COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

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Convalescent plasma ineffective, ventilation management, decreases in organ donation as an indirect impact

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A phase 2 trial showing convalescent plasma is ineffective in the management of COVID-19 in adults <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
- A multicentre, observational cohort study on ventilation management and clinical outcomes in invasively ventilated patients with COVID-19 in the Netherlands <u>here</u>
- A simulation study on the effectiveness of face masks in preventing airborne transmission of COVID-19 here
- A review of COVID-19 infection in animals and implications for community transmission <u>here</u>
- Modelling studies on:
 - Scenarios and COVID-19 trajectories in the US here
 - COVID-19 transmission including indirect transmission <u>here</u>
 - The impact of delaying diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer during COVID-19 here
- Commentaries on:
 - Developing COVID-19-responsive measures and models <u>here</u>
 - o The importance of a social justice framework for health and equality here
 - Transmission of COVID-19 in a karaoke room in Guangzhou, China here
- An editorial on the performance of democracies in response to COVID-19 here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- The COVID-19 syndemic is not global here
- Respiratory clinics and rural and Aboriginal health in Australia here
- Impact of COVID-19 on organ donation and transplantation in low-prevalence Australia here
- The use of exhaled breath condensate (EBC) in the diagnosis of COVID-19 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

A multinational survey of the effect of COVID-19 on critical care research here



Guidance and reports

- The Australian Department of Health COVID-19 released its fortnightly epidemiology report for the period ending 11 October 2020 here
- The World Health Organization released:
 - o COVID-19 weekly epidemiological update here
 - COVID-19 vaccine introduction readiness assessment tool <u>here</u> and associated planning guide <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- BMJ blog on COVID-19 and opportunities to apply sociology to clinical practice <u>here</u>
- News article on the seasonal effects of COVID-19 outbreaks here

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