

**Table E1. Screening for COVID -19: Can the patient access the Sleep clinic or the Sleep lab?**

Spain (5)	UK (8)	Germany (7)	Italy (6)	USA (AASM, APCCSDD-ATS) (2, 3)	Canada (4)
<b>Safety of the patient</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prioritise telemedicine.</b></li> <li>• Few face-to-face consultations.</li> <li>• Screening for COVID-19 before visit.</li> <li>• Check again at time of the appointment for temperature, COVID-19 symptoms and testing status.</li> <li>• General precautions to avoid crowding of patients in the waiting room.</li> <li>• General protective measures for patients, according to national guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prioritise telemedicine.</b></li> <li>• Few face-to-face consultations.</li> <li>• Screening for COVID-19 before visit</li> <li>• Check again at time of the appointment for temperature, COVID-19 symptoms and testing status (pre-swab prior visit in some centres).</li> <li>• General precautions for social distancing of patients in the waiting area and route throughout hospital.</li> <li>• General protective measures for patients according to national guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prioritise telemedicine.</b></li> <li>• Few face-to-face consultations.</li> <li>• Screening for COVID-19 before visit.</li> <li>• Check again at time of the appointment for temperature, COVID-19 symptoms.</li> <li>• Negative test before access to hospital.</li> <li>• General precautions to avoid crowding of patients in the waiting room.</li> <li>• General protective measures for patients, according to national guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prioritise telemedicine.</b></li> <li>• No face-to-face consultations in the acute phase.</li> <li>• Screening for COVID-19 before visit (pre-swab prior visit if available).</li> <li>• Avoid any evaluation in children, pregnant women, subjects at risk to have severe form of COVID-19 (fragility, severe co-morbidities) and elderly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prioritise telemedicine.</b></li> <li>• Few face-to-face consultations.</li> <li>• Screening for COVID-19 before visit.</li> <li>• Check again at time of the appointment for temperature, COVID-19 symptoms and testing status.</li> <li>• General precautions to avoid crowding of patients in the waiting room.</li> <li>• General protective measures for patients according to national guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prioritise telemedicine.</b></li> <li>• Few face-to-face consultations.</li> <li>• Screening for COVID-19 before visit.</li> <li>• Check again at time of the appointment for temperature, COVID-19 symptoms and testing status (pre-swab prior visit in some centres).</li> <li>• General precautions to avoid crowding of patients in the waiting room.</li> <li>• General protective measures for patients according to national guidelines.</li> </ul>
<b>Healthcare professional safety</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General protective measures for health professionals, according to national guidelines.</li> <li>• All personal staff screened by swab (not in all hospitals)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General protective measures for health professionals, according to national guidelines.</li> <li>• All personal staff screened for COVID-19 symptoms (If symptomatic have nasopharyngeal swab; pre-swab prior visit in some centres).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General protective measures for health professionals, according to national guidelines.</li> <li>• All personal staff screened for COVID-19 symptoms if they are in contact to positive patients.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General protective measures for health professionals, according to national guidelines.</li> <li>• All personal staff screened for COVID-19 symptoms and checked for temperature twice per day (If symptomatic sent home and swab if available).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General protective measures for health professionals, according to national guidelines.</li> <li>• All personal staff screened for COVID-19 symptoms.</li> </ul>

**Similarities**

- All countries prioritise telemedicine, with few (mainly urgent) face-to-face consultations.
- All patients are assessed prior to their in-person appointment by phone for COVID-19 (symptoms, contact history, or questionnaire).
- Patients are again checked at time of the appointment for temperature, COVID-19 symptoms and testing status upon their arrival at the sleep lab.
- General precautions to avoid crowding of patients in the waiting room.
- General protective measures for patients and staff, according to national guidelines.

**Differences**

- Patients and personal staff are screened by swab based on COVID-19 epidemiological status (community spread of COVID-19) and availability of the test.
- General precautions to avoid crowding of patients in the waiting room are stricter in UK and USA, based on available sleep lab facilities minimising face to face contact and sufficient air exchanges.
- In case of countries with high community spread of COVID-19, sleep labs are still closed for visits.