COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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The safety profile of COVID-19 vaccines, asymptomatic COVID-19 infection, mandating vaccination for healthcare workers in the US

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A rapid review on the safety profile of COVID-19 vaccines <u>here</u>
- A meta-analysis on the association between calcium channel blocker use and clinical outcome here
- A narrative review on asymptomatic COVID-19 infection here
- A phase 4 trial of Sinovac (inactivated vaccine) in patients with autoimmune rheumatic disease here
- Modelling studies on:
 - The population impact of vaccine rollouts, coverage, symptom reduction, and infection prevention here
 - o Rates of SARS-CoV-2 transmission, vaccination and vaccine-resistant strains here
 - COVID-19 policy responses with health-adjusted life-years and costs in Victoria here
- An observational study on video capsule endoscopy for acute gastrointestinal bleeding during the COVID-19 pandemic here
- A NEJM case report on a 44-year-old woman with chest pain, dyspnoea, and shock here
- Commentary on mandating COVID-19 vaccination for healthcare workers here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

Swabs collected by patients or healthcare workers for SARS-CoV-2 testing here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from pre and asymptomatic infected individuals <u>here</u>
- Predictors of COVID-19 vaccination uptake and reasons for the decline of vaccination <u>here</u>
- Viral loads in vaccinated and non-vaccinated people in areas with Delta variant here
- Rapid comparative evaluation of SARS-CoV-2 rapid point-of-care antigen tests <u>here</u>
- Reported main COVID-19 information sources in national and culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Australia here
- Correlation of SARS-CoV-2 breakthrough infections to time-from-vaccine here
- Promoting resilience in healthcare workers during COVID-19 with a brief online intervention here
- Virological and serological kinetics of Delta variant vaccine-breakthrough infections here



Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - Updated recommendations for use of AstraZeneca vaccine <u>here</u> and annexes <u>here</u>
 - o Its weekly COVID-19 epidemiological report here
- The UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) published guidance on vaccineinduced immune thrombocytopenia and thrombosis (VITT) here

News and blogs

- Pfizer vaccine's efficacy declined from 96% to 84% four months after the second dose here
- COVID-19 boosters for wealthy nations spark outrage 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, <u>post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC)</u>, and <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>.

