COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Cancer, clinical trials, telehealth, and managing teamwork

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Multiple cohort studies in Lancet journals investigating the impact of COVID-19 on clinical outcomes for people with cancer <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>
- Two commentaries on cancer, one in Nature about rethinking cancer clinical trials <u>here</u> and one in the MJA on challenges faced by cancer survivors in transition during COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- A narrative review on changing perspectives about telehealth in Australia, the UK and US here
- A review on potential years of life lost due to the psychosocial consequences of COVID-19 mitigation strategies <u>here</u>
- Insights from the US on opioid use in the context of COVID-19 here
- A conceptual framework for endovascular stroke treatment in COVID-19 here
- A review of neuro-pathogenesis and neurologic manifestations of coronaviruses <u>here</u>
- A living systematic review on hydroxychloroquine/chloroquine for treatment or prophylaxis here
- A systematic review on herbal medicine for the treatment of COVID-19 here
- A meta-analysis and sensitivity analysis on estimation of the basic reproduction number, average incubation time, asymptomatic infection rate, and case fatality rate for COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- An editorial on patient safety and quality improvement skills to deploy during COVID-19 here
- The effects of COVID-19 on management of patients with STEMI in a tertiary cardiovascular centre <u>here</u>

The Lancet journals also included:

- An international cohort study on mortality and pulmonary complications in patients undergoing surgery with perioperative COVID-19 infection <u>here</u>
- o A prospective cohort study on anakinra for 52 patients with severe COVID-19 here
- o A study describing characteristics of COVID-19 in 51 HIV-infected individuals here
- o Commentary calling for a coordinated human rights-based response to COVID-19 here
- o A proposed recovery plan to protect the mental health of NHS healthcare workers here

The BMJ suite of journals published:

- o A retrospective case series on the clinical course of 1000 patients in New York here
- A viewpoint on managing teamwork in a pandemic here
- o A commentary on quality of research on COVID-19 here
- o An analysis on the ethics of clinical research in quarantine here



NEJM Catalyst featured:

- o The changing distribution of ICU patients' diagnoses in New York's public hospitals here
- A telemedicine service at Singapore community dialysis centres here
- o An intensive community management strategy in primary care here
- o A dedicated, multidisciplinary and comprehensive post-ICU recovery unit here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Implication of SARS-CoV-2 evolution in the sensitivity of PCR diagnostic assays here
- Lung function testing during COVID-19 here
- A case series of deep vein thrombosis in 34 critically ill COVID-19 patients here
- Risk for COVID-19 resurgence related to physical distancing in Ontario, Canada here
- Uptake of telehealth in cancer services across health institutions in Victoria and Tasmania here
- Meta-analysis of association between elevated interleukin-6 and severity of COVID-19 here
- Sharing patient-level real-time COVID-19 data from multiple sources here

Pre-peer review papers included:

- An ecological analysis of 108 countries on association between COVID-19 testing and reduced mortality <u>here</u>
- Worsening of pre-existing psychiatric conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic here
- The use of real-world contact networks to quantify the effectiveness of digital contact tracing and isolation strategies <u>here</u>
- Methods and feasibility of high-throughput testing procedures for PCR and antibody testing for an entire rural community <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on the effectiveness and perceived burden of non-pharmaceutical interventions against COVID-19 transmission in 41 countries <u>here</u>

Guidance released:

- The World Health Organisation released planning recommendations for mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Resources from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care on infection prevention and control and medicines <u>here</u>
- Advice on surgical masks and gowns during COVID-19 from TGA <u>here</u>



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