COVID-19 International Town Hall #3

90 minutes

Introduction (1 slide)
- What have we learned? Where are we going?
- COVID-19 an example of changing practice in the face of rapidly changing medical information
- How do you know which research should drive practice in an ever-changing environment
  - Informing your practice from global experience

Testing – making sense of the tests 20-25 minutes max
- Looking for the virus
  - Interpreting RNA tests – viral loads, optimal specimens
    - Persistent positives in the transplant setting – how do we know what that means
  - Serology
    - The significance of a positive test
    - Who to test and when

Moving into the future (1 hour)
- Emerging from quarantine
  - How do we know when we can scale up?
    - Changing US numbers - UNOS numbers
    - European experience
    - Canadian experience
  - Preparing our health care facilities to manage both COVID and transplant – when to scale up
    - Upscaling OR capacity
  - Impact of COVID-19 survivors on delivery of direct medical care
    - When can pts return to clinics/phlebotomy systems
    - Criteria to remove quarantine
  - What to do with COVID-19 survivors in need of transplantation – how do we know when they are ready
- What have we learned to prepare for the next wave?
  - Donor management
    - Donors with h/o COVID (sequelae of COVID on end organs – do we need eval) –
      - Donor testing – what will be the standard moving forward?