COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Asymptomatic COVID-19, vaccines in immunosuppressed patients, dynamics of antibody responses, communities of practice

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
 - Asymptomatic COVID-19 cases here
 - Dental periodontal procedures and COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- A scoping review on the indirect impacts of COVID-19 on healthcare delivery, utilisation, and outcomes <u>here</u>
- Observational studies on:
 - o The efficacy and safety of mRNA vaccines in immunosuppressed patients here
 - o The dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 neutralising antibody responses here
 - o The non-validity of self-reported COVID-19 hygiene behaviours here
 - o Time to clinical improvement with and without remdesivir treatment here
 - o COVID-19 end-of-life care in an Australian hospital here
- A case series on COVID-19-associated mould infection in critically ill patients, in Chile here
- Commentary on:
 - o Convalescent plasma from people vaccinated after COVID-19 infection here
 - o Collective moral resilience in communities of practice during COVID-19 and beyond here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- The WHO International Standard for anti-SARS-CoV-2 immunoglobulin here
- Risk of fomite-mediated transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in child care, schools, nursing homes, and offices <u>here</u>
- Correspondence regarding a previously published article on neuroimmune interactions and COVID-19 in lung transplant recipients <u>here</u> and the authors' response <u>here</u>



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- B.1.526 SARS-CoV-2 (New York) variant neutralised by vaccine-elicited and monoclonal antibodies here
- Weak humoral immune reactivity in residents of long-term care facilities after one dose of BNT162b2
 (Pfizer) vaccine <u>here</u>
- Serious adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination here
- Lessons from the UK's COVID-19 vaccination strategy here
- Past SARS-CoV-2 infection elicits a strong immune response after a single vaccine dose here
- Self-reported smell and taste recovery in COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- Characterising post-acute COVID-19 syndrome more than 6 months after acute infection here

Guidance and reports

- The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released a new report on cancer screening and COVID-19 in Australia <u>here</u>
- The Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) released its COVID-19 vaccine weekly safety report <u>here</u>
- The Australian COVID-19 National Incident Room Surveillance Team published its latest epidemiology report <u>here</u>
- The Australian Technical Advisory Group Immunisation (ATAGI) statement for health care providers on suitability of COVID-19 vaccination in people with history of clotting conditions <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- COVID-19 viruses are mixing in infected people's cells here
- The UK Health Security Agency is preparing and protecting from future pandemics here
- Reflection and lessons needed to be learned to prevent another COVID-19 wave in Portugal here
- How the US failed to prioritise SARS-CoV-2 variant surveillance here
- What scientists do and don't know about the Oxford–AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine 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.



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