COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

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Transmission in critical care, influenza and SARS-CoV-2 infectivity, routine testing strategies for airline travel

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
 - SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 transmission during aerosol-generating procedures in critical care <u>here</u>
 - o Frailty as a predictor of mortality among COVID-19 patients here
- Narrative reviews on
 - o Influenza and its impact on SARS-CoV-2 infectivity here
 - Vaccination strategies against COVID-19 and the diffusion of anti-vaccination views here
- A modelling study on routine asymptomatic testing strategies for airline travel here
- · Observational studies on:
 - Higher heparin dosages and thromboembolic complications in COVID-19 patients with pneumonia <u>here</u>
 - Autopsy findings of pulmonary vascular proliferation in severe COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
 - o Antibody responses in inflammatory bowel disease patients treated with infliximab here
 - Airborne transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in a poorly ventilated restaurant in China here
 - o Responses to COVID-19 misinformation in UK and Brazil here
 - Expert consensus on COVID-19-related respiratory management here
 - Population-wide rapid antigen testing and SARS-CoV-2 prevalence in Slovakia here
- Editorials on:
 - COVID-19 variants and vaccination <u>here</u>
 - The rhetoric over COVID-19 vaccines here
- · Commentary on:
 - Vaccine impact on long-term COVID-19 symptoms here
 - o The first year of the COVID-19 pandemic here
 - o Inhaled vaccine delivery for respiratory viruses here



Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Risk of severe allergic reactions to COVID-19 vaccines for people with allergic skin disease here
- Implications of using pooled evidence from uncomplicated and severe COVID-19 here
- Rapid identification and tracking of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern <u>here</u>
- Trends in healthcare worker intentions to receive a COVID-19 vaccine here
- Antibody response to SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine in patients with rheumatic musculoskeletal disease <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Reduced Pfizer vaccine response in SARS-CoV-2-naive nursing home residents here
- Post-acute COVID-19 syndrome in adults discharged from UK hospitals here
- Evaluating the safety and effectiveness of novel PPE during COVID-19 here

Guidance and reports

 The World Health Organization published guidance on evaluating COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness here

News and blogs

- Officials query data from AstraZeneca US vaccine trial here
- Brazil's hospitals close to collapse as cases reach record high here
- The UK high excess death rates in under 65s <u>here</u>
- Pressures facing female healthcare workers in the UK <u>here</u>
- Lessons one year since UK lockdown began here and in intensive care here
- Protocols for the UK SARS-CoV-2 human challenge study <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 recovery science isn't enough to save us here
- Why cloth masks reduce COVID-19 severity here
- Sexual minorities have greater COVID-19 risk factors <u>here</u>

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