

*The President of
the Board of Directors*

Loutradis Dimitris

Professor, Director of
1st Department of Obstetrics
and Gynecology
School of Medicine
National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens



The outbreak of the second coronavirus wave resulted in significantly increased number of hospitalizations and accompanying morbidity and mortality outcomes in Greece. Gynecologists face the challenge of juxtaposing the pros and cons of exposing pregnant women to the hospital environment and the potential COVID-19 positive patients. Antenatal screening is rendered challenging in public hospitals and the downside of Greece's fast response to the first wave of the coronavirus outbreak, that efficiently restricted the number of exposed cases and accompanying morbidity, was the limitation of several routine examinations. Taking this in mind it was observed that

during the first outbreak several procedures had to be stopped and hospital admissions restricted to the severest of cases. In the present issue Daskalakis et al present the experience of the First Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and comment the impact of proactive strategies on pregnancy healthcare. I believe that this information can be used in future research to help expand knowledge in the field as well to establish specific guidelines in Greece for the management of pregnant women during future outbreaks.

Correspondence

Loutradis Dimitris, 1st Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Alexandra Hospital, 80 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue, GR 115 28, Athens, Greece, e-mail: adeptobgyn@yahoo.gr