New guidance for Aboriginal people, GP telehealth, surge capacity, model-based analysis of severity, vulnerable workforce

Guidance has been released from various bodies:

- The Australian Government has released a Management Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Populations. It provides guidance for preparedness, suspected cases, outbreak situations, and the stand down phase [click here]
- The RACGP has released a guide for telephone and video consultations in general practice which outlines when to use telehealth; principles for quality care, privacy and risk management [click here]
- The Royal College of Pathologists has published a briefing on testing for COVID-19 [click here]
- The Gastroenterological Society of Australia has released guidance for clinicians caring for patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) during the COVID-19 pandemic [click here]
- The Royal College of Ophthalmologists has published a set of core principles for organising ophthalmology services during COVID-19 [click here]
- Recommendations for physiotherapy management in the acute hospital setting were published in the Journal of Physiotherapy [click here]
- Guidelines for the management of critically ill adults [click here]
- Recommendations from Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons regarding safety for dental professionals [click here]
- The TGA released an alert on lack of scientific evidence to support the usage of vitamin C in the management of COVID-19 [click here]
- An article based on ANZICS data, explores the surge capacity of Australian ICUs and discusses required increases in workforce and ventilator [click here]

Emerging perspectives

- A new blog from the CEBM notes a shift from hospitals to the community could avert a disaster for the wider population, reducing risk of healthcare workers acting as potential vectors [click here]
- A number of letters on optimising care and protection for oncology patients [click here] and [here]
- Implications for older clinicians in the workforce and considerations to protect and preserve workforce during COVID-19 pandemic in a viewpoint published in JAMA [click here]
- Operational instructions on COVID-19 disease Emergency Operational Instructions for Mental Health Departments issued by the Italian Society of Epidemiological Psychiatry [click here]
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