Primary care responses to COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2-specific immune memory, equitable access to vaccines, mass screening programs

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A rapid review on national primary care responses to COVID-19 here
- A modelling study on changes in hospital antibiotic use and acquisition of multidrug resistant gram-negative organisms after COVID-19 here
- A large, retrospective case-control analysis of risk, racial disparity, and outcomes among US patients with cancer and COVID-19 here and associated commentary here
- A cohort study on risk factors associated with COVID-19 in-hospital mortality in the US here
- A framework for individual and regional COVID-19 risk assessment here
- A survey on public perceptions of multiple risks during COVID-19 in Italy and Sweden here
- Longitudinal studies on:
  - SARS-CoV-2-specific immune memory after mild COVID-19 here
  - Anxiety and depressive symptoms during enforced COVID-19 isolation in England here
- Observational studies on:
  - Primary healthcare strategy in response to COVID-19 in Iceland here
  - Phylogenetic analysis of SARS-CoV-2 in a Boston superspreading event here
  - A comparative study on cloth masks and modified procedure masks for the public here
  - Geographic monitoring for early disease detection (GeoMEDD) here
- Editorials on:
  - Lightening the viral load to lessen COVID-19 severity here
  - Transparency and communication key for COVID-19 vaccination in the UK here
- Commentary on:
  - How healthcare workers coped with COVID-19 in the UK here
  - Conflicts of interest among the UK government’s COVID-19 advisers here
  - Ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines here and here
  - Tracking and tracing global use of COVID-19 vaccines here
  - Scientific rigour in the age of COVID-19 here
  - Data-driven rationale for high-throughput SARS-CoV-2 mass screening programs here
Letters and correspondence discussed:

- A step backwards in the fight against global vaccine inequities [here](#)

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization released a COVID-19 vaccine introduction and deployment costing tool (CVIC tool) [here](#)
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts [here](#)

News and blogs

- How kids’ immune systems can evade COVID [here](#)

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