Daily evidence digest

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The daily evidence digest collates recently released reports and evidence – provision of these links does not imply endorsement nor recommendation.

Telehealth, comorbidities, depression and anxiety

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A survey on variation in infection prevention policies and practices in US hospitals [here]
- Discussion on co-creating a human-centred health system post-COVID-19 [here]
- Optimising and implementing contact tracing through behavioural economics [here]
- Several articles focused on depression and anxiety:
  - An observational study on emotional distress in young adults during COVID-19 [here]
  - A survey on depression and anxiety among quarantined respondents [here]
  - A survey on academic emergency medicine physicians’ anxiety levels, stressors, and potential stress mitigation measures during the acceleration phase of COVID-19 [here]
- Several articles focused on telehealth:
  - A retrospective review of the utilisation of telehealth in a comprehensive cancer centre [here]
  - A national survey on telemedicine in Germany during COVID-19 [here]
  - An observational study from China on telemedicine for monitoring and management of home-quarantined cohorts [here]
- A viewpoint on preventing more deaths in care homes in a second wave in the UK [here]
- “COVOID” an individual contact model for exploring intervention and control strategies [here]
- A case-control study on outcomes in patients with severe disease treated with tocilizumab [here]
- An MJA primer on serological tests for COVID-19 [here]
- An article in Nature describes a COVID-19 government response event dataset [here]
- A mathematical model on the influence of population heterogeneity on herd immunity [here]

Letters and correspondence discuss:

- The utility of ecological and epidemiological models are both useful for SARS-CoV-2 [here]
Pre-peer review papers feature:

- A systematic review and meta-analysis on the role of pre-existing chronic disease in cardiac complications from SARS-CoV-2 infection [here](#)
- A systematic review and meta-analysis of chest CT versus RT-PCR for the detection of COVID-19 [here](#)
- A web-based survey of 780,961 participants exploring comorbidities and incidence of COVID-19 [here](#)
- SARS-CoV-2 exposure, symptoms, and sero-prevalence in healthcare workers [here](#)
- Face mask use as a predictor of national COVID-19 related mortality [here](#)
- A population-based electronic health record analysis in 1.9m people regarding obesity during the COVID-19 pandemic [here](#)
- Health and economic costs of early, delayed, and no suppression of COVID-19 in Australia [here](#)
- Behavioural changes before lockdown, and decreased retail and recreation mobility during lockdown in 35 Western countries [here](#)
- An observational study on clinical characteristics of patients with ‘re-positive’ test results [here](#)

Reviews and scientific briefs

- The Centre for Evidence Based Medicine published a review on inhaled corticosteroids for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19 [here](#)
- The National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools review on community engagement in COVID-19 infection prevention and control [here](#)
- The World Health Organisation released a scientific brief on breastfeeding and COVID-19 [here](#)

Twitter: podcasts, news and open access learning

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