COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

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Aerosols and extubation, severe paediatric ketoacidosis, public health research needs

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- An environmental monitoring study demonstrating tracheal intubation and extubation are not aerosol generating procedures <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- · Observational cohort studies on:
 - o Presentations of severe diabetic ketoacidosis to John Hunter Children's Hospital here
 - International comparisons of elective cancer surgery in COVID-19-free surgical pathways <u>here</u>
 - Validating a severity score to predict inpatient mortality in COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- Editorials on:
 - o Reflections about how COVID-19 has "morphed" into COVID-20 here
 - o The importance of patient perspectives in defining long COVID and its symptoms here
- Commentaries on:
 - The long-term health consequences of COVID-19 here
 - Public health research on the impact of COVID-19 and response measures here
 - o Barriers and health disparities revealed by COVID-19 here
 - o Key characteristics and implications of the COVID-19 epidemic in Victoria here
 - o E-cigarette (or vaping) use-associated lung injury (EVALI) in the COVID-19 era here
 - Leveraging lessons from Ebola and HIV to build the response to COVID-19 here
 - o Preserving elective surgeries in the US during COVID-19, and in the future here
 - o Monoclonal antibodies such as REGN-COV2 to treat COVID-19 here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

Achieving elimination of COVID-19 <u>here</u>



Reviews

- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) published
 - A rapid review on no-touch modalities for disinfecting patient rooms in acute care settings <u>here</u>
 - o An evidence synthesis on resource allocation and pandemic response here
- The Cochrane Library updated:
 - o Clinical answers on COVID-19 infection control and prevention measures here
 - o Support for wellbeing in the healthcare workforce here

News and blogs

- Telehealth via telephone during COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Changing demographics of COVID-19 in the UK and US here
- "Focused protection" rather than lockdown the "Great Barrington Declaration" here

Vaccines

 As of 06 October 2020, there are 193 vaccine candidates globally, with 36 vaccine candidates in human clinical trials here

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