New guidance, cardiac patients, rapid EBM reviews, ED, telehealth

Following the release of guidance on systemic cancer therapy two weeks ago (link here), NICE has now published guidance on radiotherapy. It provides advice on communicating with patients with and without COVID-19; supporting staff, prioritising radiotherapy and modifications to usual care, including deferment and hypofractionation [link here]

Guidance has been released from various bodies on:

- endotracheal intubation [link here]
- management of critically ill adults [link here]
- urological prioritisation during COVID-19 from USANZ [link here]
- risk minimisation, surgical urgency and prioritisation for gynaecological endoscopy and surgery from the RCOG / BSGE [link here]
- perioperative care of people with fragility fractures from the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine [link here]
- patient safety recommendations in the COVID-19 outbreak lessons from the Italian experience – released by ISQuA [link here]
- infection control in dental settings from the CDC [link here]
- disinfection for households with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 from the CDC [link here]

Two papers in JAMA Cardiology discuss associations between cardiovascular disease and COVID-19 outcomes [link here] and [link here]

A letter to the Lancet described a model of care for COVID-19 Response Teams in Milan - consisting of 10 health-care professionals supported by two technicians [link here]. (Figure 1)

New CEBM rapid reviews were released on COVID-19 viral load and the severity of COVID-19, chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine, accuracy of swabs for diagnosing COVID-19 and angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers [link here]

Two articles focus on the emergency department (ED) – the first translates COVID-19 pandemic surge theory to practice in ED [link here] and the second on end-of-life care in the ED [link here].

Telehealth to increase the access to and quality of mental health services is considered [link here]
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