COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Thoracic imaging for diagnosis, variants and vaccine efficacy, asymptomatic cases despite vaccination

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A Cochrane systematic review on thoracic imaging for the diagnosis of COVID-19 here
- Narrative reviews on:
 - o The effects of SARS-CoV-2 variants on vaccine efficacy and response strategies here
 - \circ $\,$ Genomics and epidemiology of the P.1 (Brazil) variant \underline{here}
- Observational studies on:
 - o Infection control practices in SARS-CoV-2 infected healthcare workers in Canada here
 - Serum neutralisation against SARS-CoV-2 variants 6 months after COVID-19 hospitalisation <u>here</u>
- A case report of anaphylaxis after COVID-19 vaccine in a patient with cholinergic urticaria here
- Editorials on:
 - \circ COVID-19 and the definition of airborne transmission \underline{here}
 - o Vaccines and traditional public health here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Asymptomatic COVID-19 cases among older patients despite Pfizer vaccination here
- The impact of vaccination on outbreaks in Northern Ireland care homes here
- Spike antibody levels in nursing home residents with and without prior COVID-19, three weeks after a single dose of BNT162b2 (Pfizer) vaccine <u>here</u>
- Large scale nucleic acid-testing strategies in China here
- US national trends in vascular surgical practice during COVID-19 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Breakthrough rates of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in BNT162b2 (Pfizer) vaccinated individuals <u>here</u>
- Single dose Pfizer or AstraZeneca in older people induces equivalent antibody generation, but enhanced cellular response after AstraZeneca <u>here</u>
- Continuing with AstraZeneca vaccination for front-line workers in British Columbia here
- Reduced compliance with COVID-19 guidelines following vaccination in the UK here



Guidance and reports

The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce updated its recommendations and clinical flowcharts <u>here</u>

News and blogs

• Experts discuss COVID-19 variants and vaccine efficacy and immunosuppressed patients 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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