COVID-19 pneumonia may occur as a post-operative complication, representing a diagnostic challenge in the post-operative period, with potential adverse outcome. In the emergency setting, surgery obviously cannot be post-poned. We suggest active surveillance with a liberal use of RT-PCR test and thoracic CT scan in this setting, to rule out COVID-19 infection, in the effort to offer prompt treatment to infected patients and to protect other patients and health workers.

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