



**Dear Colleagues,**

The CORONA pandemic has been keeping us in suspense for two years.

The third wave has reached almost all parts of the world, with others the so-called "Omicrom variant" has arrived. Some countries are announcing a "D-Day" and waiving most precautionary measures, in other countries medical capacities are being exceeded.

A year ago the time had come and vaccines were made available. Today, 12 months later, we have to take note of the reports that, on the one hand, in some countries the 4th vaccination is already being administered to certain groups of people, while some countries around the world have almost no vaccine.

There is still an inconsistent picture of the exact conditions in dealing with the pandemic; but one thing is certain and has been reported early by all of us in the past; the care of cancer patients had to suffer under the given framework conditions, preventive care took place less frequently and therapies were only carried out to a limited extent. We were able to document this in the publications based on the data you supplied from 64 countries.

As we address you with a survey for the third time today, we are doing so to give ourselves and the world a picture of three key questions:

1. What professional roles have the health professions played in connection with the introduction of vaccinations?
2. What is the supply of vaccines in each country and region?
3. What has the pandemic done not only to the patients but also to ourselves?

You know that we make all results available to the public immediately, so that relevant information on current changes can be assessed promptly.

The more information is available, the better statements we can make. We therefore ask you to take part in this renewed survey by February 27th.

Survey link: <https://survey.lamapoll.de/ESOP-Questionnaire Covid Update>

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