COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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The daily evidence digest collates recently released reports and evidence – provision of these links does not imply endorsement nor recommendation.

Second-wave transmission, managing diabetes, pain

The Lancet features a model that describes the potential effects of relaxing containment measures after the first wave infection in China– it suggests that relaxation of social interventions when the epidemic size is small leads to exponential increases in case counts here

A systematic review of prediction models published in the BMJ identified 31 prediction models for diagnosis and prognosis of COVID-19 here

The Cochrane group released its first COVID-19 review, finding that quarantine is important in reducing incidence and mortality during the pandemic. Early implementation of quarantine and combining quarantine with other public health measures is important to ensure effectiveness here

Two updates have been released by the CDC – one on infection control for dental settings <u>here</u> and one on inpatient obstetric care <u>here</u>

The CEBM released seven reviews overnight including reviews on managing diabetes during the COVID-19 pandemic here, increased risk of severe COVID-19 infection associated with diabetes here, assessing possible COVID-19 patients in primary care using the NEWS (NEWS2) score here, and whether shoe covers should be included for PPE here

The ethical framework published by Sydney University was featured earlier this week, and the BMA has released their own guidance here and issues of indemnity are addressed in an NHS publication here

Updated guidance:

- An interactive patient management guide for navigating medical emergencies (NavME) from Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada <u>here</u>
- A multinational consensus statement advises chest imaging not indicated in patients with suspected COVID-19 unless they are at risk for disease progression here
- Two sets of guidance on pain management the first outlines international consensus on use of steroids, psychological considerations, in-person visits, telehealth, prescriptions, antiinflammatory drugs here; and the second features US expert recommendations and a framework for pain management here
- An Australian guide for managing patients with oesophageal and gastric cancer <u>here</u> and one for triaging upper GI and Bariatric surgery <u>here</u>



Twitter

Over the last 24 hours Twitter activity reflects content already featured in previous digests. There has been an increase in webinars and tweet chats.

Source	Overview	Key Points
ISQUA (@ISQua): Posts from the frontline: safety comes first, especially in times of crisis	Dr Sara Albolino and the WHO Collaborating Centre in Human Factors and Communication for the Delivery of Safe and Quality care, Florence	 Communication campaign used to share key messages using clear-to- understand formats Maximise transparency Pay attention to human factors and keep morale of the workers high
NHS England and Improvement (@NHSEngland) Health and wellbeing of our NHS people during the COVID-19 response	NHS England and Improvement's weekly virtual expert sessions #caring4peoplewellbeing webinars.	 The team is everything – colleagues and supervisors really matter Organisations need to adopt a 'nip it in the bud' approach. Early input from mental health professionals can help people return to duty – proximity, immediacy, expectancy and simplicity

