COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Screening and diagnosis, paediatrics, post-COVID strategies

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A multi-tiered screening and diagnosis strategy for COVID-19 here
- Mitigating the impact of COVID-19 through technological interventions and issues with tracking, tracing, and trust here
- Recommendations for COVID-19 prevention and management in peritoneal dialysis patients <u>here</u>
- An RCT of lopinavir-ritonavir in hospitalised adult COVID-19 patients with oxygen saturation of 94% or less which found no benefit <u>here</u>
- A commentary suggesting that early polyclonal B-cell response in children may contribute to children's lower susceptibility to COVID-19 here
- Changes in contact patterns shaped the dynamics of the outbreak in China here
- Temporal rise in the proportion of younger adults and older adolescents with COVID-19 following the introduction of physical distancing measures in Germany here
- Thrombotic complications in 31% of 184 ICU patients with COVID-19 here
- An editorial on prioritising paediatric surveillance during COVID-19 here
- Three papers on organisation and management: surge capacity, supply availability, workforce
 readiness, and financial resiliency here; how a healthcare provider in New York is preparing for 'the
 new normal' here; and organisational issues for the second wave here

Letters focus on:

- Screening of asymptomatic healthcare workers at London hospital <u>here</u>
- Wearing facemasks regardless of symptoms in hospitals here
- Clinical characteristics and results of semen tests among men with COVID-19 here
- The use of urine tests to predict risk of ICU admission and death here
- Employee presenteeism and occupational acquisition of COVID-19 here
- Public health response to elderly loneliness during COVID-19 here

Pre-peer review papers feature:

- An observational study on repeated seroprevalence of anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibodies in a population-based sample from Geneva, Switzerland here
- A meta-analysis on COVID-19 seroprevalence studies using hierarchical modelling here
- Systematic reviews on effects of COVID-19 on maternal, perinatal and neonatal outcomes <u>here</u> and infection-fatality rates <u>here</u>



Rapid reviews:

- The Centre for Evidence Based Medicine released reviews on non-technology based activities and interventions delivered at home by family to maintain cognitive function in people with dementia during COVID-19 here and oxygen treatment to alleviate breathlessness in dying patients here
- ECRI released a review on screening and treatment for post-intensive care syndrome after discharge of patients with COVID-19 here

Guidance:

WHO report on disability considerations during the COVID-19 outbreak here
American College of Surgeons' guidelines for triage and management of elective cancer surgery cases during the acute and recovery phases of COVID-19 pandemic here

Other resources and news:

A webinar on renal replacement therapy and COVID-19 patients here
The Commonwealth Fund published an article on drug supply chain problems here
A number of OECD reports on:

- Modelling corporate sector vulnerabilities during the COVID-19 outbreak here
- Providing science advice to policy makers during COVID-19 here

A European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control report on contact tracing for COVID-19: current evidence, options for scale-up and an assessment of resources needed <u>here</u>

Twitter activity:

Webinars and tweet chats:

@ISQUA held a webinar on integrated healthcare and COVID-19 impacts in collaboration with @WHO here, with several resources and graphics linked through the chat here

#BMJleaderchat on teamwork here including leadership lessons from the military blog here

@ECRI_Org held a webcast discussing concerns related to renal replacement therapy amid the COVID-19 crisis here

@RichardLehman1 posted a Bloomberg article discussing how COVID-19 has moved peer review to twitter here

COVID19 exacerbating healthcare inequalitiesThe social care 360-degree view of the sector has been published by the @KingsFund that outlines the state of the sector before and fragility going into the COVID-19 and @IHI essay on COVID19 disparities in equity here



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