COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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COVID-19 and stroke services in Australia, COVID-19 and artificial intelligence, Rehabilitation Research Framework for COVID-19 patients

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Narrative reviews on:
 - Health disparities and equity in the era of COVID-19 here
 - o SARS-CoV-2 vaccination in patients with inflammatory bowel diseases here
- Surveys on:
 - o Coronavirus conspiracy beliefs among German-speakers here
 - o The adaption of Australian health care services to telehealth here
- Observational studies on
 - o The impact of COVID-19 on stroke services in Australia here
 - Non-invasive ventilation for SARS-CoV-2 acute respiratory failure <u>here</u>
 - o Reinfection rates among positively tested patients for COVID-19 here
 - Aerosol generation from oxygenation procedures in healthy volunteers <u>here</u>
 - Diagnostic accuracy of lateral flow assays for seroprevalence surveys <u>here</u>
 - \circ The impact of COVID-19 on mental health in the UK population <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
 - o Artificial intelligence and COVID-19 here, here, here, and here
 - o A Rehabilitation Research Framework for COVID-19 patients here
 - COVID-19 Vaccines and correcting COVID-19 vaccine misinformation <u>here</u>
 - LGBTQ+ health inequalities exacerbated by COVID-19 here
 - Supporting patients' assessment of risk to COVID-19 <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- SARS-CoV-2 infection in inpatients with systemic lupus erythematosus in France here
- Placebo use and unblinding in COVID-19 vaccine trials <u>here</u>
- The International Society of Geriatric Oncology COVID-19 working group recommendations on the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in older adults with cancer <u>here</u>



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Antibody evasion by the P.1 (Brazil) variant here
- New variants and antibodies post natural infection; and post-BNT162b2 (Pfizer) vaccine here

Guidance and reports

The Australian COVID-19 National Incident Room Surveillance Team published its latest epidemiology report <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- The World Health Organization says the AstraZeneca vaccine rollout should continue, as Europe divides over safety <u>here</u>
- The Therapeutic Goods Administration update on AstraZeneca ChAdOx1-S COVID-19 vaccine here
- The Australian Technical Advisory Group Immunisation statement in response to European decisions about the AstraZeneca vaccine <u>here</u>
- US preparedness for COVID-19 and future pandemics here
- The European Union looks to speed up vaccine rollout here
- COVID-19 vaccine could be rolled out to children in the UK by autumn here
- Underfunding of health workforce left many European nations vulnerable here

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Living Evidence Tables

Living Evidence tables are up-to-date summaries of emerging evidence. Tables are available on <u>COVID-19 transmission</u>, SARS-CoV-2 <u>vaccines</u>, and <u>variants</u> of concern.

The <u>vaccine page</u> features a one-page 'In the news' summary on the suspension of AstraZeneca vaccine rollout in many countries, and the underlying evidence base.



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