COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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The effect of COVID-19 on the brain, mask use, the Critical Health Resources Information System (CHRIS) in Australia's intensive care units

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on the impact of COVID-19 on pregnancy outcomes here
- A narrative review on the effect of COVID-19 on the brain <u>here</u>
- A randomised controlled trial of a single dose of Pfizer vaccine on nasopharyngeal viral load in nursing home residents <u>here</u>
- Surveys on:
 - o GP characteristics and telehealth use in Australia here
 - o Mask use and mitigation measures in five cities in Australia, the UK, and the USA here
- Observational studies on:
 - COVID-19 outcomes in inflammatory rheumatic musculoskeletal disease patients treated with rituximab <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - o Immunogenicity of the BNT162b2 (Pfizer) vaccine in nursing home residents here
 - The use of telehealth by surgical specialties in Michigan during COVID-19 here
 - Accuracy of antigen and antibody rapid diagnostic tests for COVID-19 patients in Cameroon <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - o Commercial assays for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in an Australian population here
 - The Canadian COVID-19 emergency department rapid response network registry here
 - Antibody responses in 70-80-year-olds, 3 weeks after doses of Pfizer vaccine here
- Editorials on:
 - A machine learning model for prioritising COVID-19 vaccination here
 - o Mask-wearing following vaccination here
- Commentary on:
 - o Adult-onset Still's disease after COVID-19 here
 - o Operation Warp Speed in the US and implications for global vaccine security here
 - o COVID-19 vaccines for the European region here
 - The effect of seasonal respiratory virus transmission on syndromic surveillance for COVID-19 in Ontario, Canada <u>here</u>
 - o SARS-CoV-2 vaccines in kidney transplant recipients here
 - o A pathway for acute chest imaging in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 here
 - The Critical Health Resources Information System (CHRIS) for monitoring intensive care unit demand and capacity in Australia <u>here</u>



Health

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- National differences in vaccine hesitancy here
- A perspective from France of health democracy in COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Inactivated BBV152/COVAXIN (Bharat) vaccine neutralisation of B 1.1.7 (Kent / UK) variant here
- SARS-CoV-2 infection, despite vaccination here
- COVID-19, cults, and the anti-vax movement here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- A rapid systematic review of case reports and case series on COVID-19 reinfection here
- The incidence of adverse events of special interest (AESI) in eight countries here
- Antibody response after Pfizer vaccination in haemodialysis patients here
- Changes in attitudes about COVID-19 vaccination in 15 countries, including Australia here
- A sudden rise in COVID-19 case fatality in young and middle-aged adults in Brazil here
- First dose of AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccine effectiveness against infection in residents of longterm care facilities <u>here</u>
- Challenges in defining post-acute COVID-19 syndrome here

Guidance and reports

- The European Respiratory Society released guidance on the management of hospitalised adults with COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- The World Health Organization published it weekly COVID-19 epidemiological report here
- The Cochrane Library updated reviews on antigen and molecular-based tests <u>here</u>; chest x-ray for diagnosis <u>here</u>; COVID-19 infection control and prevention <u>here</u>; international travel control measures <u>here</u>; hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine treatment <u>here</u>; interleukin-6 blockers <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Vaccine hesitancy fell after the vaccination program started here
- Developing the AstraZeneca vaccine was a triumph, but then things went wrong here
- A podcast on the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine <u>here</u>
- Europe tightens export criteria in a bid to secure more doses <u>here</u>

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