

Supplementary Material 1. Logistical and functional modifications that our unit experienced during the pandemic

The logistical adjustment consists of: stopping all non-coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) activity, a fast increasing of the service capacity from 8 to 14 beds (given the massive influx of critical cases) with a transformation of six large rooms into double beds with their necessary equipment. In parallel to this change without prior planning, a rapid recruitment of healthcare workers from other services not devoted to critical care has occurred. To overcome their lack of training, a periodic training cycles (dressing, undressing, behavior with biological fluids, respiratory care and others, etc.) were performed.

The functional modification consisted of: strengthening the hospital's environmental control and hygiene policy by providing tools for managing waste from healthcare activities with infectious risks one in front of each room, frequent use of alcoholic gels, creation of a dressing room and another for the reception of the COVID-19 patient etc. This policy was well applied during the first waves but afterwards there was a "relaxation" of vigilance vis-à-vis this policy (overflow by the influx of patients, paramedical staff not very familiar with hygiene rules in intensive care, lack of equipment regarding sterilization of respirators and circuits which, etc.).