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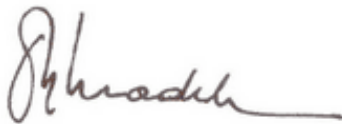
Dear colleagues,

The new severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS CoV-2) causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has led to an international health crisis. Nearly 5% of patients require intensive care unit (ICU) management, and the clinical presentation is dominated by acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). In addition to life-threatening respiratory distress, other potentially fatal complications have been described: Acute Respiratory Failure, Pneumonia, Acute Liver Injury, Acute Cardiac Injury, Secondary Infection, Septic Shock, Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation, Blood Clots, Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children, Rhabdomyolysis and Acute Kidney Injury.

However, there is no evidence of impact on the lower urinary tract. A patient with this association triggered the question: Is there any relationship between Covid-19 and LUTS? Could this new disease cause NLUTS? This updated and highly interesting topic motivated us in INUS to prepare a Survey.

We would really appreciate if you could share the survey link (<https://www.neuro-uro.org/page.cfm?vpath=inus/covid-19>) with interested colleagues from your Society by e-mail or on your homepage to further enhance the reach of this survey.

Kindest regards,



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