COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

# **Daily evidence digest**

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## Safety of corticosteroids, infection control measures, climate and mortality risk

## Peer reviewed journals featured:

- "Wrong but useful" a perspective in the NEJM about what epidemiologic models can tell us here
- A climate-based model simulating the size and spread of COVID-19 here
- A narrative account of the epidemiology of the COVID-19 outbreak here
- A systematic review on the efficacy and safety of corticosteroids for COVID-19 here
- Epidemiological analysis using 'back-projection' techniques, drawing on Australian data here
- An analysis of biomarkers predictive of mortality based on machine learning here
- The use of video consultations during COVID-19 here
- New lines of attack and possible targets for drugs and therapeutics <u>here</u>
- A resource on COVID-19 treatment simulations here

#### Articles in the Lancet journals:

- Commentary about global coordination of COVID-19 travel and trade restrictions here
- Management of acute kidney injury in patients with COVID-19 here
- A prevention and containment plan for Indigenous populations, a case study from Bolivia here

#### JAMA journals include:

- A US viewpoint on the need for a national health IT infrastructure here
- A viewpoint on implications for telehealth in a post pandemic future here

#### Letters on:

- Emergency ambulance services for heart attack and stroke during UK lockdown here
- Sero-prevalence of COVID-19 antibodies in Los Angeles county here

#### Pre-peer review papers feature:

- Perceived versus proven COVID-19 specific immune responses in healthcare workers here
- An epidemiological study on infection rate, deaths and ambient temperature here
- A serial echocardiographic study on COVID-19 patients admitted to the intensive care unit here

#### **Reviews:**

- The Cochrane library released a collection of reviews on critical care relevant to COVID-19 here
- A rapid review of the effectiveness of mast cell stabilisers, leukotriene antagonists and antihistamines <u>here</u>

#### Guidance:

• The Australian Diabetes Society released a clinical guide on the use of telehealth for people with diabetes related foot disease <u>here</u>



# Twitter:

- @Healthconsumers has new factsheets to support family carers during COVID-19. Providing practical info on caring at home, hospital, arranging funerals and coping with grief, use of telehealth and checking online health info <u>here</u>
- @BMJ\_latest, how should we approach advanced care planning during the pandemic? Policy and practice should focus less on advanced care plans and more on the planning process <u>here</u>
- Editorial on patient data and privacy in the COVID-19 @BMJ\_latest <u>here</u>
- @BMJ\_latest COVID19 and accelerating the threat of antimicrobial resistance <u>here</u>
- A thread and discussion on smoking and COVID-19 here.
- @BMJ <u>here</u> and @MJA <u>here</u> impact of COVID19 on medical education
- @MJAeditor has tweeted a news article <u>here</u> COVID-19 and risk on public transport in NSW Sydney public transport overhaul to practice social distancing through reduced capacity, and discussion on what we can learn from overseas.



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