COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Evidence digest

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Thromboembolism risk with hormonal contraception, COVID-19 in children, using EMR to identify long COVID

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on thromboembolism risk in COVID-19 patients on hormonal contraception here
- An emulated randomised trial study on molnupiravir and risk of hospital admission or death here
- Narrative reviews on:
 - o COVID-19 in children here
 - o Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) in COVID-19 pandemic here
- Observational studies on:
 - o US public investment in development of mRNA COVD-19 vaccines here and here
 - o Persistent symptoms post-COVID-19 in children aged 5-17 years in England here
 - Two-year follow-up of patients with post-COVID-19 condition in Sweden here
 - Structural brain changes in patients with post-COVID fatigue here
 - Preoperative COVID-19 and postoperative respiratory morbidity during Omicron here
 - o One-year outcomes in US adults with post–COVID-19 condition here and editorial here
 - o Myocarditis or pericarditis after Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccination in adolescents here
 - Symptom and viral rebound in untreated SARS-CoV-2 infection here
 - Long-term gastrointestinal outcomes of COVID-19 <u>here</u>
 - o Effectiveness of mRNA booster doses against Omicron severe outcomes here
 - Seasonal trends in COVID-19 cases, hospitalisations, and mortality here
- Editorials on:
 - WHO keeps COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern here
 - Aged care residents would benefit from better control of COVID-19 transmission <u>here</u>
- A case report of a 70-year-old man with COVID-19, respiratory failure, and rashes here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Immunologic effect of bivalent MRNA booster in patients undergoing haemodialysis here
- Postpartum maternal mRNA vaccination and hospitalisation in infants younger than 6 months here
- Neutralisation of BQ.1, BQ.1.1, and XBB with RBD-Dimer vaccines here



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Identifying long COVID using electronic health records in Scotland here
- Outpatient treatment of COVID-19 and the development of long COVID over 10 months here
- A case series of acute symptomatic hyponatremia due to SIADH in mild COVID-19 infection here
- COVID-19 infection and dementia in the UK here
- Barriers and facilitators in advance care planning implementation during COVID-19 here
- Age and sex-related comparison of telemedicine service utilisation during COVID-19 here
- COVID-19 associated cerebral microbleeds in the general population here
- Efficacy and safety of intravenous immunoglobulin treatment for COVID-19 patients here
- Fourth mRNA vaccination in immunocompromised patients here and here
- Quality of life and long COVID in the first 24 months after mild to moderate acute COVID-19 here
- SARS-CoV-2 in the human lung after COVID-19 onset <u>here</u>
- Viral kinetics of sequential SARS-CoV-2 infections here
- Association of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid) treatment with long COVID symptoms in nonhospitalised people experiencing breakthrough SARS-CoV-2 infection in the Omicron era here
- Bivalent booster effectiveness against severe COVID-19 outcomes in Finland here
- Risk of cardiovascular events after COVID-19 in people with and without pre-existing chronic respiratory disease here
- SARS-CoV-2 mutations associated with resistance to monoclonal antibodies emerging after treatment here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published its weekly COVID-19 epidemiological report here
- The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) released updates on the effectiveness of monoclonal antibodies against COVID-19 variants here

News and blogs

- Prior COVID-19 infection tied to lasting lung abnormalities <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 pill is first to cut short positive-test time after infection here
- US studies show racial and ethnic disparities in long COVID here
- COVID-19 vaccination reduces severity and duration of long COVID here
- Indoor air is full of flu and COVID-19 viruses <u>here</u>

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