

Trainee Involvement in Endoscopy during COVID 19 lockdown

The Training Committee of NZAGS wishes to institute a temporary suspension of General Surgical trainee involvement in Endoscopy for the purposes of training.

This is effective immediately and will continue until the end of level 4 lockdown.

This is primarily for the safety of trainees, but also preservation of PPE stock and the health of our patients.

Of course this does not apply to procedures where a trainee may be required to assist with the procedure eg difficult PEG insertion.

At the moment the structure of endoscopy services when we are at level 3 and below is still being determined and we will have some updated guidance subsequently.

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