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.

Risk factors, ECMO, haemodynamic monitoring, diabetes

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review and meta-analysis of clinical characteristics, risk factors and outcomes on epidemiology of COVID-19 [here]
- A meta-analysis on risk factors of severe cases with COVID-19 [here]
- A retrospective cohort study on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) for COVID-19 [here] and a related comment [here]
- A prospective cohort study on contact settings and risk for transmission in 3,410 close contacts of patients with COVID-19 in Guangzhou, China [here]
- A international cross-sectional survey on COVID-19 and endoscopic management of superficial gastrointestinal neoplastic lesions [here]
- An international survey on haemodynamic monitoring and management in COVID-19 intensive care patients [here]
- Cross-country analysis on national preferred interpersonal distance and COVID-19 spread [here]
- A whole-population study on associations between diabetes and COVID-19-related mortality in England [here]
- A population-based cohort study on risk factors for COVID-19-related mortality in people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in England [here]
- Case report of facial pressure wounds related to prone positioning in patients undergoing ventilation in the intensive care unit during COVID-19 [here]
- Simulation study on droplet and aerosol generation with endonasal surgery [here]
- Experimental measurement of facemask efficacy during speech [here]
- A modelling study on face mask use in the general population and sub-groups [here]
- A modelling study on exit mechanisms for COVID-19 epidemics [here]
- Description of a ‘step-down unit’ to help manage ICU patient flow [here]
- Cross-sectional studies on healthcare worker mental health in Switzerland [here]
- Case reports of atypical COVID-19 and preventing transmission [here]
- A 60-day prospective study on smell and taste recovery in COVID-19 patients [here]
- A cross-sectional study of healthcare worker burnout in Qatar [here]
- Experimental study on inactivation of SARS-CoV-2 on 3D printed surgical mask materials [here]
- Commentary on biases in COVID-19 mortality estimation [here]
- Description of disease trends, testing, surveillance and deaths among children in England [here]
Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Age variation in the sex differential in COVID-19 mortality [here](#)
- A case report on SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing of skin for COVID-19 [here](#)
- A prospective cohort study of the impact of COVID-19 on emergency surgical pathology [here](#)
- A "cold" elective unit for robotic colorectal and urological cancer surgery and regional vascular surgery [here](#)
- A framework for redeploying surgical residents into intensive care unit clinicians [here](#)
- Infection control among ancillary healthcare workers [here](#)
- UK health and safety regulatory planning during COVID-19 [here](#)

Pre-peer review articles featured

- A systematic review and meta-analysis on factors associated with disease severity and mortality [here](#)

Guidance and reports

- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts [here](#)

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