COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Non-pharmaceutical inventions, 'positive expiratory pressure flute selfcare' in early COVID-19, rapid antigen tests

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on non-pharmaceutical public health interventions against COVID-19 here
- Randomised trials of:
 - Positive expiratory pressure (PEP) flute self-care versus usual care in early COVID-19 here
 - o The CureVac (CVnCoV) vaccine candidate in Europe and Latin America (HERALD) here
 - Prostacyclin in mechanically ventilated COVID-19 patients with severe endotheliopathy here
- Observational studies on:
 - Diagnostic performance of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for SARS-CoV-2 here
 - o Infectious disease control via occupation-based targeting here
 - o SARS-CoV-2 virus transfers to skin through contact with contaminated solids here
 - COVID-19 hospital activity and in-hospital mortality during the first and second waves in England here
 - Time-dependent COVID-19 mortality in cancer patients in Europe here
 - Correlates of neutralising/SARS-CoV-2-S1-binding antibody response with adverse effects and immune kinetics in Comirnaty (Pfizer)-vaccinated individuals <a href="https://example.com/here-ph/9/16/2-8-1-binding-neutralising/sars-ph/9/2-8-1-binding-neutralising-neutra
- Commentary on anti-idiotype antibodies in SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccination here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Assessment of 4 doses of mRNA-based vaccine in recipients of a solid organ transplant here
- Severity of SARS-CoV-2 reinfections as compared with primary infections here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Immunogenicity of COVID-19 vaccination in rheumatic disease patients, after pausing methotrexate here and here
- Investigating SARS-CoV-2 breakthrough infections per variant and vaccine type here



Guidance and reports

 The World Health Organization published an interim statement on COVID-19 vaccination for children and adolescents here

News and blogs

A NEJM audio interview on what's gone right in our battle against COVID-19 here

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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, post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC), surgery and COVID-19, rapid testing and risk mitigation strategies.

