

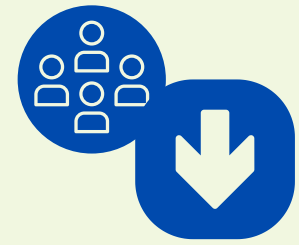


Global Impact of COVID-19 on Heart Patients and Heart Patient Organisations across 19 Countries

Survey, April 2020



Income reduced across 1/2 of organisations



Staff reduced across 1/3 of organisations



Increased demand across 1/2 of organisations...

Top 3 seeking support:

1. Patients
2. Carers
3. General Public



81% of Patient Organisations are consulting with Clinical Experts as their source of information on COVID-19



82% say heart patients are not viewed as urgent for COVID-19 testing.



Greatest Impact on Patients:

- Increased fear and anxiety due to health vulnerability
- Cancelled or postponed procedures & appointments
- Increased anxiety over isolation and loneliness

Biggest Patient Concerns:

- Being infected with virus
- Fear of going to hospital
- Risk of virus infection post procedure (especially valves)
- Health deterioration
- Concerns related to medication
- Unreliable information
- Economic impacts