COVID-19 KNOWLEDGE SUMMARY: 3rd July 2020



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European Centre for Disease Control: Use of gloves in healthcare and non-healthcare settings in the context of the COVID 19 pandemic

https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/gloves-healthcare-and-non-healthcare-settings-covid-19

This document aims to provide scientific evidence and guidance for healthcare settings and the public on using gloves as a preventive measure during the COVID-19 pandemic. Wearing gloves outside the context of COVID-19 for personal protection and mandated by relevant regulations in occupational settings such as in industrial applications or in the food or pharmaceutical industry to avoid contamination of products is outside the scope of this document.



Royal College of Emergency Medicine: POSITION STATEMENT: The management of ADULT cardiac arrest patients taken to Emergency Departments (EDs) during the Covid-19 Pandemic

https://cem.informz.net/InformzDataService/OnlineVersion/Pub/bWFpbGluZ0luc3RhbmNISWQ9OTM5NTMwMw

This document aims to provide a shared framework for ambulance clinicians and ED senior clinicians to provide the most appropriate care in the most appropriate place for adult patients in cardiac arrest on arrival at an ED. All paediatric cardiac arrests will be managed on arrival at ED as per current guidance.



Royal College of Physicians: Returning the NHS to an even keel

https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/guidelines-policy/returning-nhs-even-keel

This Royal College of Physicians (RCP) briefing provides insight into the challenges facing medical specialties. It shows that almost half of physician specialties, including cardiology, gastroenterology and rheumatology, expect to be working at less than previous pre-COVID activity levels for at least 12 months or more.

The briefing captures several aspects of restarting activity including specialty capacity, adaptations to services, co-dependencies. It also provides an insight into potential capacity scenarios in genitourinary medicine and rheumatology.



NICE: NG167 COVID-19 rapid guideline - rheumatological autoimmune, inflammatory and metabolic bone disorders (Updated)

https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng167

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) have added a bullet point to recommendation 3.2 to highlight the possible risk of adrenal crisis for patients on long-term corticosteroids.



NHS Employers: Restarting international recruitment following COVID-19

https://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/recruit/employer-led-

recruitment/international-recruitment/restarting-international-recruitment-following-covid19

NHS Employers have launched a new web section on restarting international recruitment, designed to support NHS organisations with their overseas skilled supply as international routes begin to reopen.



University College London (UCL): Guidance on screening and active monitoring for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental health consequences in people recovering from severe COVID-19 illness https://232fe0d6-f8f4-43eb-bc5d-

6aa50ee47dc5.filesusr.com/ugd/6b474f 733283bf71ce4295b915dffa86886280.pdf

In this paper we describe the principles of screening and active monitoring for PTSD and other stress-related adverse mental health outcomes in survivors of severe COVID-19 illness. We make specific recommendations on translating these principles into practice and give guidance as to how and when these should be implemented.



Heart: Treatment with ACE inhibitors or ARBs and risk of severe/lethal COVID-19: a meta-analysis

https://heart.bmj.com/content/early/2020/07/01/heartjnl-2020-317336

Conclusion: The present meta-analysis strongly supports the recommendation of several scientific societies to continue angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) or ACE inhibitors for all patients, unless otherwise advised by their physicians who should thus be reassured.



Department of Health and Social Care: Statutory guidance The Health Service and Social Care Workers (Scrutiny of Coronavirusrelated Deaths) Directions 2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-health-service-and-social-care-workers-scrutiny-of-coronavirus-related-deaths-directions-2020

Directions to NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts in England to ensure the scrutiny of deaths of health service and adult social care staff from coronavirus (COVID-19).