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Achieving the ACGME core competencies for surgical trainees in the COVID-19 era: What have we learned and where do we go?

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The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly changed the practice of medicine with a shift to virtual clinical encounters, alternative management of surgical diseases due to restrictions on elective operations, and physician redeployment to other medical services requiring coverage. These changes may limit opportunities for trainees to gain surgical expertise with the potential to drastically impact post-graduate surgical education. However, the pandemic has also created a number of opportunities to navigate these challenges and enhance how surgical education is delivered. This article will highlight some considerations in adapting post-graduate surgical training to achieve the ACGME core competencies in the COVID-19 era.