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Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare: New guidance on SRH service provision during a second COVID-19 wave and beyond

<https://www.fsrh.org/news/fsrh-new-guidance-service-provision-covid-second-wave/>

This new guidance is aimed at healthcare professionals and commissioners across the UK. It outlines essential services that must remain available to women during and past the pandemic as well as recommendations on delivering services and prioritising patients.



Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency: Guidance- Warfarin and other anticoagulants – monitoring of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/warfarin-and-other-anticoagulants-monitoring-of-patients-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>

The MHRA has published advice for patients and healthcare professionals.



NICE: NG173 COVID-19 rapid guideline: antibiotics for pneumonia in adults in hospital (updated 9th Oct)

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng173>

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) have amended the cefuroxime dosage for adults in line with the summaries of product characteristics.



Cochrane Review: Convalescent plasma or hyperimmune immunoglobulin for people with COVID-19: a living systematic review

<https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD013600.pub3/full>

Authors' conclusions

We are uncertain whether convalescent plasma is beneficial for people admitted to hospital with COVID-19. There was limited information regarding grade 3 and 4 adverse events (AEs) to determine the effect of convalescent plasma therapy on clinically relevant serious adverse events (SAEs). In the absence of a control group, we are unable to assess the relative safety of convalescent plasma therapy.

While major efforts to conduct research on COVID-19 are being made, recruiting the anticipated number of participants into these studies is problematic. The early termination of the first two randomised controlled trials (RCTs) investigating convalescent plasma, and the lack of data from 20 studies that have completed or were due to complete at the time of this update illustrate these challenges. Well-designed studies should be prioritised. Moreover, studies should report outcomes in the same way, and should consider the importance of maintaining comparability in terms of co-interventions administered in all study arms.

There are 138 ongoing studies evaluating convalescent plasma and hyperimmune immunoglobulin, of which 73 are RCTs (three already completed). This is the second living update of the review, and we will continue to update this review periodically. Future updates may show different results to those reported here



SAGE: SAGE 58 minutes: Coronavirus (COVID-19) response, 21 September 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fifty-eighth-sage-meeting-on-covid-19-21-september-2020>

The government's scientific advisers called for a short lockdown in England to halt the spread of Covid-19 last month, newly released documents show.

The paper is the assessment of the evidence at the time of writing. As new evidence or data emerges, SAGE updates its advice accordingly.



Annals of Internal Medicine: Should Remdesivir Be Used for the Treatment of Patients With COVID-19? Rapid, Living Practice Points From the American College of Physicians (Version 1)

<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/full/10.7326/M20-5831>

The American College of Physicians (ACP) Scientific Medical Policy Committee (SMPC) based these rapid and living practice points on a systematic evidence review conducted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Evidence Synthesis Program in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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