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The Needless Deaths of COVID-19

People who do NOT have Covid-19 are dying needlessly.

In a commentary in *The New York Times*, the presidents of the Mayo Clinic and the Cleveland Clinic discussed the other casualties of the pandemic: the patients who have avoided care. They believe “the toll from their deaths may be close to the toll from COVID-19.” They shared stories of patients who waited too long to come for emergency care and died needlessly—either at home or within a few weeks.

They believe a quarter of a million preventable deaths will occur annually if normal care does not resume. An oncologist in England believes 50,000 people with cancer will die needlessly if the lockdown lasts six months due to lack of diagnosis or the cancer being allowed to advance to a less treatable grade. Who is counting these COVID-19 deaths?
