we advise health professionals treating newborn infants to address questions to their regional reference centre and to the cantonal chief medical officer. Many of us also share experiences and questions by emails, which is helpful.

We thank you for your understanding and for your continued efforts towards supporting our newborns and their families. Take care and stay healthy!

Best regards



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