COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Pulmonary embolism, politicisation of mask use, animal models for testing, TGA regulation of PPE

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review and meta-analysis of acute pulmonary embolism in COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- A living systematic review and meta-analysis on the occurrence and transmission potential of asymptomatic and presymptomatic COVID-19 here
- Reviews of:
 - o multidisciplinary safety recommendations after tracheostomy during COVID-19 here
 - o animal models for COVID-19 testing here
 - the potentially high risk and occult prevalence of COVID-19 heart manifestations here
- A retrospective case review to estimate PPE requirements in the paediatric Emergency Department at the Children's Hospital at Westmead during COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- An observational study on coinfection in children with COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- A seroprevalence study among Veterans Affairs staff assessing risk factors for transmission and infection <u>here</u>
- A retrospective case control study on the risk of COVID-19 in the Emergency Department here
- A cohort study on the impact of COVID-19 on the disease course of patients with inflammatory rheumatic diseases <u>here</u>
- Commentary on
 - o the politicisation of mask use and the impact on COVID-19 here
 - collaboration between private insurers and providers in the Dutch healthcare system during COVID-19 <u>here</u>
 - o an ethical approach to palliative and hospice care during COVID-19 surges here
 - COVID-19 postviral syndrome <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Loss of anti–SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in mild COVID-19 here
- Associations of COVID-19 with pregnancy outcomes <u>here</u>



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Ethnic differences in COVID-19 infection, hospitalisation, and mortality in England here
- The impact of PPE heat stress on NHS workers' performance, safety and well-being <u>here</u>
- The environmental impact of PPE in England <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 seroprevalence among asymptomatic employees in Tokyo during the second wave <u>here</u>
- Short-term neuropsychiatric outcomes and quality of life in COVID-19 survivors here

Guidance and reports

 A World Health Organization living document on lessons learned for the WHO European Region during COVID-19 <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Details from the Therapeutics Goods Administration on the regulation of PPE and COVID-19 here
- A primer on exponential growth drawing on UK data here
- A BMJ interview with Anthony Fauci here
- An interview with the editors of The New England Journal of Medicine on eight months of action and inaction against COVID-19 in the US <u>here</u>

Vaccine update

 As of 23 September 2020, there are 182 vaccine candidates globally, with 35 vaccine candidates in human clinical trials, see <u>here</u>

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