

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

Pregnancy, policy comparisons, influenza during COVID-19

Peer reviewed journals feature:

- A systematic scoping review on COVID-19 infection during pregnancy and childbirth [here](#)
- A case study evaluating the effect of government policy in top 10 affected countries in controlling the outbreak of COVID-19 [here](#)
- Advice regarding continuing ACE-i/ARBs inhibitors during COVID-19 [here](#)

Letters on:

- A simulation study assessing the protection of ED staff wearing personal protective equipment while caring for a patient in respiratory distress [here](#)
- Reductions in influenza infections in the context of COVID-19 - in Singapore [here](#) and in Taiwan [here](#)

Pre-peer review articles:

- Population-based estimates of chronic conditions affecting the risk of complications from COVID-19 in the US [here](#)
- Modelling-based analysis of automated contact tracing, and its effectiveness in mapping the spread of COVID-19 [here](#)

Reviews:

The Centre for Evidence Based Medicine uploaded:

- An editorial on the effect of latitude on COVID-19 [here](#)
- A review on the mortality of COVID-19 patients with radiological changes on admissions [here](#)

An NGO - UK Research and Innovation - discusses the ethics of allocating medical resources during a pandemic [here](#)

Guidance:

- Australian surgical specialty societies have produced a series of position statements and recommendations on the reintroduction of elective surgery, all available [here](#)
- Further guidance on return to elective surgery from Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) [here](#), Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA) [here](#) and Australian New Zealand Society for Vascular Surgery (ANZSVS) [here](#)

Twitter activity

It is 'Patient Experience Week' and you can track activity through #PXWeek2020 and join the discussion on the essence of patient and human experience in the face of COVID-19:

- @BeryllInstitute opening address for the Patient Experience virtual conference [here](#)
- @NSWHealth announces that staff and consumer advisors have membership access to @BeryllInstitute [here](#)
- @LPTnhs (NHS Trust) Leicestershire Partnership resource on 'Mindful communication during COVID-19' [here](#)

Other trending topics:

- Trending from @PICSociety regarding children presenting to ICU with multi-system hyper-inflammatory state, overlapping features of toxic shock syndrome & atypical Kawasaki disease [here](#), also reported in the Guardian [here](#) and Sydney Morning Herald [here](#)
- Researchers from @NatureNews have created a 'stringency index' that describes the overall severity of a country's response to the COVID-19 outbreak and allows responses to be compared [here](#)

There are new rapid evidence checks available from the Critical Intelligence Unit #NSWHealthICU: Inpatient Management, Thermal screen and ICU ventilation, Neonates and COVID-19, Inpatient management of COVID-19, Validated tools to diagnose respiratory illness via telehealth, Ventilation use for COVID-19 patients, Thermal imaging for detection of fever [here](#)