

INCREASING SURGE CAPACITY STRATEGIES



- planning of consumption and supplies
- purchase of material according to the expected needs
- recruitment of spare materials
- increase in oxygen supply capacity
- installation of negative pressure systems in selected rooms



- diverting anesthetic personnel from peripheral hospitals
- recruitment of resident doctors
- training and support from highly trained staff to new staff
- coping strategies and psychological support



- Distinct pathways for COVID & non-COVID pts (ED, CT, subintensive and intensive care units)
- suspension of non-urgent scheduled surgical activity and aggregation of surgical activities
- increase in beds



- Identification of COVID-dedicated hospitals
- Unique Emergency provincial hub
- Anticipated prehospital handover about COVID risk
- identification of ICUs and wards coordinators
- Daily meeting between staff & coordinators to discuss beds availability
- creation of a COVID retrieval service