## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Daily evidence digest**

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# Tocilizumab in hospital patients, recovery strategies for cervical screening, a potential COVID-19 baby boom in Australia

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Results from the RECOVERY trial for tocilizumab in hospitalised COVID-19 patients <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- Observational studies on:
  - Ethnic differences in SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19-related hospitalisation in England <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
  - Maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality in pregnant women associated with COVID-19 infection <a href="here">here</a>
  - o Immunogenicity of the Pfizer vaccine in heart transplant patients here
- Case reports of:
  - Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis with thrombocytopenia after Johnson & Johnson vaccination in the US <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
  - o No immune response after mRNA vaccination in a solid organ transplant patient here
  - o Gross haematuria and IgA nephropathy flare up following SARS-CoV-2 vaccination here
  - o Acute rejection after mRNA vaccination in a kidney transplant patient here
  - Herpes zoster emergence following mRNA vaccine <u>here</u>
  - Pityriasis rosea following CoronaVac vaccination <u>here</u>
  - Leukocytoclastic vasculitis flare following the COVID-19 vaccine here
  - o Chilblain-like lesions developed after a second dose of Pfizer vaccination here
- Commentary on:
  - Recovery strategies for cervical screening in COVID-19 here
  - Immune response to SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccination in patients receiving kidney replacement therapy <a href="here">here</a>
  - Lessons for Australian emergency departments from COVID-19 to support planning for future pandemics <u>here</u>



#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- The Australian "COVID-19 baby boom" here
- Weak immunogenicity after mRNA vaccine in cancer patients <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>
- SARS-CoV-2 infection after two doses of mRNA vaccine in renal transplant recipients here
- COVID-19 real-time information system for preparedness and epidemic response (CRISPER) here
- Implementation issues for N95 or P2 respirator fit testing policy in Australia <u>here</u>

#### **Guidance and reports**

- The World Health Organization published its weekly COVID-19 epidemiological report here
- The Canadian National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools published a rapid review on reasons for vaccine confidence and uptake in populations experiencing inequities <a href="here">here</a>

#### **News and blogs**

- Most people admitted to hospital after vaccination were infected before immunity could develop here
- Why is India having a COVID-19 surge? here
- People's COVID-19 inquiry about the UK government's public health strategy here
- Optimising COVID-19 vaccine uptake <u>here</u>

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#### **Living Evidence Tables**

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



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