COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Vaccines and allergies, antibody responses, in-flight transmission of SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19 guidance for Aboriginal people

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A literature review on molecular mechanisms and potential therapeutic strategies for COVID-19 here
- · Multiple articles on vaccines and allergies:
 - US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report on allergic reactions including anaphylaxis after receipt of the first dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine here and associated commentary here
 - European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) statement on diagnosis, management and prevention of severe allergic reactions to COVID-19 vaccines here
 - Editorial on vaccinating against COVID-19 in people who report allergies here
 - o Editorial on anaphylaxis due to COVID-19 vaccine here
 - Commentary on anaphylactic reactions to novel mRNA SARS-CoV-2 vaccines here
- Observational studies on:
 - o Antibody responses 8 months after asymptomatic or mild SARS-CoV-2 infection here
 - Evolution of antibody immunity to SARS-CoV-2 here
 - Genomic evidence of in-flight transmission of SARS-CoV-2 despite predeparture testing here

Letters and correspondence addressed:

- Post publication exchanges on:
 - Cytokine elevation in severe and critical COVID-19 <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>
 - o Electron micrographs and SARS-CoV-2 here and here
 - o Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) support for COVID-19 here and here and here
- Referral and admission of patients with severe respiratory failure to the NHS ECMO service here
- Thromboses and COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Infectivity of asymptomatic versus symptomatic COVID-19 here
- Research priorities for COVID-19 sensor technology <u>here</u>



Guidance and reports

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group updated its COVID-19 communique <u>here</u>
- The Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) released COVID-19 guidance for urban and regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities here

News and blogs

- Protecting doctors in the UK as pressure on health service grows <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 vaccination risks for elderly, very frail patients in Norway here
- The Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine drug vignettes on Baricitini here
- Impact of COVID-19 on in vivo work and patient sample availability for cancer research here

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