Preoperative workup of patients reporting no symptoms of COVID-19 infection based on thorough history taking and physical examination (i.e. absence of fever or hypoxia) scheduled for surgery under general anesthesia.

Elective surgery
Limited postponement possible (e.g. oncology patients)

- <48 hours pre-surgery in outpatient clinic:
  - Perform PCR testing

  PCR test results?
  - PCR negative
    - Consider patient non infected
    - Standard care

  - PCR positive
    - Consider patient infected
    - Consult COVID-19 treating physician
    - Discuss alternative options (postponement with 2 weeks, other treatment) or take necessary precautions if surgery cannot be postponed for > 14 days

Semi-acute surgery and acute surgery

- Perform PCR testing immediately, results may not be available before start surgery

  PCR test results?
  - PCR negative
    - Consider patient non infected
    - Standard care
  - PCR positive
    - Consider patient infected
    - Consult COVID-19 treating physician
    - Discuss alternative options or take necessary precautions

- PCR test results not yet available
  - Unknown presence of COVID-19
  - Follow local protocol and take necessary precautions

1 PCR: nasopharyngeal PCR
2 Necessary precautions: implement peri-operative and operative hospital infectious disease precautions according to local protocols.

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