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From: COVID-19 Scientific Research Committee

To: Pandemic Response Team, CFD Testing Advisory Strategy Group and Med Staff

Dear Committees:

The Scientific Research Committee was asked to review the literature surrounding elective ophthalmology procedures as it relates to COVID-19 testing.

An ophthalmologist was one of the first people to contract COVID-19 in Wuhan, China from an asymptomatic patient who presented with conjunctivitis. He subsequently succumbed to the virus.

Research shows that at least 10% of patients have the virus in their tears. Due to the proximity to patients, ophthalmologists are at a higher risk for contracting COVID-19. Scientific literature supports the following recommendations:

1. PCR Testing
2. Contact Tracing
3. Screening Questionnaire
4. Risk Stratification
5. Appropriate PPE (N95 or PAPR)
6. Use of aerosol protection devices during intubation and extubation
7. Non-anesthetic manpower should be outside the operating room during intubation and extubation
8. Providine Iodine disinfection for endonasal lacrimal and orbital procedures
9. An interval of 20-30 minutes between cases

We would like to raise this topic to the CFD Testing Advisory Strategy Group for consideration.

Sincerely,

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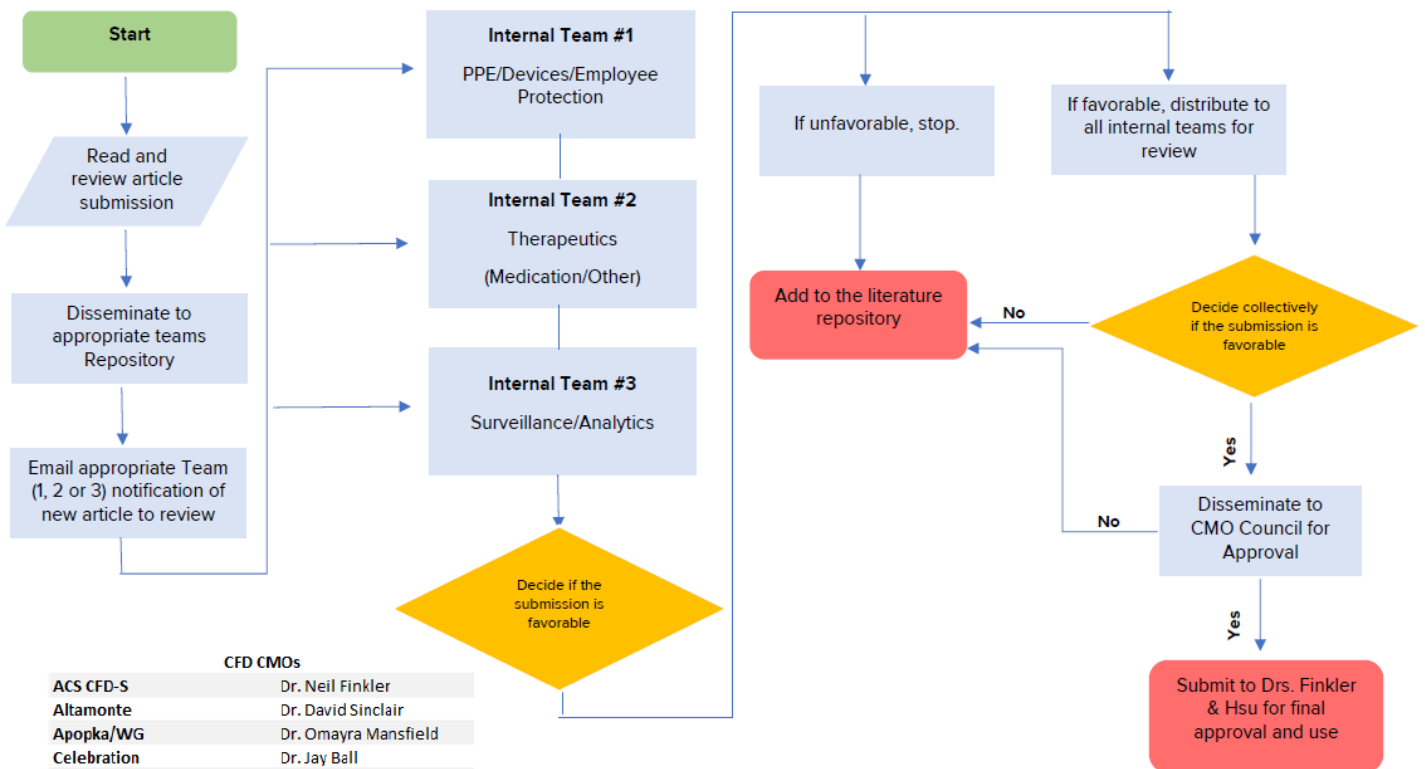
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Disclaimer: The Scientific Committee was formed under the Medical Management Branch of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Team. The committee’s goal is to create a repository, interrogate research literature as it pertains to the treatment of COVID-19 and provides a rapid approval process. The algorithm below is the decision-making process that governs our decisions.

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