

Soundbite Transcript - COVID -19 Leads to Uptick for Some Surgeries

Dr. Pedro Rodriguez, Plastic Surgeon, OSF HealthCare

“Our patient volume was obviously down. However, what we do in terms of our office is not only cosmetic plastic surgery but also reconstructive plastic surgery. Seventy percent of what we do is necessary. We treat a lot of patients that have very significant needs therefore the overall effect was initially decreased volumes and now it’s an overwhelming volume of patients.”

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“We try to educate our patients, we try to educate the public and most of all we try to educate other physicians. Because COVID is here does not mean cancer stops. COVID does not mean patients fail to get sick. We have to be proactive, cautious, and follow the guidelines and protect all of our patients. However, we still need to provide care, that’s what we’re here to do.”

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“We’ve seen a significant increase in elective surgeries, cosmetic wise. Patients are working from home. They have the time to recover; they have the finances to recover. So we have seen an increase in cosmetic procedures because of those facts.”

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“Please, if you have a medical condition and need care, come and see us. If you have breast cancer, please come see us. If you have any concerns, please come see us. We are providing safe care, we are providing excellent care, and we are going above and beyond. Even though we are operating in a very difficult situation with our current COVID guidelines, we’re still providing safe and appropriate care for all of our patients.”