COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Home antigen testing over the course of SARS-CoV-2 infection, impact of the pandemic on general practice in Australia, Omicron BA.4 and BA.5

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on parenchymal lung abnormalities after hospitalisation for COVID-19 and viral pneumonitis <u>here</u>
- A narrative review on global health justice framed by the case of COVID-19 vaccines here
- Observational studies on:
 - Comparison of home antigen testing with RT-PCR and viral culture during the course of SARS-CoV-2 infection <u>here</u>
 - o Childhood, teenage and young adult cancer diagnosis during COVID-19 in England here
 - The association between dairy products and the risk of COVID-19 here
 - Trends and factors associated with COVID-19 hospitalisation and fatality risk in England here
- Commentary on:
 - o The impact of the pandemic on Australian general practice here
 - How to tackle inequitable access, vaccine hesitancy, and other barriers to achieve high vaccine uptake <u>here</u>
 - o Learning to live with COVID-19 in the UK here
 - o Access to respiratory protective equipment in the NHS here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Omicron sub-lineages BA.4/BA.5 escape BA.1 infection elicited neutralising immunity here
- Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) booster effectiveness against Omicron and Delta variants in England here
- Protection against Omicron re-infection conferred by prior heterologous SARS-CoV-2 infection, with and without mRNA vaccination <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- A podcast on COVID-19 and diabetes risk here
- Judgement on UK government policy to discharge vulnerable patients to care homes here

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