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Dear Colleagues

Hope this issue of JAFIB finds you all safe and well. I want to first acknowledge and thank you all for your unfettered dedication to taking care of patients during a global pandemic. COVID-19 posed a tremendous threat to humanity and brought in many unprecedented challenges to our personal and professional lives. Some of us were more affected than the others but in the end our collective resolve and solidarity to fight this global threat will succeed.

With the world shutting down for over 6 weeks we have figured out how to live in a lockdown, prioritize our priorities and yet provide the necessary care to our patients in a measured fashion with the limited frame work in which we had to operate. As we restart our efforts to slowly resume normalcy to life it is important to understand the responsibilities and create a pathway to safely get patients back into the clinics and hospitals. Elective procedures could be resumed soon with aggressive testing of the patients, healthcare teams and creating workspace that are relatively COVID safe at institutions that have the capacity. In cities where the entire infrastructure is overwhelmed by COVID resumption of elective cases might take longer for the mere limitation of resources and capacity and the burden of the disease in the community.

Stay safe and protect yourself and your families as you take care of the rest of the humanity.

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