# COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

# **Daily evidence digest**

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#### Health system and quality perspectives, vulnerable populations

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review and meta-analysis on the proportion of asymptomatic COVID-19: here
- Survey data on mental health of the UK population before and during COVID-19 here
- Implications of COVID-19 for the US healthcare system <u>here</u>
- Commentary on rethinking quality improvement in the wake of COVID-19 here
- Case studies on critical care telemedicine in the US during COVID-19 here
- A demographic study on age distribution and COVID-19 case fatality across countries <u>here</u>, and an associated editorial <u>here</u>
- Local government approaches in the US on caring for the homeless during COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- A viewpoint on pooling data from individual clinical trials during COVID-19 here
- Commentary on the 'right words' to address racial disparities in COVID-19 here
- Utility of asymptomatic inpatient testing for COVID-19 in a low prevalence setting <a href="here">here</a>
- A feasibility study on a transportation capsule to reduce the exposure risk to SARS-CoV-2 infection among healthcare workers <a href="here">here</a>
- A population based study on associations between psychiatric disorders, COVID-19 testing probability and COVID-19 testing results <a href="here">here</a>
- An article in the MJA on interpreting the effect of social restrictions on COVID-19 cases using mobility data here
- A rapid review on surgery triage during COVID-19 here
- "Missing" acute coronary syndrome hospitalisations during COVID-19 in Greece here
- Perspective articles on structural racism, social risk factors, and COVID-19 in the US <a href="here">here</a> and on health equity <a href="here">here</a>



#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Building community resilience after COVID-19 here
- Disability and COVID-19: who counts depends on who is counted here
- Rapid roll out of antibody testing noting that even at high levels of specificity, an important proportion of test results will be false positives <a href="here">here</a>
- SARS-CoV-2 in peritoneal fluid here
- Sub-acute intestinal obstruction during lockdown 'the lockdown belly' here
- The building backlog of NHS elective cases post COVID-19 here
- Impact of COVID-19 on emergency surgery and emergency department admissions in an Italian hospital here

#### Pre-peer review articles

 A systematic review and meta-analysis on central nervous system manifestations in COVID-19 patients: <a href="here">here</a>

#### Reports

- The US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality released an update to its living review on masks for the prevention of COVID-19 in community and healthcare settings <a href="here">here</a>
- The Cochrane Library released updates to two special collections on support for wellbeing in the healthcare workforce <a href="here">here</a> and on remote care through telehealth <a href="here">here</a>; and a review of accuracy of COVID-19 symptoms for diagnosis <a href="here">here</a>
- The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released a report on Australia's health 2020 which includes COVID-19 and indirect impacts <u>here</u>

### **News and blogs**

- Strengthening existing institutions rather than creating a new international body for virus surveillance here
- Managing uncertainty in COVID-19 here
- Developing a framework to help those most vulnerable from COVID-19 here

## Critical Intelligence Unit updates

Evidence checks have been published on:

- Face masks and COVID-19 transmission in the community <u>here</u>
- Risks associated with surgery in people with COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Cardiac stress testing <u>here</u>
- Resuming elective surgery the evidence for prehabilitation <u>here</u>
- Resuming elective surgery Post-surgery innovations here



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