Daily evidence digest

Age-specific COVID-19 fatality rates, emergency use designation for vaccines, ethics of “safer infection sites”

Peer reviewed journals articles featured:
- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses on:
  - Age specificity of infection fatality rates for COVID-19 [here]
  - Male sex as a COVID-19 risk factor for death and ICU admission [here]
- A prospective, cross-sectional analysis of SARS-CoV-2 infection and transmission in educational settings [here] and associated commentary [here]
- Modelling studies on:
  - Strategic spatiotemporal vaccine distribution and survival rate [here]
  - Time to Rt < 1 for COVID-19 public health lockdown measures [here]
- A narrative review on the child public health response to COVID-19 in England [here]
- A prospective cohort study on COVID-19 risk by occupational group in the UK [here]
- An observational study on side effects of commonly used drugs in the treatment of COVID-19 [here]
- Case reports on:
  - COVID-19-associated Fusobacterium nucleatum bacteraemia in Belgium [here]
  - Evidence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in an oropharyngeal swab from early December 2019 in Milan, Italy [here]
- Commentary on:
  - Granting emergency use designation to COVID-19 candidate vaccines [here]
  - The role of genetics and blood type in clinical responses to COVID-19 [here]
  - The ethics of SARS-CoV-2 safer infection sites [here]
  - Four COVID-19 lessons for achieving health equity [here]

Pre-peer review articles featured:
- A rapid living systematic review on long-term COVID-19 [here]
- A controlled study on pulmonary rehabilitation in severe and critically ill COVID-19 patients [here]

Guidance and reports
- The World Health Organization released guidance on COVID-19 and antimicrobial resistance [here]
News and blogs

- Confronting the pathophysiology of long COVID [here](#)
- Pulmonary fungal infections affect patients with COVID-19 [here](#)

Vaccines

- As of 12 December 2020, there are 214 vaccine candidates globally, with 47 vaccine candidates in human clinical trials [here](#)

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