COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Temperature and humidity, methylprednisolone, in-flight transmission, viral loads

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on temperature and humidity and the spread of COVID-19 here
- A randomised controlled trial on methylprednisolone for severe COVID-19 here
- A review on the use of artificial intelligence in COVID-19 drug repurposing here
- A study on the association between corticosteroid therapy and viral clearance here
- An observational study of emergency department attendances in England during COVID-19 using syndromic surveillance <u>here</u>
- An observational study on the association between 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels and COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- A retrospective cohort study on telemedicine fracture clinics in Northern NSW here
- Two studies on in-flight transmission of COVID-19 here and here
- Statistical analysis on the association between quality ratings and COVID-19 outbreaks in nursing homes in West Virginia <u>here</u>
- A UK consensus management pathway for paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome here
- Two feature articles on fit testing personal protective equipment for dentists <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- The response to COVID-19 in Uruguay <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 public health measures and respiratory syncytial virus at the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network <u>here</u>
- Safety and efficacy of the Russian COVID-19 vaccine <u>here</u>
- Measuring COVID-19 RNA in wastewater to track infection dynamics in Connecticut here



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- A systematic review on COVID-19 viral loads by sample type, disease severity and time here
- A meta-analysis of the clinical performance of nucleic acid, antigen and antibody tests <u>here</u>
- A observation study of transmission of COVID-19 in a Dutch nursing home <u>here</u>
- A rapid systematic review of qualitative studies on barriers to social distancing here
- A national survey on adherence to the test, trace and isolate system in the UK here
- A cost-effectiveness analysis of strict lockdown versus flexible social distancing strategy in Denmark and Sweden <u>here</u>

Reviews and reports

- The Cochrane Library updated its COVID-19 Special Collections on:
 - Evidence relevant to critical care here
 - Infection control and prevention measures <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- A BMJ blog on giving local authorities control of COVID-19 testing and tracing in England here
- A statement from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) on boarding students and students living in border zones <u>here</u>

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