COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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ICU modelling, nutritional risk, spinal cord injury, diabetes

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Evidence of increasing diversification of COVID-19 strains here
- A global analysis on infection prevention and control strategies in health settings here
- Clinical significance of nutritional risk screening for older adult patients with COVID-19 here
- Diabetes and COVID-19: evidence, current status and unanswered research questions <u>here</u>
- Real time tracking of self-reported symptoms to predict potential COVID-19 here
- The UK's public health response to COVID-19 here
- Patient safety and quality improvement skills to employ during the COVID-19 surge here
- Recommendations for COVID-19 screening and triage challenges in spinal cord injury here
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Lancet journals include:

- o A cross sectional study of risk factors for COVID-19 in primary care here
- An insight piece on diabetes management during the COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Multidisciplinary guidance on tracheostomy during COVID-19 here
- o An editorial on uncertainty, scientific consensus and policy here

JAMA journals published:

- o An ethical framework to allocate inpatient medications for COVID-19 in the US here
- Discussions about prone positioning in non-intubated patients with acute respiratory failure here, here and here.
- A viewpoint on the need for real time data to assess when to re-open society here

Letters focus on:

- Modelling of impact in intensive care units in NSW here and Australia here
- A letter on RNA recombination event in the COVID-19 genome here
- Letters cautioning the use of herbal drugs here; steam inhalation and paediatric burns during the COVID-19 pandemic here; ethical global leadership on health equity here;
- Skin involvement in COVID-19 infection <u>here</u>
- Co-infection with COVID-19 and influenza A virus <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review papers:

- Tracking COVID-19 public health responses using genomics here
- Determinants of COVID-19 mortality are evaluated using 140 countries' data here
- Country differences in hospitalisation, length of stay and admission to ICU here
- A modelling study analysing the effect of relaxing lockdown control measures <u>here</u>
- A systematic review and meta-analysis on the extent of true asymptomatic cases <u>here</u>
- The dynamics of contact and airborne transmission between individuals indoors here



Reviews:

- The Cochrane Library released a collection on maintaining health and wellbeing <u>here</u>
- Four new reviews from McMaster Health Forum on screening approaches for non-health settings <u>here</u>, temperature screening at borders <u>here</u>, loss of taste and smell as screening items here, and international lessons on re-opening non COVID-19 activities in hospital <u>here</u>

Other resources and news:

- WHO has released tools for countries to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions for COVID-19 here
- A tool for assisting health systems model and estimate 1-30 days ahead to meet hospital specific demand for medical and ICU beds, ventilators, PPE, medications and staffing here

Guidance released includes:

- ECRI released a risk assessment on paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome and COVID-19 infection in children here
- WHO has developed a case definition and case report form for multisystem inflammatory disorder in children and adolescents here and tools for countries to implement nonpharmaceutical interventions for COVID-19 here
- NICE guidelines on chronic kidney disease <u>here</u> and interstitial lung disease <u>here</u>
- Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists statement on PPE here
- An operating framework for urgent and planned services in hospital settings in the NHS here
- CDC guidance on criteria for testing in animals <u>here</u> and guidance for COVID-19 patients who have pets at home <u>here</u>

Twitter:

@bmj_latest perspective on local innovation during the pandemic with an example shared around the emergency delivery of oxygen saturation probes to patients here

@IFICInfo realising the true value of integrated care beyond COVID-19 here

@ConversationEDU costs versus benefits of the COVID-19 shutdown in Australia here

Newspaper article in Washington post on the use of thermal cameras at airports and companies by @drewharwell with commentary by @EricTopol sharing its unhelpful and the method hasn't been validated to prevent spread of COVID-19 here



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