## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

## **Daily evidence digest**

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## Cohort study, telehealth, oxygen therapy, protective gowns, WHO guidance

There are a number of pre-peer review research papers:

- A prospective cohort study of more than 9 million individuals enrolled in Kaiser Permanente healthcare systems in California and Washington, USA <u>here</u>
- A systematic review on cardiovascular diseases, COVID-19 mortality and ICU admission here
- Meta-analysis of COVID-19-related mortality in Europe, by age group <a href="here">here</a>

Also in the scientific literature:

 JAMA Surgery features a University of Wisconsin blueprint for restructuring a surgical department (Figure 1) here

Correspondence published in Nature Medicine describes how virtual care was scaled up in a Netherlands hospital <u>here</u>

The Australian National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released two guidelines:

- A guideline for high-flow nasal oxygen therapy (HFNO) in different settings here
- A guideline for antivirals and other disease modifying treatments here
- A decision flowchart for assessment for suspected COVID-19 here
- A decision flowchart on management of patients with suspected mild COVID-19 here

The Centre for Evidence Based Medicine released:

- A review on the effectiveness of protective gowns and aprons in primary care <u>here</u>
- An editorial about the UK Royal College of General Practitioners' surveillance data on COVID-19 in the community, suggesting that UK community transmission is low and not at epidemic levels here

There is new guidance and information from:

- The World Health Organization, on adjusting public health and social measures here
- The Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society, on guiding principles for complex decision making for COVID-19 here
- The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, about next stage modelling here



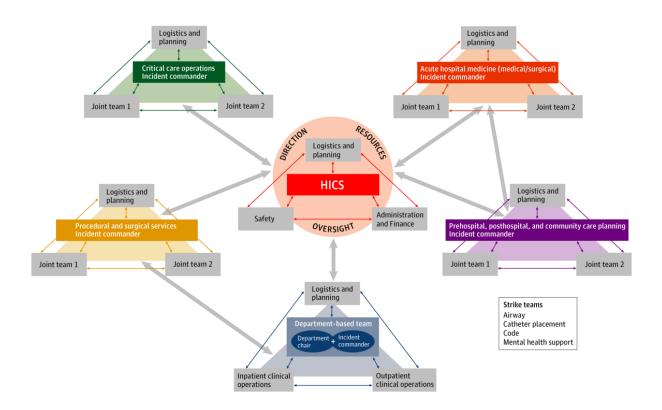


Figure 1. Mobilisation of healthcare system response to COVID-19

Source: Zarzaur et al, 2020

## **Twitter**

The Prime Minister provided an update on modelling, forward planning framework, schools and protecting people with disability <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>

Over the week there has been a number of webinars and tweet chats with lessons learnt being discussed through Twitter.

Handle	Link
@ISQua	ISQua Webinar: How to better understand the manage the COVID-19 crisis using
	implementation science
@BerylInstitute	The Beryl Institute Webinar: Psychological First Aid: Managing Emotional
	Challenges in this Unprecedented Time
@bmj_latest	BMJ tweetchat via #BMJDebate: Wider health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic

The ACI and the NSW Health Critical Intelligence Unit has released a COVID-19 website that houses daily evidence digests and rapid evidence reviews. Follow @nswaci and track #ACIShare and #NSWHealthCIU for regular updates <a href="https://example.com/here/beta/here/



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